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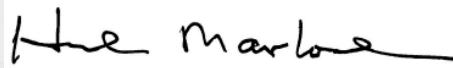
Foreword

Welcome to the July 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.



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

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

How to Use the Federal Grants Alert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grant News in Brief



A Big Summer for Federal Grants

This summer is shaping up to be a busy one for grant writers at municipalities across the country. A few weeks ago, FEMA announced funding for three fire grant programs: Assistance for Firefighters, SAFER, and Fire Protection and Safety. More recently, the Department of Transportation announced funding for a new round of transportation infrastructure TIGER Discretionary Grants. These funds are designated for construction projects that will have significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced more than \$526.9 million for the TIGER Discretionary Grant Programs. This funding program will be similar to the TIGER and TIGERII transportation infrastructure grant programs; however there will be several key differences. First, unlike TIGER and TIGERII, this round of funding is reserved primarily for construction projects and will not be awarded to projects that are primarily planning and design related. However, construction projects involving planning and design segments will be considered. Secondly, TIGER Discretionary Grants (as this program is formally called) will reserve one quarter of its funding (\$140 million) for projects in rural areas or for projects where the majority of benefits are in rural areas.

These two changes were made to address the main concerns with TIGER and TIGERII, which was criticized for funding projects that were not actually “shovel ready” and for awarding too much funding to projects in just a few metropolitan areas. This program will fund several different kinds of construction projects, including: highways and bridges; public transportation systems; passenger and freight rail projects; and port infrastructure investments. State, county and local governments are eligible to apply, as are transit agencies, port authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions.

It is important to note that the Department of Transportation has not yet released specific application instructions; those are due out any week. However, deadlines for applicants have been released. They are:

- Pre Application deadlines: October 3, 2011 (Pre-applications accepted beginning August 22)
- Final Application Deadline: October 31, 2011 (Applications accepted beginning October 4)

Lastly, please be sure to tune in for a half day seminar and webcast hosted by the DOT on July 18th from 1pm to 4pm. This seminar will provide information and guidance on the TIGER application process. Details of the seminar, and of the TIGER program, have not yet been released. Please know that your Marlowe & Company Team Member will contact you when this information becomes available.

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:

- Pre Application deadlines: October 3, 2011 (Pre-applications accepted beginning August 22)
- Final Application Deadline: October 31, 2011 (applications accepted beginning October 4, 2011)

The federal Department of Transportation will be holding a half day seminar and webcast providing information and guidance on the TIGER application process on July 18th from 1 to 4pm. Details have not yet been released and will be forwarded to you when they are available.

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

This grant program will be similar, but not identical, to the “TIGER” and “TIGER II” grant programs.

- Unlike TIGER II, this newest TIGER Discretionary Grant will not fund purely planning or design projects.
- \$140 million (roughly a quarter of available funding) will be used for projects in rural areas.



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: Not yet set, details coming soon

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 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.

When to Apply:

AFG: Late June to late July 2011

SAFER: Late October to Late November 2011

FPS: Late Dec. 2011 to late Jan. 2012

The AFG program has been a popular and successful grant program for the Department of Homeland Security since 2001, when the program was first created. In recent years, more costly portions of the program, namely the Station Construction Grant (SCG) program have been eliminated due to budget constraints. Please rest assured that subscribers to Marlowe & Company's Federal Grant Alert will be notified immediately when the AFG, SAFER and FPS application periods open.

Federal Voting Assistance Program

Department of Defense

Deadline: July 13, 2011

FO#: H98210-BAA-11-0001

CFDA: 2.217 -- Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections

The intention of this program is to fund projects that will enhance the absentee voting process for uniformed personnel, their spouses and dependents as well as overseas citizens in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

The purpose of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) grant program is to support by the voting experience of enlisted and overseas voters, reduce voting impediments faced by them, and stimulate the development of innovative approaches to absentee voting.

Priorities include:

- Provide research data to advance FVAP's electronic absentee voting support responsibilities for UOCAVA voters. Electronic absentee voting system research, development, testing, and evaluation are to collect and present data that can show cost-effective methods that:
- Establish and operate successful, sustainable and affordable electronic tools that will improve voting systems for voters protected by UOCAVA.
- Increase the percentage of ballots successfully returned by UOCAVA voters to be either equal to, or greater than the percentage of ballots returned by the general absentee voting population.
- Reduce the failure rates for UOCAVA voters experienced in each of the various stages of the absentee voting process (such as voter registration, absentee ballot request, blank absentee ballot delivery, absentee ballot marking, absentee ballot tabulation, and absentee ballot return verification). The standard for such reductions is to reduce these failure rates to be equivalent to the level of the general electorate for similar stages in the voting process, and for similar demographic populations.
- Establish and maintain a pipeline of ideas, techniques and best practices of election officials and their services for UOCAVA voters.

Award Information:

Total Estimated Program Funding: \$16,200,000

Expected Number of Awards: 50

There is no cost-sharing requirement

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Allergen Epitope Research and Evaluation Centers (U19)

National Institute of Health

Deadline: July 22, 2011

FO#: RFA-AI-11-013

CFDA: 93.855, 93.856

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

Award Information:

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

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Grant Posting Information:

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

Rural Development Grant

USDA

Deadline: July 22, 2011

FO: CDC-RFA-TP10-100102CONT11

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

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

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

Eligible Grant Purposes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Deadline: July 25, 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/3cgeph7> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cx2w85>

Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: August 15, 2011

FO#: LLP-FY11

CFDA: 45.312 -- National Leadership Grants

Grants for Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums will support planning and design activities that will enable grantees to develop comprehensive plans for programs, space, staffing, and budgeting for their Learning Lab. The awards may also be used to prototype certain Lab activities or experiences. In addition, the grants may be used to support emerging learning labs that are already in the process of supporting middle- and high-school youth with innovative digital media and learning and need additional funds to enhance their efforts. The target audience for the Labs is middle-school and high-school age youth. In addition to drawing on research in digital media and learning sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation, Lab plans may be inspired by innovative work that is taking place in science and technology centers and other museums, such as the Museums Afterschool: Principles, Data, and Design (MAPDD) project and SRI International's National Science Foundation (NSF) funded project After School Science Networks (ASN) project. Each application should address how the proposed Learning Lab will address and serve the needs of the middle- and high-school youth in the library or museum's community and engage appropriate involvement of community stakeholders. Each grant is expected to result in a feasible plan for implementing and sustaining the Learning Lab envisioned by the applicant library or museum.

Eligible Applicants:

Units of state of local government

Private nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status

Award Information:

Individual awards up to \$100,000

Projects must begin on January 1, 2012, last for 18 months, and conclude on June 30, 2013.

Cost sharing of at least 1/3 is encouraged but is not required

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Additional Information: <http://tinyurl.com/3wo4goa>

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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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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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:

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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>

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.

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Summer Stipends Staff

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202-606-8200

Grant Posting Information:

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

Grants.gov Posting Information:

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



The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Fish & Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: COASTAL-11

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

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

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

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

Program Contact:

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Fish and Wildlife Biologist - Grants

Washington Office

Phone 703-358-1748

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: PARTNERS-11

CFDA #: 15.631

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

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

Local Coordinator Offices:

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

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

Funding Information:

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

Expected number of Awards: 1000

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

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Program Contact:

David Gordon

Fish and Wildlife biologist

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

Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/mj362y>

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:

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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>

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.

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>

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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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