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Foreword

Welcome to the January 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.

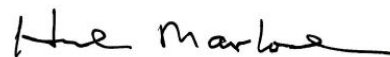
Please let us know if you would like assistance in applying for a federal grant. A Marlowe & Company team member can assist you in developing the grant application and also work closely with your Congressional delegation to ensure you have their support when you submit your application.



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



EPA Grants Continue to Protect Beachgoers

On January 14, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would be providing almost \$10 million in grants to 37 states, territories and tribes to help protect swimmers and beachgoers at America's beaches. This funding will be used to assist local authorities in monitoring beach water quality and notify the public of conditions that may be unsafe for swimming.

This grant program, in existence since 2003, has enabled states and territories to more than double the number of beaches they monitor. "EPA's grants are helping states monitor their beaches and providing beachgoers with information to make healthy decisions," said Peter S. Silva, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Water. "Increased public information about beach water quality also serves as a motivator for people to identify sources of contamination and to take action."

Each swimming season, state and local health and environmental protection agencies monitor the quality of water at the nation's beaches. When bacteria levels in the water are too high, these agencies notify the public by posting beach warnings or closing the beach. In 2007, an estimated 96 million people made at least one visit to a U.S. ocean beach, spending a total of 1.4 billion days at ocean beaches.

This is the 11th year that the EPA is providing beach grant funds, bringing the total amount EPA has made available to nearly \$102 million since Congress passed the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health

(BEACH) Act of 2000. Through this funding, the number of monitored beaches has almost quadrupled from about 1,000 in 1997 to more than 3,800 in 2009.



HHS to Fund More Health Centers

On January 10, 2011, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced up to \$10 million in funding for Health Center Planning Grants (HCPG) nationwide. HCPG programs are administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and are designed to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations.

The HCPG opportunity is intended to support approximately 125 HCPGs in FY2011. "This funding opportunity in the Affordable Care Act will help nurture organizations that answer the noble call to assist those who are medically underserved, underinsured and uninsured," said Secretary Sebelius.

The funding from this grant is intended to help local organizations qualify to become Community Health Centers capable of serving a variety of needs. These needs include everything from oral health to behavioral and maternal wellness. However these centers will primarily focus on providing primary health care.

For more details and information on how to apply for this program, please see page 9.

Transit Asset Management (TAM) Pilot Program

Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation

Deadline: January 18, 2011

CFDA#: 20.414 – Public Transportation Research

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is soliciting proposals from public transportation providers, state Departments of Transportation (DOT), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)--individually or in partnership--to demonstrate effective Transit Asset Management (TAM) systems and "best practices", which can be replicated to improve transportation asset management at the nation's rail and bus public transportation agencies. Public sector applicants may partner with asset management system suppliers; however the official proposer must be a public agency.

The total available funding for the TAM pilot program is \$3 million. FTA will award multiple cooperative agreements, up to \$1 million each, to successful proposers for pilot projects that will demonstrate certain aspects of TAM systems. Successful TAM pilot projects will promote the use of advanced tools and practices throughout the public transportation industry. FTA is looking for innovative approaches to asset management using proven technology that will enhance the ability of public transportation providers, MPOs, and state DOTs to maintain their assets in a state of good repair and/or make more informed resource allocation decisions. Proposed solutions must be scalable and transferable such that they can be adapted by public transportation agencies and organizations of various sizes and modes. Additionally, FTA seeks to provide technical assistance to public transportation agencies through written reports and technical knowledge to be provided under the cooperative agreements.

For detailed requirements refer to:

The TAM Pilot Program grant information webpage at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2bpw2e5>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/249kfre>

Program Contacts:

Doris Lyons, Office of Program Management, FTA

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Insider tip: Eligible applicants include any public transportation providers at the state, county or city level that are currently using some sort of transit asset management program to help improve the efficiency of their region's public transportation systems.

Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Funding Assistance Program

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: January 27, 2011

FO#: EPA-OAR-OTAQ-11-02

EPA's Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Funding Assistance Program is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by the Administrator as poor air quality areas. Under this solicitation, the only eligible diesel emission reduction solutions that may be proposed are the use of emerging emission control technologies as listed on the National Clean Diesel Campaign's Emerging Technologies List: (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/prgemerglist.htm>).

There is no requirement for mandatory cost-sharing contributions from applicants

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 8

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$4,000,000

Eligibility Information:

Eligible entities include regional, State, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or to organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

EPA Contact Information:

Jennifer Went

c/o Sheena Dupree

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1310 L Street, NW (Room 356C)

Washington, DC 20005

For detailed requirements refer to: <http://tinyurl.com/2e2akte>

Insider tip: Eligible vehicles include: diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks, marine engines, locomotives and non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

WaterSMART: Development of Feasibility Studies under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program

Department of the Interior

Deadline: February 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time

CFDA #: 15.504

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation has created this WaterSMART program to provide a framework for Federal leadership and assistance on the efficient use of water by integrating water and energy policies to support the sustainable use of all natural resources.

This program is designed to help local communities develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency and decreasing periods of water shortages. The funds from this program will be used to help local communities create feasibility studies that will analyze possible options for water reuse in the public domain.

The cost sharing requirement for this project is 50 percent or more of total project cost for local communities. Successful applicants may receive up to \$150,000 in awards and approximately 8-10 awards will be given out, depending on the amount requested by each applicant.

Grants.gov Synopsis:

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

For detailed requirements refer to:

<http://tinyurl.com/2w8vc7v>

DOI Contact:

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Related grants: For those municipalities that have already completed a feasibility study, Title XVI construction grants are now available with awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$2,000,000 to help implement construction projects deemed worthy by this grant. If you have already completed a Title XVI Feasibility study, please refer to the:

The Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program Construction Grant Program for FY 2011,

- Deadline: February 11, 2011
- Funding Opportunity #: R11SF80311
- CFDA# 15.504

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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Michelle Maher

Grants Officer

Bureau of Reclamation

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Denver CO 80225

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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>

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.

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

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

Contact:

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Assistant State Conservationist for Technology
USDA-NRCS

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Raleigh, NC 27609

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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:

Charles Heurich

Program Manager

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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>

Grant posting information:

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

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

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.

Contact:

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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/4osjjf>

Grant posting information:

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

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>

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.

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.

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

DOT contact information:

Sharon Burgess Anderson

Contract Specialist

Phone: 202-366-6283

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:

Email: fasttrack@arts.gov

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/cmkg4>

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# PUBISHING-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>

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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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