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Foreword

Welcome to the February 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. Newly released grant opportunities are indicated with a double asterisk (**) in the timeline on the previous page.

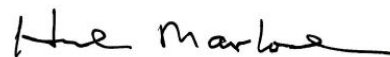
Please let us know if you would like assistance in applying for a federal grant. A Marlowe & Company team member can assist you in developing the grant application and also work closely with your Congressional delegation to ensure you have their support when you submit your application.



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 light green.

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.

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.

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 light red.

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.

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 blue.

Grant News in Brief



President Proposes "Race to Green" Grants

President Obama recently unveiled a new \$100 million competitive grant program modeled after the successful "Race to the Top" grant program for education funding. This new grant program, entitled "Race to Green" will provide competitive grants to state and local governments that help make commercial building efficiency the norm. The project will reward innovative approaches to building codes, performance standards, and regulations. Funds will also be awarded to increase research and development for "green" building technologies.

In his State of the Union Address, President Obama praised the "Race to the Top" education grant program because it told states "if you show us the most innovative plans to improve teacher quality and student achievement, we'll show you the money." The new Race to Green initiative is modeled after this successful approach.

This competitive grant program is just a part of Obama's aggressive energy agenda which includes getting 80% of America's electricity from 'clean' energy sources by the year 2035. More specifically, this proposed grant is part of Obama's "Better Buildings" initiative that also includes tax credits and guaranteed loans for energy efficiency updates for buildings.

Unfortunately, this and other grant programs President Obama referred to in his State of the Union Address and/or included in the Budget Recommendation he presented to Congress on February 14th are not final. They still must be approved by Congress and included in the final budget for fiscal year 2012. Congress is

expected to begin working on this FY2012 budget in the coming months and it should be finished by the end of the current fiscal year (FY2011) which expires on September 31st.



CDBG Grant Cut Proposed

The President's budget calls for a \$300 million cut in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG grants), while boosting aid for the homeless. This flexible grant program was created in 1974 to help counties and cities finance major projects like sewers, streets, low income housing, and economic development for low-income neighborhoods.

This move will cut \$300 million (or, 7.5%) from the program and is part of a larger \$1.1 billion reduction in funding for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This cut will be used to increase government assistance to the homeless by \$577 million, and increase support for homeless veterans, by \$145 million.

Since 1974, CDBG grants have grown wildly popular among politicians and constituents alike. In addition, the Nation's current fiscal woes have led many cities and counties to rely on this annual funding to revitalize rundown neighborhoods and create local jobs.

Now, more than ever, it is important for local constituents to inform their representatives in Washington of the huge burden this will place on local governments. However, please keep in mind that these cuts are only included in the President's Budget Recommendation, and may or may not be included in the final FY2012 budget passed by Congress.

WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2011

U.S. Department of the Interior

Deadline: February 17, 2011 at 4:00pm Mountain Standard Time

FO#: R11SF80303

CFDA#: 15.507

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on projects that save water, improve energy efficiency, address endangered species and other environmental issues, and facilitate transfers to new uses. Water conservation, use of water markets, and improved efficiency are crucial elements of any plan to address western United States water issues. With leveraged water and energy efficiency grants, an important step will be taken towards increasing conservation for a more efficient use of water in the West.

Eligibility Requirements: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the western United States.

Award Information:

The Federal government will pay up to 50percent of the total project cost.

Funding Group I: Up to \$300,000 per agreement

Funding Group II: \$300,001 to 1,000,000 per agreement.

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Applicant Information: This particular WaterSMART grant is only available to Western states. It is primarily intended to help water and power delivery government organizations work together to create better, more cost effective, strategies for supplying water and power to their customers.

For detailed requirements refer to:

United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Reclamation:

<http://tinyurl.com/45hvd7j>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4dn2goe>

USA Support Development of Groundwork USA Network

U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Services

Deadline: February 18, 2011

FO#: NPS-NOI-WASO-11-0002

The NPS and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have signed an Interagency Agreement (IA), EPA # DW 14-95782701-0, to help communities impacted by brownfields and other derelict land issues to improve their quality-of-life and encourage economic regeneration through the development and stewardship of parkland, recreation areas, nature reserves, trail systems and other environmental improvements. Also, the clean-up of brownfields and other derelict lands offers an extensive opportunity to create needed green space in dense urban communities and to restore degraded natural resources such as open space and river corridors. The IA furthers the intent of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding between EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and the USDI-NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS), to support development of the Groundwork model in the United States. The Groundwork model has been successfully developed and supports sustainable community-based environmental improvement efforts in Great Britain through the establishment of locally based Groundwork Trust organizations. This success is now being replicated in the United States through the development of the Groundwork USA network of Groundwork Trusts.

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 1

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: No

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For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/4v7mapl>

Insider tip:

Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity.

Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to performed the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability, if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications.

Developing the Next Generation of Air Quality Measurement Technology

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: February 22, 2011

FO #: EPA-G2011-STAR-B1

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), in cooperation with the EPA Clean Air Research Program, announces an extramural funding competition supporting research into the development, improvement, and demonstration of air pollution monitoring and measurement technologies. EPA is interested in supporting research that will improve the spatial and temporal coverage of air quality measurement data and enable the development of measurement technologies that will be used to address emerging air quality questions.

Insider tip: In addition to the regular awards, there is an opportunity for early career projects. The purpose of the early career award is to fund research projects smaller in scope and budget by early career principal investigator. See section III of the grant posting for more information.

Award Information: It is anticipated that a total of approximately \$3 million will be awarded under this announcement, depending on the availability of funds and quality of applications received. The EPA anticipates funding approximately 5 regular and 2 early career awards under this RFA. Requests for amounts in excess of a total of \$500,000 for regular awards and \$250,000 for early career awards, including direct and indirect costs, will not be considered. The total project period requested in an application submitted for this RFA may not exceed 3 years.

Eligibility Information: Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes private institutions of higher education and hospitals) located in the U.S., *state and local governments*, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive assistance agreements from the EPA under this program.

EPA Contact Information:

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For detailed requirements refer to: <http://tinyurl.com/2g6um3c>

Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: February 28, 2011

FO#: LABS-FY11

CFDA#: 45.312 -- National Leadership Grants

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is soliciting applicants for its Learning Labs Grant Program. As we enter the second decade of the 21st century, a workforce possessing 21st century skills becomes more clearly vital to ensuring U.S. competitiveness in a global economy. To ensure that the workers of tomorrow are learning the skills they need today, the Obama Administration is dedicated to making improvement of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education a national priority. President Obama has launched the “Educate to Innovate” campaign, a nationwide effort to bring American students to the forefront in science and math achievement. The President has acknowledged that, while federal leadership is necessary, a real change in education and the development of the skills needed for the future require the participation of many elements of society, through private sector and philanthropic support as well as public-private partnerships.

IMLS and the MacArthur Foundation announced a national partnership to create a network of up to 30 youth Learning Labs in libraries and museums across the country. Inspired by an innovative teen space at the Chicago Public Library called YOUmedia (<http://youmediachicago.org/>) and the innovations already taking place in science and technology centers, these labs will help young people become makers and creators of content, rather than just consumers of it. This network of Learning Labs will use best practice principles, based on research and evidence in the field of youth digital learning, to engage youth in 21st century skills and effective STEM education. The Labs will be spaces for experimentation for young people to engage with digital and traditional media to promote creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on, interest-based learning.

Award Information:

Up to \$750,000 from the IMLS and up to \$750,000 from the MacArthur Foundation

Expected number of awards: Up to 30 Youth Learning Labs

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Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/46qha98>

North Carolina Conservation Innovation Grants FY11

North Carolina State Office

Deadline: March 04, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.

FO#: USDA-NRCS-NC-11-01

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or non-governmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals. CIG is authorized under EQIP. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers CIG.

Eligibility Requirements: 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, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Individuals

Award Information:

Award Ceiling: \$75,000

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: Yes

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The United States Department of Agriculture:
Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://tinyurl.com/4kuzrk9>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/28dnxdx>

Insider tip:

Following are two general examples of projects that would be eligible for funding under CIG:

- Market-based environmental credit trading projects addressing one or more natural resource concerns; and
- Community-based solutions to watershed-based or regional natural resource concerns that cannot be addressed by a single producer, or by a group of producers taking individual on-farm actions.

The NC CIG competition will emphasize projects that have a goal of providing benefits within the State of North Carolina. Projects may be farm-based, multicounty, small watershed, or Statewide in scope.

Solving Cold Cases with DNA

National Institute of Justice

Deadline: March, 08.2011 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time

FO #: NIJ-2011-2810

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks applications from States and units of local government for funding to identify, review, and investigate “violent crime cold cases” that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze the biological evidence associated with these cases. Experience has shown that cold case programs can solve a substantial number of violent crime cold cases, including homicides and sexual assaults. Advances in DNA technologies have substantially increased the successful DNA analysis of aged, degraded, limited, or otherwise compromised biological evidence. As a result, crime scene samples once thought to be unsuitable for testing may now yield DNA profiles. Additionally, samples that previously generated inconclusive DNA results may now be successfully analyzed.

Eligibility Requirements: States (including territories) and units of local government (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) are eligible to apply for funding under this solicitation.

Award Information: Individual awards typically will not exceed \$500,000. Applicants representing cities with a population of 250,000 or greater may apply for funding in excess of \$500,000 if they rank in the top 25 nationwide for the number of murders and non-negligent manslaughters for the year 2009, based on Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports statistics available as of September 2010.

National Institute of Justice Contact:

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For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/4dwqk5s>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4lg56pj>

Insider tip:

The goal of this solicitation is to make funding available to States and units of local government for the following purposes:

1. To identify, review, and prioritize violent crime cold cases that have the potential to be solved using DNA analysis (by appropriate persons such as prosecutors, public defenders, law enforcement personnel, forensic scientists, and medical examiners) in order to determine whether DNA analysis of any existing biological evidence could help solve the cold case.
2. To identify, collect, retrieve, and evaluate biological evidence from such cases that may reasonably be expected to contain DNA.
3. To perform DNA analyses on such biological evidence, including the handling and screening of this evidence.

Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance and GCCMIF

Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

Deadline: March 10, 2011 for Funding Cycle 1
June 10, 2011 for Funding Cycle 2
September 15, 2011 for funding cycle 1 of FY2012

FO#: EDA-06222009-EDAP

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is currently soliciting applications for its Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance and Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund (GCCMIF) Programs. The EDA's mission is to be the leader in federal economic development by promoting innovation and competitiveness while preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. The program was originally appropriated \$240,000,000 in FY2009 and the funds will remain available until expended. There are three different types of assistance offered by this grant program: (1) Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program, (2) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, and (3) GCCMIF programs.

To be considered highly competitive for this grant program, applicants must demonstrate to the EDA a high level of economic distress in the region impacted by the proposed project. While the size of a grant award is not subject to restrictions, the average size of awards in previous years was \$1.32 million. In general, the EDA grant may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project; however projects may receive up to an additional 30 percent of the project's cost, based on the relative needs of the region where the project will be located. The non-federal share of the funding cannot, however, come from other federal funding sources.

Eligible applicants include state, county, and local governments, among other non-profit organizations.

EDA contact information:

List of EDA's Regional Offices:

<http://tinyurl.com/39w8srg>

EDA Headquarters

202-482-4085

Email: grants@eda.doc.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The EDA website announcement at

<http://tinyurl.com/34qpygg>

Insider tip: This funding opportunity announcement includes information on several different types of grants and assistance programs ranging from:

- Public Works and Development
- Econ. Development and support for planning organizations
- Technical assistance for economic development

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/2v6oqfj>

Affordable Care Act: Health Center Planning Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Deadline: March 18, 2011 at 8pm ET

FO#: HRSA-11-021

CFDA#: 93.527

The purpose of planning grants is to demonstrate the need for health services in the community from public or non-profit organizations seeking a grant to plan for the development of a comprehensive primary care health center. The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status. The populations served by these programs include: 1) medically underserved populations in urban and rural areas; 2) migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families; 3) homeless people, including children and families; and 4) residents of publicly subsidized housing.

A high poverty area funding priority will be awarded to eligible applicants that demonstrate that the proposed service area for the planning grant funding has a poverty rate which is greater than the national rate of 12.5% as determined by the Bureau of Census.

Award Information:

An estimated 125 awards will be distributed.

Average size of awards is \$80,000

There is no cost-sharing requirement.

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Insider tip: This grant was created by the Affordable Care Act 2009. Its aim is to expand comprehensive coverage to poor or rural communities that currently are underserved by traditional health care facilities.

For detailed requirements refer to:

United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Reclamation:

<http://tinyurl.com/4osjjjf>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4vt6etf>

Pre-proposal Solicitation for Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development (DWPR)

Bureau of Reclamation - Denver Office

Deadline: Mar 28, 2011

FO#: R11SF80382

CFDA#: 15.506 -- Water Desalination Research and Development Program

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), is currently requesting pre-proposals sponsored by the Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development Program (DWPR). Through this program, Reclamation is forming partnerships with private industry, universities, water utilities, and others to address a broad range of desalting and water purification needs. The intent of the program is to augment the supply of usable water in the United States. This will be accomplished by reducing the costs, improving operation and reliability, and developing innovations in desalination and water purification technologies. The Water Desalination Act of 1996, and the current Continuing Resolution, are the authorizing legislation for this program. The Act defines the following key terms: (1) Desalination means “the use of any process or technique for the removal and, when feasible, adaptation to beneficial use, of organic and inorganic ... compounds from saline or biologically impaired waters, by itself or in conjunction with other processes” and (2) Saline water means “sea water, brackish water, and other mineralized or chemically impaired water.”

Eligible Applicants include; Individuals, institutions of higher education, commercial or industrial organizations, private entities, public entities (including state and local), and Indian Tribal Governments. Foreign entities, other than United States-Mexico binational research foundations and inter-university research programs established by the two countries, are not eligible for funding under the authorizing legislation for this program.

Eligibility Requirements:

None for institutions of higher education, other applicants must provide cost share of 75% of the cost of their project (This may be reduced to 50% if it is determined that the project is not feasible without such increased Federal contribution).

Award Information:

Up to \$150,000 for each research and laboratory study, \$200,000/year for each pilot scale project, and \$500,000/year for each demonstration scale project.

Expected number of awards: 4 to 6

Total amount of funding up for reward: \$1,000,000

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Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4rbmhym>

Learn and Serve America Youth Engagement Zone FY 2011

Corporation for National and Community Service

Deadline: March 31, 2011, by 5 p.m.

FO#: CNCS-GRANTS-02102011

The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. As the nation's largest grant maker for service and volunteering, CNCS plays a critical role in building the capacity of America's nonprofit sector and enabling America's volunteers to improve the places we live. Last fiscal year, CNCS helped an estimated 5.5 million Americans step up to serve, the largest total in its history. CNCS's core programs are AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America and Senior Corps.

Guided by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, CNCS funds programs that promote service as a solution to educational challenges, working to ensure every child enters school ready to learn and graduates equipped to succeed. On a competitive basis, we fund partnerships that engage youth in collaborative community problem solving that increases academic achievement and civic engagement while improving the odds that they will stay in school and graduate from high school.

Award Information:

Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2011, CNCS anticipates the availability of approximately \$5.7 million for new Youth Engagement Zones grants. CNCS anticipates making an estimated 5 to 7 grant awards that will range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1,500,000 to support three years of operations. Matching requirements are listed in the detailed grant post.

Insider tip: Learn and Serve America grants support organizations that involve youth, particularly from economically disadvantaged circumstances, in service-learning projects that improve academic achievement, and academic and civic engagement.

Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible partnerships may apply for a Youth Engagement Zones grant. The lead applicant for this YEZ competition must be a public or private non-profit organization – e.g., a faith-based or community-based organization, a local educational agency (or individual public secondary school), an institution of higher education, or an Indian tribe. In addition, the lead applicant of the partnership must be physically located in the designated zone and have the organizational capacity to manage the grant.

For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/4cumx9b>

Research on Violence and Victimization across the Life-Span

National Institute of Justice

Deadline: April 06, 2011

FO#: NIJ-2011-2824

NIJ is seeking applications for funding to support research and evaluation of violence and victimization, including basic research on violence across the life-span, special topics in violence and victimization, and elder mistreatment. NIJ's Violence and Victimization Research Division serves to develop innovative solutions to the problems of violence and victimization through strategic planning, support for research and evaluation, and dissemination of research information to the field and public.

Award Information:

Expected number of awards: 5

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

For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/28h2qbp>

Insider tip: Rural Areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000 according to the latest decennial census of the United States.

Grant Attributes: The purpose of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program is to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources, and to improve planning and management of solid waste sites.

Challenge Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: May 4, 2011

FO#: 20110504-CH

CFDA#: 45.130

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds (that is, funds that are invested, with both the income and the principal being expended over a defined period of years) that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities. Grantees may also use funds for one-time capital expenditures (such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, and acquisitions) that bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly.

Challenge grant funds (both federal and nonfederal together) must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen the institution's activities in and commitment to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the humanities.

Institutions may use challenge grant funds to meet both ongoing and one-time humanities-related costs, provided that the long-term benefit of the expenditure can be demonstrated. This grant has a cost sharing or matching requirement.

Award Information:

Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000

Expected number of awards: 20

Contact:

Office of Challenge Grants

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Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/bmefht>

Insider tip: Funding from this grant may be used to fund the salaries of local faculty and staff; acquisitions for collections, preservation and conservation programs, capital expenditures such as construction or renovation of facilities; purchasing equipment and software.

NOTE: the matching requirement for this grant is 3:1, meaning that local governments must produce \$3 for every \$1 in aid they receive.

Understanding the Characteristics of High Risk Nighttime Seat Belt Offenders

Department of Transportation

Deadline: May 12, 2012

FO#: DTNH22-10-R-00326

Seat belt use has increased steadily nationwide with added impetus from the 'Click It or Ticket' high-visibility enforcement initiative. In the most recent national observational survey, seat belt usage was reported to be 84 percent. However, there are still many motorists who continue to ride unrestrained. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) research has shown that seat belt use is lower in the evening hours than in daytime hours. Moreover, 52 percent of the daytime occupant fatalities were unrestrained, while 70 percent of those killed at night were unrestrained. Data show a decline in seat belt use among fatally injured passenger vehicle occupants as it gets later in the evening reaching the lowest levels from midnight – 4:00 a.m.

For the past three years, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) conducted a nighttime seat belt high-visibility enforcement initiative in the State. The project was successful and resulted in a reduction in unrestrained occupant deaths and injuries at night. NHTSA is planning to initiate a new program to determine if high visibility enforcement at night in a primary state with belt use at or above 90 percent can impact the behavior of high risk drivers and develop effective countermeasures to reduce unrestrained fatalities.

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 4

Total Program Funding: \$900,000

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Insider tip: Typically, NHTSA has worked with States to administer public awareness surveys in the State Driver Licensing Offices. This is a three-year project, and the research must begin within two months of receiving the grant.

For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/2596e7g>

NEA Challenge America Fast-Track, FY2012

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: May 26, 2011 at 11:59pm, Eastern Time

FO#: 2011NEA01CAFT

This grant program offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations (those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability). Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.

This category encourages and supports the following two outcomes:

- **Engagement:** Public engagement with diverse and excellent art.
- **Livability:** The strengthening of communities through the arts.

Applicants will be asked to select the outcome that is most relevant to their project (they also will be able to select a secondary outcome). When making selections, applicants should identify the outcome(s) that reflect the results expected to be achieved by their project. If a grant is received, grantees also will be asked to provide evidence of those results.

Award Information:

All awards are for \$10,000

For detailed requirements refer to:

The grant information webpage at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4rgfdd8>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4fvz2qx>

NHPRC Contact:

Challenge America Fast-Track Specialists:

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Phone: (202) 682-5700

Related grants: The National Endowment for the Arts has many similar grant opportunities that distribute funds on a competitive basis to organizations and governmental entities that expand access to arts.

- NEA Our Town Applications, FY2011
 - Open to state, county and local governments who are applying in cooperation with a non-profit organization.
 - Closing Date: March 1, 2011
 - More information is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/49637y2>

Digitizing Historical Records

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration

Deadline: June 9, 2011

FO#: DIGITIZING-201106

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission is seeking proposals that use cost-effective methods to digitize nationally significant historical record collections and make the digital versions freely available online. Projects must make use of existing holdings of historical repositories and consist of entire collections or series. The materials should already be available to the public at the archives and described so that projects can re-use existing information to serve as metadata for the digitized collection.

Eligible applicants include State or local government agencies; colleges, universities and other academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations with IRS501(c)(3) status. This project has cost sharing requirements that allow the NHPRC to provide up to fifty percent of the total project costs. A grant normally lasts one to three years and awards up to \$150,000. The Commission expects to make up to five grants in this category, for a total of up to \$400,000.

For detailed requirements refer to:

The grant information webpage at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cmkgk4>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/37psc4c>

NHPRC Contact:

Nancy Melley, Director for Technology Initiatives
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Related grants: The National Archives and Records Administration is also soliciting applications for three similar grants dedicated to preserving or publishing public records. These projects include:

Electronic Records Projects

- FO# ELECTRONIC-201106
- Deadline: June 9, 2011

Publishing Historical Records Grant

- FO# PUBLISHING-201106
- Deadline: June 9, 2011

How they did it: The City of Tampa, FL was given \$61,017 to develop a city archives program, the first of its type in Florida. The Project will prepare and implement a plan to locate, identify, and accession Tampa's archival records: review city records schedules; and strive to increase public awareness and use of the records.

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Fish & Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FOA#: 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>

Contact:

Christy Vigfusson

Fish and Wildlife Biologist - Grants

Washington Office

Phone 703-358-1748

Grant Attributes: Grants cannot exceed \$1 million for an individual project. States provide 50% of the total costs of the project. If, however, the State has established and maintains a special fund for acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural areas or open spaces, the Federal share can be increased to 75%.

How they did it: The California Wildlife Conservation Board was awarded \$1 million to restore 1,574 acres of vital estuarine tidal salt marshes and uplands at the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge in north San Francisco Bay.

The project will benefit numerous threatened and endangered species and other wetland dependent species.

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.

For detailed requirements refer to:

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

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

Insider tip: Grants must benefit small and emerging businesses – those with under 50 employees and under \$1 million in revenues. This grant cannot be used to help or bring larger business to a rural community.

How they did it: Gunter Economic Development Corp. in Texas was awarded \$99,900 to create a revolving loan that will be used to lend funding to help newly created businesses within Grayson County.



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