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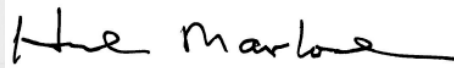
Foreword

Welcome to the June 2011 Issue of Marlowe & Company's Federal Grants Alert! Each issue alerts our subscribers 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 let us know if you would like assistance in applying for a federal grant. A Marlowe & Company team member can assist you in developing the grant application and also work closely with your Congressional delegation to ensure you have their support when you submit your application.



Since 1984, Marlowe & Company has been dedicated to serving all of the Federal affairs needs of local governments and other nonprofit entities. For the past several years, we have provided our clients with a monthly Federal Grants Alert. It has evolved from a mentioning a few grant opportunities to this comprehensive listing of grant opportunities that are tailored to the needs of communities like yours. We don't expect every listing to be applicable to each community. What you will see, however, is that there are many new Federal grant opportunities that arise each month. You will not find a targeted listing with explanations and tips offered elsewhere – no matter how many thousand dollars you pay. We're here to help you apply and get the support of your congressional delegation for your grant applications. Our commitment to you is Service, Knowledge, and Results.



Howard Marlowe

Federal grants are economic aid issued by the government to a third party recipient for a specific purpose. These are generally awarded through a competitive process where federal agencies evaluate project proposals submitted by each applicant. Grants are in general much more specific than appropriations accounts because they are funded to encourage or inhibit a specific behavior.

Appropriations are economic aid secured by and through a geographical region's congressional representation for a specific project or task. Like grants, this process is competitive and selective. Marlowe & Company has been helping local governments gain project-specific earmarks for their federal priorities since 1984.

How to Use the Federal Grants Alert

We have worked hard to make the Federal Grants Alert a unique blend of select information in a very readable package. For the local official or grant writer who has not yet encountered this publication, the guide below will help you quickly find the information you need.

On **every** grant opportunity you will find:

- ❖ The name of the grant, the agency that is soliciting applications, the deadline, and the funding opportunity number in the upper left hand corner so they are easy to find.
- ❖ A summary of the grant's purpose.
- ❖ How much funding the grant program has, and how many awards it will be distributed among.
- ❖ Links to additional information about the program.

On **some** grant opportunities you will find:

- ❖ A selection of between one and four relevant special information boxes which convey important information about the grant. You can see all six varieties of these boxes below.

Insider tip: This box contains information about what type of applicant might be most likely to get this grant, if the grant has a special focus area this year, or some other bit of information to give you a leg up on the competition. This box is always green.

Similar appropriations: Let's face it, grants can be tough to get, and you still need funding for your project. In many situations the option of pursuing congressionally directed spending can secure money for the same type of project. This box will let you know if there are any strikingly similar appropriations accounts available. This box is always pink.

Previous or recent projects: If you're not sure which grant is the right fit, looking at previously funded projects to see if any are like yours can often be helpful. This box is always teal blue.

Grant attributes: This box includes important information such as eligibility criteria beyond being a local government, and cost share percentages -- which almost all grants have some form of. This box is always purple.

Related grants: There are a multitude of federal grants available, and sometimes your project might be able to take advantage of more than one grant solicitation for a greater likelihood of funding. If there are current related grants available they will be listed here. This box is always orange.

How they did it: Sometimes the best way to learn something is to find out how another has been successful. If there is an exemplar applicant their case will be reviewed in this box. This box is always red.

Grant News in Brief

FEMA Announces Firefighters Grant Funding

FEMA recently announced funding for new rounds of three of their popular grant programs that provide money to local government's emergency response. The total money allocated to this program in FY2011 is \$810 million. Half of the funding, \$405 million, has been allocated to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program and the rest has been divided between the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) program (\$370 million) and the Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) grant program (\$35 million).

The SAFER grant program is intended to support local governments facing lowered budgets and decreased tax bases by providing the community with funding to retain fire fighters or other emergency personnel who otherwise would be laid off. The AFG program grants money for staff training, vehicles, equipment, and other resources. The FPS program is technically under the umbrella of the AFG program, but operates separately. The FPS program funds projects targeted to high-risk populations that reduces the threat of fire related injuries and deaths.

WHEN TO APPLY:

AFG: Late June to late July 2011

SAFER: Late October to Late November 2011

FPS: Late Dec. 2011 to late Jan. 2012

The AFG program has been a popular and successful grant program for the Department of Homeland Security since 2001, when the program was first created. In recent years, more costly

portions of the program, namely the Station Construction Grant (SCG) program have been eliminated due to budget constraints. Please rest assured that subscribers to Marlowe & Company's Federal Grant Alert will be notified immediately when the AFG, SAFER and FPS application periods open.



HHS Announces \$4 million for Community-Based Health Organizations

On June 16th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced \$4 million in funding for national networks of community-based health organizations. This program is intended to promote disease prevention and health promotion at the local level, by providing funding to organizations with a national reach.

This funding is part of the Communities Transformation Grant (TCG) program, which was created by the 2009 Affordable Care Act. Specifically, this funding will be used to implement evidence-based strategies in five areas: 1) tobacco-free living, 2) active lifestyles and healthy diets, 3) preventing and managing high blood pressure and high cholesterol, 4) emotional wellbeing, 5) healthy and safe physical environments.

Individual communities may also use funding to combat and raise awareness about population-specific health issues that will contribute to the overall goal of reducing chronic disease rates.

Family Drug Court Programs

Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs

Deadline: June 20, 2011, 11:59pm, EST

FO#: OJJDP-2011-3018

CFDA: 16.585

The U. S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award funding to enhance the capacity of family drug courts. The Family Drug Courts Program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments to either implement new drug courts or enhance pre-existing drug courts for individuals with substance abuse disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders including histories of trauma, involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse, neglect, and other parenting issues. Applicants must provide services to the children of the parents in the program as well as to the parents. This program provides seed money, not long-term support. OJJDP expects successful applicants to develop and implement a sustainability plan during the grant period to continue operation of the family drug court when the grant ends.

The Family Drug Court Program seeks to build the capacity of states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to either implement new or enhance pre-existing drug courts to provide services for individuals with substance use disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues. The programs must provide services to the children of the parents in the program as well as to the parents.

Award Information:

Estimated number of awards: Unknown

Award Ceiling: \$650,000

There is a 25% non-federal matching requirement.

Program Contact:

Justice Information Center

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Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3khj96s>

Grants.gov Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/3m2exq3>

Eligibility Information: Applicants are limited to states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) acting together or through agreements with other public and private entities. Faith- and community-based, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations are ineligible as applicants, but OJJDP encourages them to partner with eligible applicants as a community provider of services, if applicable and appropriate. OJJDP welcomes joint applications from two or more eligible applicants; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicants. An eligible applicant may designate a subunit of government (for example, county probation department, district attorney's office, or pretrial services agency) as the authorized representative. For example, the county executive may designate the county probation or county district attorney's office as its representative for the purpose of applying for this grant. In such cases, the applicant must submit an authorization letter from the eligible agency or organization. Eligible applicants must provide direct services to youth who are under 18 years of age and their parents.

Basic Center Program

Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

Deadline: June 24, 2011

FO#: HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CY-0166

CFDA: 93.623

Every day, an alarming number of youth leave home without parental permission or are forced to leave home. Often, these young people cross State lines. Frequently, they fall victim to sexual exploitation, poor health, and other dangers of street life. Basic center projects aim to increase young people's safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency, and to help them build permanent connections with caring adults, with the goal of reuniting them with their families (as appropriate). Youth in crisis receive emergency shelter, counseling, and aftercare services.

Grantees are required to have an operational structure that provides temporary emergency shelter, and individual family and group counseling, as appropriate, to youth under 18 for up to 21 days. The milieu must be located in an area demonstrably frequented by or easily reachable by runaway and homeless youth and accommodate not less than 4 and not more than 20 youth at a time except where the grantee demonstrates that their State or local government has a law or regulation that requires a higher maximum to comply with licensure requirements for child and youth serving facilities. The milieu shall have a strong relationship to the culture of care for RHY. The program model must meet the needs of the community and support the projected number of youth to receive services. The staffing plan, including the ratio of staff to youth, must support adequate supervision and treatment. The operations must incorporate evidence-based approaches to runaway and homeless youth and undertake appropriate sub-granting or contracting for required services (as needed).

Award Information:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$17,875,013

Estimated number of awards: 107

Award Ceiling: \$200,000

There is a non-federal matching requirement.

Program Contact:

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Eligibility Information: Applications are open to State Governments, County Governments, City of Township Governments, Special District Governments, Indian Tribes, Public and Private Institutions of Higher Learning, and non-profit organizations.

Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5sftopx>

Grants.gov Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/67wye2x>

Urban and Non-Urban Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Department of Labor

Deadline: July 08, 2011

FO#: SGA-11-01

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to design programs that expedite the reintegration of eligible homeless Veterans into the labor force by providing job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance.

Applications proposing to serve homeless Veterans under this HVRP solicitation will fall into one of two categories: Urban or Non-Urban geographical areas. HVRP grants are intended to address two objectives:

- To provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless Veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and
- To stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless Veterans.

Eligibility: Applications for grant funds will be accepted from State and local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), local public agencies, for-profit/commercial entities, and non-profit organizations, including community-based organizations.

Award Information:

Cost Sharing/Matching Requirements: Under this solicitation, cost sharing and matching funds are not required

VETS anticipate that up to \$2.5 million will be available for Urban and up to \$2.5 million for Non-Urban grants. The number of grants to be awarded in each category will be announced after selections are made as the grants are awarded based on merit of the applications and the financial amounts proposed by the pool of successful applicants. It is anticipated that awards will range from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 for grants that serve Non-Urban areas and from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$300,000 for grants that serve Urban areas.

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Grant Information: <http://tinyurl.com/3f4293q>

Full Grant Announcement: <http://tinyurl.com/5sbv2gy>

Successful applicants will have demonstrated a potential ability to address the universal challenges as well as the local or regional problems that have contributed to Veteran homelessness and have negatively impacted these Veterans from stabilizing their lives and reentering the workforce.

Allergen Epitope Research and Evaluation Centers (U19)

National Institute of Health

Deadline: July 22, 2011

FO#: RFA-AI-11-013

CFDA: 93.855, 93.856

The purpose of this FOA is to capitalize on the availability of well characterized T cell allergen epitopes to study allergen-specific immune responses.. As part of the characterization and validation of these allergen T cell epitopes, there is a need to conduct mechanistic studies that focus on the progression and/or changes in the severity of seasonal or perennial allergic diseases (e.g. seasonal allergic rhinitis, asthma exacerbations triggered by pet dander), as well as the changes resulting from therapeutic intervention in allergic disease, such as immunotherapy for seasonal, perennial, or food allergies. Programs should focus on mechanistic assessment of T cell allergen epitopes to illuminate the T cell phenotypes, their function and contribution to allergen-specific T-cell memory. Limited novel T cell allergen epitope identification will also be supported under this FOA, but only as a companion to, and extension of, mechanistic studies of T cell responses to existing allergen epitopes.

Award Information:

Total Estimated Program Funding: \$2,800,000

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6jaz3su>

Rural Development Grant

USDA

Deadline: July 22, 2011

FO: CDC-RFA-TP10-100102CONT11

The primary objective of this grant program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through the creation or retention of jobs and development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing, and other rural businesses. Grant funds are provided for the establishment and operation of Centers that have the expertise or who can contract out for the expertise to assist individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural businesses, especially cooperative or mutually-owned businesses.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. An entity is eligible to receive an RCDG if it is a non-profit corporation or an institution of higher education. Public bodies and individuals are not eligible to receive grants. Eligible Entities must serve beneficiaries located in eligible rural areas, as defined at section 6018(13)(A) of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

Eligible Grant Purposes:

Grant funds and matching funds may be used for, but are not limited to, providing the following to individuals, cooperatives, small businesses and other similar entities in eligible rural areas served by the Center:

1. Applied research, feasibility, environmental and other studies that may be useful for the purpose of cooperative development.
2. Collection, interpretation and dissemination of principles, facts, technical knowledge, or other information for the purpose of cooperative development.
3. Providing training and instruction for the purpose of cooperative development.
4. Providing loans and grants for the purpose of cooperative development in accordance with the annual Notice of Funding Availability and applicable regulations.
5. Providing technical assistance, research services and advisory services for the purpose of cooperative development.

Available Funding: For fiscal year 2011, approximately \$7.4 million is available for the grant program.

Cost Sharing or Matching: The matching fund requirement is 25 percent of the total project cost (5 percent in the case of 1994 Institutions). [NOTE: The Agency will no longer accept board/advisory council members' time as eligible match.]. Applicants must certify in their applications that all matching funds are available for the time period of the grant. Matching funds must be provided by either the applicant or a third-party in the form of cash or in-kind contributions.

RCDG Program Contacts: We encourage you to contact the Rural Development State Office for your state early in the application process with any questions or ideas concerning your application.

Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/6xykna2>

Child Welfare – Early Education to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Deadline: July 25, 2011

FO: HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CO-0185

The purpose of this FOA is to support school-based initiatives to implement multi-disciplinary interventions building on protective factors for children who are at risk of child abuse and neglect or are currently in the child welfare system. Applications will represent viable partnerships that include commitments from child welfare and early childhood (e.g., Head Start, Early Head Start, State Pre-K) and may involve health and mental health organizations. These 17-month infrastructure building grants will improve collaboration between early childhood and child welfare programs with the goal of maximizing the number of children involved in the child welfare system who are enrolled in early childhood programs.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses.

Additional Information on Eligibility: Early Head Start Agencies and Head Start Agencies are eligible applicants. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement. Faith-based and community organizations that meet eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity announcement.

Award Information: Estimated total funding: \$2,000,000, Expected number of awards: 8, Award Ceiling: \$250,000 per budget period, Length of Project Periods: 17-month project and budget period. Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement: No

Contact Information:

CB Operations Center
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Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/3cgeph7> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cx2w85>

America's Media Makers Grant – Development Grant

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: August 17, 2011

FO#: 20110817-TD

Grants for America Media Makers support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs in order to deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The Division of Public Programs supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excite, inform, and stir thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways. Grants for America Media Makers should encourage dialogue, discussion, and civic engagement, and they should foster learning among people of all ages.

Development grants enable media producers to collaborate with scholars to develop humanities content and format and to prepare programs for production. These grants cover a wide range of activities that include, but are not limited to, meetings and individual consultations with scholars, research, preliminary interviews, preparation of program scripts, designs for interactivity and digital distribution, and the creation of partnerships for outreach activities and public engagement with the humanities. Development grants should culminate in the refinement of a project's humanities ideas, a script, or a design document for (or a prototype of) digital media components or projects.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Special district governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education.

Award Information: 40,000 are available for activities that include collaboration with scholars to refine the humanities content, undertake archival research, and conduct preliminary interviews.

Cost Sharing: Awards for development typically range from \$40,000 to \$75,000, depending on the complexity of the project, and are usually made for a period of six to twelve months. Basic development grants of up to \$Cost sharing includes cash contributions to a project by the applicant and third parties as well as in-kind contributions, such as donated goods and services. Cost sharing also includes gift money raised to release federal matching funds. Cost sharing is not required for America's Media Makers grants at the development stage. But if proposed project costs exceed the limits of NEH funding as shown above, applicants will need to show cost sharing on the project budget.

Contact:

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Washington, DC 20506
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publicpgms@neh.gov

Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/2vuh8d> or <http://tinyurl.com/3jaqqxa>

The Arts in Media, FY2012

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: September 1, 2011

FO#: 2011NEA01AIM

CFDA: 45.024

Through this category, the National Endowment for the Arts seeks to make the excellence and diversity of the arts widely available to the American public through every available media platform including television, radio, the Internet, interactive and mobile technologies, digital games, and satellite. By increasing the accessibility and impact of the arts, the Arts Endowment aims to strengthen the creativity of our nation.

Grants are available to support the development, production, and national distribution of innovative media projects about the arts (e.g., visual arts, music, dance, literature, design, theater, musical theater, opera, folk & traditional arts, and media arts including film, audio, animation, and digital art) and media projects that can be considered works of art. The NEA is seeking and will give priority to artistically excellent projects that have the potential to reach a significant national audience, through their primary platform, regardless of the size or geographic location of the applicant organization. Only projects of the highest artistic excellence and merit, in both media production and subject matter, will be funded. Projects may include high profile multi-part or single television and radio programs (documentaries and dramatic narratives); media created for theatrical release; performance programs; artistic segments for use within an existing series; multi-part webisodes; installations; and interactive games. Projects may deal with any subject matter or art form, and those targeted to children and youth are welcome.

Eligibility Information:

Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply.

Award Information:

Award Ceiling: \$200,000

Award Floor: \$10,000

Decisions are expected to be announced in April, 2012.

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3hgbyes>

Grants.gov Posting

<http://tinyurl.com/3lurpk8>

Summer Stipends for Advanced Research

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: September 29, 2011

CFDA: 45.160

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends support full-time continuous work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars. Organizations are not eligible to apply. NEH encourages submission of Summer Stipends applications from faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Institutions with High Hispanic Enrollment, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. The Summer Stipends program welcomes projects that respond to NEH's *Bridging Cultures* initiative. Such projects could focus on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might seek to enlarge Americans' understanding of other places and times, as well as other perspectives and intellectual traditions. American projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society. These projects might also investigate how Americans have approached and attempted to surmount seemingly unbridgeable cultural divides, or examine the ideals of civility and civic discourse that have informed this quest.

Summer Stipends may not be used for:

projects that seek to promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view; projects that advocate a particular program of social action; specific policy studies; research for doctoral dissertations or theses by students enrolled in a degree program; the preparation or revision of textbooks; curriculum development; the development of pedagogical tools (including teaching methods or theories); educational or technical impact assessments; the creation or enhancement of databases, unless part of a larger interpretive project; empirical social science research, unless part of a larger humanities project; inventories of collections; or works in the creative or performing arts (e.g., painting, writing fiction or poetry, dance performance, etc.).

Award Information:

Successful applicants will receive \$6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing.

Contact:

Summer Stipends Staff

stipends@neh.gov

202-606-8200

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3hxq6t>

Grants.gov Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6dpa9zl>



The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Fish & Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: COASTAL-11

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and funded under provisions of the 1990 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. Funding is provided by Sport Fish Restoration Act revenue – money generated from an excise tax on fishing equipment and motorboat and small engine fuels.

The grants will be used to acquire, restore or enhance coastal wetlands and adjacent uplands to provide long-term conservation benefits to fish, wildlife and their habitat. States receiving funds include California, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The Fish and Wildlife Service expects that approximately \$16 million will be available for grants from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program in FY 2011. Awards typically range from \$200,000 (there is no specific minimum) to a maximum of \$1,000,000. Awards are expected to be announced in December 2010 or January 2011. Including the 2010 grants, the Service has awarded nearly \$240 million to coastal states and territories since the program began in 1992. When the 2010 projects are complete, over 260,000 acres of habitat will have been protected, restored or enhanced.

A complete list of projects funded by the 2010 grant program can be found online at: <http://tinyurl.com/233zmgr>

Program Contact:

Christy Vigfusson

Fish and Wildlife Biologist - Grants

Washington Office

Phone 703-358-1748

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: PARTNERS-11

CFDA #: 15.631

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Act authorizes the Secretary of Interior to provide direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in restoring, enhancing, and managing fish and wildlife habitats on their own lands. This announcement is not a solicitation for grant proposals. Instead, The Fish and Wildlife is seeking local partners. It is a goal of the program to secure at least 50 percent of project costs from non-Service sources, but this goal applies to the national program as a whole, and does not have to be achieved on a project-by-project basis. If you are interested in pursuing a project under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program you must contact your local coordinator.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's habitat restoration cost-sharing program for private landowners. The program was established to provide technical and financial assistance to conservation minded farmers, ranchers and other private (non-federal and non-state) landowners who wish to restore fish and wildlife habitat on their land

Local Coordinator Offices:

Southeast Region: <http://tinyurl.com/6xbe9rr>

California Region: <http://tinyurl.com/3olaan3>

Funding Information:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$60,000,000

Expected number of Awards: 1000

Award Ceiling: Awards greater than \$25,000 must be approved at the Washington Office level

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Program Contact:

David Gordon

Fish and Wildlife biologist

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Insider tip: This program is not a standard competitive grant program. Instead of applying directly to Fish and Wildlife and receiving an award, "applicants" must instead reach out to local coordinators and work at the local level. These local offices have authority to disburse funds up to \$25,000.

Grants.gov Listing:

<http://tinyurl.com/42s64rn>

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/mj362y>

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Economic Development Agency

Deadline: Rolling

FO#: DIGITIZING-201106

CFDA# 11.302

Under this program, EDA provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS). EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to the designated planning organization (e.g., District Organization) serving EDA-designated Economic Development Districts throughout the Nation. These planning organizations are typically recognized by the State in which they reside as multi-jurisdictional councils of governments, regional commissions, or planning and development centers. Planning Partnership grants enable planning organizations to manage and coordinate the development and implementation of CEDS to address the unique needs of their respective regions.

Eligibly Information:

(1) District Organizations; (2) Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) States, cities or other political subdivisions of a State, including special purpose units of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (5) public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/2we3nwp>

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6fgkldh>

Program Contact:

There are 6 regional offices and more than 30 local offices. For the EDA office nearest you, please visit EDA.gov or click on the "Detailed Requirements refer to:" link above for more information.

USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

United States Department of Agriculture

Deadline: Rolling

FOA#: RDBCP-09-RBEG-ARRA

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently soliciting applications for its Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Programs, which provide funding to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. USDA expects to award approximately 200 grants averaging \$99,000 and totaling \$200,000,000 million to rural areas. "Rural area" is defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.

For information concerning what RBEG grants may be used for should contact the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where the project is located. RBEGs can often finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund business incubators, and help fund employment related adult education programs.

Applications for grant funding are open until funding is depleted or there is another announcement made.

Detailed Grant Information:

The RBEG grant information webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00082>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00060>



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