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Foreword

Welcome to the August 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.

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.

Howard Marlowe

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



Assistance for Firefighters Grants To Open

After months of anticipation, FEMA recently announced that it was opening the application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). Starting August 15th local communities will be able to submit their applications to FEMA until September 9th.

There is still no word for when FEMA's two other firefighter grants will begin accepting applications, however it will likely not be until mid to late September. These other two programs are the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants and Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) grants.

The AFG program has a total capability of \$404,190,000 to help fire departments and nonaffiliated Emergency Management Service Organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs.



Debt Ceiling Debate

For nearly all of June and July, Washington was gripped by a fierce debate over raising the debt ceiling. Just a few hours before the

August 2nd deadline passed, both Chambers of Congress and the President were able to reach a deal to extend the Treasury's ability to borrow money to pay off the country's bills. The agreement calls for roughly \$900 billion in cuts to government programs now and the creation of a Super Committee find an additional \$1.2 trillion in cuts by Christmas. Both Chambers of Congress and the President would have to approve the compromise worked out by the Super Committee.

The Super Committee is a bipartisan, bicameral committee composed of six Democrats and six Republicans. The recently announced Super Committee members are: House Republicans: Jeb Hensarling (Co-Chair), Dave Camp, Fred Upton. House Democrats: Jim Clyburn, Xavier Becerra, Chris Van Holland. Senate Democrats: Patty Murray (Co-Chair), Max Baucus, John Kerry. Senate Republicans: Jon Kyl, Pat Toomey, Rob Portman.

What this means for hundreds of federal grant programs remains to be seen. However, many federal agencies will likely lose funding for lower priority grant programs starting in FY2012 and beyond. Unfortunately, no one will know what programs are targeted to be cut by the Super Committee until they unveil their plan on November 24th. If both Houses of Congress and the President are unable to accept the plan created by the Super Committee, automatic program cuts and tax increases of nearly \$1.2 Trillion will kick in.

COMING SOON: TIGER Discretionary Grants

Department of Transportation

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Congress dedicated \$1.5 billion for TIGER I and \$600 million for TIGER II to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

The TIGER program enables DOT to use a rigorous process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and make investments in our Nation's infrastructure that make communities more livable and sustainable.

Eligible Applicants:

State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional groups applying through a single lead applicant

Eligible Projects Include:

- highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- passenger and freight rail projects; and
- port infrastructure investments.

Available Funding: 526.9 million

Deadlines:

- August 22, 2011 Pre-Application Registration Opens
- October 3, 2011 Pre-Applications Due
- October 4, 2011 Final Applications Open
- October 31, 2011 Final Applications Due

Grant information: <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/>

Assistance for Firefighters Grants SAFER Fire Grants (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Fire Prevention & Safety Grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

Deadline: September 9, 2011

FO#: DHS-2011-GPD-044-000-99

In June, FEMA announced funding for new rounds of three of their popular grant programs that provide money to local government's emergency response. 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. 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 reduce the threat of fire related injuries and deaths.

Eligible Applicants: Paid, volunteer and combination fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations from urban, suburban, and rural communities in the U.S. and its territories.

AFG information and application: <http://tinyurl.com/3hcjq3t>

Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/43nc3r5>

AFG program staff will be available to answer your questions at the following events:

IAFF Redmond Symposium

August 14-18, 2011

Roundtable Workshop: Wednesday 8/17/2011, 3:30-5:00 pm

"Writing Winning Grants: Fire Act, AFG SAFER and Beyond"

<http://www.iaff.org/Events/2011Redmond/>

Fire-Rescue International

August 23-27, 2011 (Exhibits: August 26 & 27)

Georgia World Congress Center

Booth 71

Workshop: Friday, 8/26/2011, 10:30-12:00pm Room B407

Session WK109 "Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program"

<http://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/iafc/fri11/Public/MainHall.aspx?ID=2514>

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.

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

National Resource Center on Nutrition and Aging

Department on Health and Human Services

Deadline: August 17, 2011

FO#: HHS-2011-AOA-NU-1117

The mission of the Administration on Aging (AoA) is to help older adults maintain their dignity and independence in their homes and communities through comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective systems of long-term care and livable communities across the United States. In order to accomplish this mission, targeted policy, strategic planning, and quality core services are necessary at the national, state, and local levels. The aging services network is serving a continuum of aging individuals in the community from those who need health promotion, disease prevention and risk reduction services to an increasingly vulnerable and frail population with a need for long-term supports and services. Adequate nutrition is essential for the health and continued independence of this entire continuum of elders. Access to adequate, quality food and nutrition services is an important component of a comprehensive and coordinated plan for aging services provision. As the largest community based food and nutrition program in the U.S. targeted to older adults, it is essential that the OAA Nutrition Program be positioned as a critical program in long term service and support systems across the country.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, County governments, City or township 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:

Award type: New Cooperative Agreement

Estimated Federal Funds Available: Up to \$500,000

Estimated Number of Awards: one (1)

Projected Start Date: September 30, 2011

Estimated Project Length: three (3) years

The amount of Federal funds available for this new funding opportunity is anticipated to be up to \$500,000. The AoA plans to fund one grant (cooperative agreement) at a federal share of up to \$500,000 for a project period of three years.

Cost Sharing: Under this Older Americans Act (OAA) program, AoA will fund no more than 75% of the project's total cost, which means the applicant must cover at least 25% of the project's total cost with non-Federal resources.

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Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/3teuybp>

National Adult Protective Services Resource Center

Department on Health and Human Services

Deadline: August 19, 2011

FO#: HHS-2011-AOA-ER-1115

Adult Protective Services (APS) include interventions, programs, processes, and services implemented to insure the safety and well-being of elders and adults with disabilities who have been or are at risk of being mistreated or neglected, who are unable care for themselves or protect themselves from harm, and who have no one to assist them. Interventions provided by APS include, but are not limited to, receiving reports of adult abuse, exploitation or neglect, investigating these reports, and case planning, monitoring and evaluation. In addition to casework services, APS may provide or arrange for the provision of medical, social, economic, legal, housing, law enforcement or other protective, or emergency or supportive services. In most states, APS caseworkers are the first responders to reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Eligibility Information:

State governments

County governments

City or township 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:

Award Type: Cooperative agreement

Estimated Federal Funds Available: \$200,000 per year

Estimated Number of Awards: 1

Project Start Date: 9/30/2011

Estimated Length of Project: Three (3) Years

Contact:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration on Aging

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5suyfv3>

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>

FY 2012 Border Enforcement Grant Opportunity

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration/Central Program Office

Deadline: September 1, 2011

FO#: FM-BEG-12-001

CFDA: 20.233

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Border Enforcement Grant (BEG) program provides financial assistance to entities or a State that shares a land border with another country. BEG funds are utilized to ensure motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) entering the United States (U.S.) from a foreign country are in compliance with commercial vehicle safety standards and regulations, financial responsibility regulations and registration requirements of the U.S. and to ensure drivers of those vehicles are qualified and properly licensed to operate a CMV. The BEG program is intended to enhance a State's existing Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) program.

Award Information:

For FY 2012, FMCSA anticipates awarding \$32,000,000 in BEG funding to the 15 Border States or an entity within one of these States whose applications evidences support for BEG eligible activities from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

Eligibility Information:

The States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Texas, Vermont and Washington and those entities within these enumerated States whose application reflects activities to support CMV safety activities from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012 are eligible to receive BEG funding. Eligible awardees include state governments, local governments, and entities (i.e. accredited post-secondary public or private educational institutions such as universities) from states that share a land border with Mexico and Canada.

Contact:

For further information, contact your FMCSA Division Office to obtain answers to your questions and to provide you with guidance concerning BEP requirements and development, as well as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. For general information about BEG funding and requirements, you may also contact Carla Vagnini of the FMCSA North American Borders Division at Carla.vagnini@dot.gov, or telephone 202.366.3771.

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3h2v4k8>

Grants.gov Posting

<http://tinyurl.com/3jutaj7>

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: September 27, 2011

FO#: 20110927-HD

CFDA: 45.169

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to support the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities.

Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities.

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve

- research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities;
- planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets;
- scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines;
- innovative uses of technology for public programming and education utilizing both traditional and new media; and
- new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Award Information:

Level I Grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Level II Grants: \$25,001 to \$50,000

No Cost Sharing or Matching Agreement Necessary

Eligibility Information:

State, County, and Local governments

Special District Governments

Non Profits Having 501(c)(3) status

Public and Private institutions of Higher Learning

Contact:

Contact the NEH Office of Digital Humanities:

Email: ODH@neh.gov

Grants.gov Posting

<http://tinyurl.com/3lzds9h>

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/hmdof>

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

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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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Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/mj362y>

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.

Rail Transit Track Inspection Pilot Program

U.S. Department of Transportation

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2011

FO#: FTA-2011-022-TRI

This project has two main objectives: 1) to improve the safety of transit workers, specifically right-of-way safety for rail transit workers through demonstration of advanced track inspection techniques that limits the inspector's exposure to rail right of way by visually inspecting the condition of the tracks from a safe location and; 2) enhances the quality of inspection by increasing the inspection frequency and reporting of defects.

Eligibility Information: State and local government agencies, public and private transit agencies, universities, non-profit organizations, consultants, legally constituted public agencies, operators of public transportation services, and private for-profit organizations.

Award Information: \$500,000, Expected Number of Awards: 1

Cost Sharing or Matching: Federal transit funds are available to research projects at up to 100 percent of the project cost. However, priority may be given to projects that receive financial commitments from, or otherwise involve, state and local government, other public entities, or private or nonprofit entities

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5t6ptlu>

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Deadline: October 17, 2011 at 11:59pm

FON#: FM-MHP-12-001

CFDA #: 20.218

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)'s Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) High Priority grant program provides financial assistance to State agencies, local governments, and organizations representing government agencies that use and train qualified officers and employees in coordination with State motor vehicle safety agencies. MCSAP High Priority funds will be awarded at FMCSA's discretion to enable recipients to carry out activities and projects that improve Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) safety in compliance with CMV regulations. Funding is available for projects that are national in scope, such as activities typically sponsored by non-governmental organizations, such as national meetings or publications. Although State and local jurisdictions may also sponsor national activities, it is expected that most of these applications will be jurisdiction-specific. Funding is also available for projects that increase public awareness and education, that demonstrate new technologies, and that have the potential to reduce the number and rate of large truck- and bus-related fatalities.

Eligibility Information:

State and local governments, and other organizations that use and train qualified officers and employees in coordination with state safety agencies.

Funding Information:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$15,000,000

Expected number of Awards: 80

Award Floor: \$15,000

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes (approximately 20% of total project)

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Grant Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/3et4vl7>

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3zs5qch>

Insider tip: The National Training Center will host two webinars to explain the grant application process.

Tuesday, September 13th 10am-12pm

REGISTER: <http://tinyurl.com/3oj4nr9>

Thursday, September 15th 3pm-5pm

REGISTER: <http://tinyurl.com/3svjn9s>

National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works FY 2012

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: November 8, 2011

FON#: 2012NEAORA

CFDA #: 45.024

In October 2010, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) adopted a strategic plan that sets forth a new vision and mission and related goals, outcomes, and performance metrics for the agency. For the first time, the NEA's strategic plan identifies research as a mission-critical goal -- specifically, "to promote public knowledge and understanding about the contribution of the arts." Through high-quality research, the NEA will expand the body of evidence for "the value and impact of the arts."

In support of this research goal, the NEA's Office of Research & Analysis' (ORA) has identified the following priorities:

1. Cultivate new data sources and conduct research on the value and impact of the U.S. arts sector.
2. Evaluate NEA programs and partnerships for their value and impact.
3. Communicate results and policy implications through research reports, presentations, and convenings.
4. Elevate the profile of arts-related research as a field of study.

The NEA will make grants for research projects that use existing datasets to mine data for analyses of the value and impact of the U.S. arts sector on the nation, whether on individuals or communities. Applications should present novel research questions that have not previously been explored with the referenced dataset(s). Projects that will be conducted in partnership with for-profit entities, and/or which use commercial and/or administrative datasets, are also encouraged.

Eligibility Information:

State, County, City or Township Governments
Special District Governments
Independent School Districts

Funding Information:

Award Range: \$10,000 to \$30,000

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No, but some cash and/or in-kind services are encouraged.

Program Contact:

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Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3czm62e>

Digital Humanities Implementation Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: January 24, 2011

FON#: 20120124-HK

CFDA #: 45.169

This program is designed to fund the implementation of innovative digital-humanities projects that have successfully completed a start-up phase and demonstrated their value to the field. Such projects might enhance our understanding of central problems in the humanities, raise new questions in the humanities, or develop new digital applications and approaches for use in the humanities. The program can support innovative digital-humanities projects that address multiple audiences, including scholars, teachers, librarians, and the public. Applications from recipients of NEH's Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants are welcome. Digital Humanities Implementation Grants may involve:

- implementation of computationally-based methods or techniques for humanities research;
- implementation of new digital tools for use in humanities research, public programming, or educational settings;
- efforts to ensure the completion and long-term sustainability of existing digital resources (typically in conjunction with a library or archive);
- studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines; or
- implementation of new digital modes of scholarly communication that facilitate peer review, collaboration, or the dissemination of humanities scholarship for various audiences.

Eligibility Information:

State, County, City or Township Governments
Special District Governments
Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education

Funding Information:

Awards are for one to three years
Awards will range from \$100,000 to \$325,000
Three to Five Awards will be made in FY2012
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No, but some cash and/or in-kind services are encouraged.

Program Contact:

Contact the NEH Office of Digital Humanities:

Email: ODH@neh.gov

Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3bx9g3b>

Insider tip: Unlike NEH's Start-Up Grant Program (listed earlier in this issue with a September 27, 2011 due date), which emphasizes basic research, prototyping, experimentation, and potential impact, the Digital Humanities Implementation Grant program seeks to identify projects that have successfully completed their start-up phase and are well positioned to have a major impact.

National Leadership Grants

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: February 1, 2012

National Leadership Grants support projects that have the potential to advance museum, library, and archival practice. The Institute also encourages grant proposals that promote the skills necessary to develop 21st century communities, citizens, and workers. Proposals should address key needs and challenges that face libraries, museums, and archives. Successful proposals will be innovative responses to these challenges and will have national impact. National Leadership Grants are divided into four main categories:

Research—Support research with the potential to improve museum, library, and archival practice, resource use, programs, and services. Both basic and applied research projects are encouraged.

Demonstration—Support projects that produce a replicable model or practice that is usable by other institutions for improving services and performance.

Library-Museum Collaboration Grants— Support collaborative projects (including, at a minimum, an eligible library organization and eligible museum organization) that address the educational, economic, cultural, and social needs of a community.

Eligibility Information:

Libraries and Museums are eligible to apply

Eligibility information for Libraries: <http://tinyurl.com/6j6f47o>

Eligibility Information for Museums: <http://tinyurl.com/5r4zefu>

Award Information:

Project Grants: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000

Planning Grants: up to \$50,000

National Forum Grants: up to \$100,000

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Additional Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/y3p96c>

21st Century Museum Professionals

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: March 15, 2012

CFDA: 45.307 -- 21st Century Museum Professionals

Museum professionals need high levels of knowledge and expertise as they help create public value for the communities they serve. The purpose of the 21st Century Museum Professionals Grants program is to increase the capacity of museums by improving the knowledge and skills of museum professionals in multiple institutions. These grants are intended to reach broad groups of museum professionals throughout a city, county, state, region, or the nation. Grants fund a wide range of activities, including the development and implementation of classes, seminars, and workshops; resources to support leadership development; collection, assessment, development, and/or dissemination of information that leads to better museum operations; activities that strengthen the use of contemporary technology tools to deliver programs and services; support for the enhancement of pre-professional training programs; and organizational support for the development of internship and fellowship programs. National Leaders Grants are divided into four main categories:

Eligibility Information:

All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for funds from the Institute. An eligible applicant must be:

More eligibility information is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/5r4zefu>

Award Information:

Grant amount: \$15,000-\$250,000 for up to 3 years

There is a cost-sharing requirement of 1-1

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/9xfyu9>

PLEASE NOTE: This grant program has not yet opened and applications are not yet being accepted. Please check back in the coming months for application instructions.

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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