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Foreword

Welcome to the March 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.

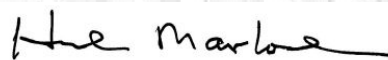
Please let us know if you would like assistance in applying for a federal grant. A Marlowe & Company team member can assist you in developing the grant application and also work closely with your Congressional delegation to ensure you have their support when you submit your application.



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.

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.

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 blue.

Grant News in Brief



Committed to the future of rural communities.

USDA Announces New Grants to Bring Broadband to Rural Communities

On March 4th, 2011, the US Department of Agriculture announced that it is now accepting applications for grants to bring broadband access to rural communities currently without broadband service. The grant is being offered by the USDA's Office of Rural Development and the grant program is officially called Community Connect Grants. These grants are open to single communities with a population less than 20,000 that does not have broadband transmission services.

This new grant program is part of President Obama's vision that "Students should graduate from high school prepared for college and a career - no matter who you are or where you come from." In addition to helping improve the quality of education in underserved areas, Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), pointed out that this grant program "also enhances commerce, public safety, and health care in rural areas that have been overlooked by modern communications technology."

This grant program is expected to have approximately \$25 million at its disposal. However, the final funding amount is subject to change and will not be available until Congress completes work on its FY2011 appropriations bills.

Additional information on this grant program will be provided in a Community Connect

Workshop on March 22, 2011 at 2:00pm EST. This workshop will feature an audio conference call and a Webinar. Please click the following link for details regarding this FREE workshop: <http://tinyurl.com/6z7e7ow> For more information, please see Page 12 of this month's Federal Grant Alert.



U.S. to Rebid \$2.4 Billion in Florida Rail Funds

In February, Florida Governor Rick Scott rejected the Obama Administration's plan for a high-speed train running between Tampa and Orlando, thereby turning down more than \$2 billion in federal money for the project. On March 11, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that his agency would rebid the funds initially awarded to Florida and that these proposals were due on April 4th.

This grant is part of President Obama's six year, \$53 billion program that is his signature transportation priority. Congressman John Mica, Chairman of the powerful House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which oversees high speed rail development, has long been a believer in high-speed rail service in the heavily traveled Northeast Corridor.

California and several Northeastern states have already expressed interest in receiving the re-appropriated money. The \$8 billion in total funding for this extensive grant program comes from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the stimulus package).

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: March 22, 2011 at 4:00 pm EST

FO#: EPA-OAR-IO-11-08

CFDA#: 66.035

The CARE grant program works with applicants and recipients to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of toxic pollutants and environmental risks, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future.

The objective of the CARE grant program is to work collaboratively within the community to investigate the effectiveness of the CARE 4-step process which fosters a cross-Agency, multimedia approach to provide greater environmental benefits rather than either non-collaborative or traditional regulatory single media approaches.

Award Information:

Number of Awards: 9

Amount Available: \$2,000,000

There is no cost sharing requirement.

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Insider tip: While there is technically no cost sharing requirement for this grant, voluntary cost-sharing by applicants will greatly enhance the likelihood of an award.

For detailed requirements refer to:

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

<http://tinyurl.com/6e6xflk>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/62nvw77>

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>

Environmental Justice Small Grants

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: Mar 31, 2011

FO#: EPA-OECA-OEJ-11-01

CFDA#: 66.604

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG) is designed to provide funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. The EJSG Program is a multi-statute program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. The long-term goals of the EJSG Program are to help build the capacity of the communities with environmental justice concerns and create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future.

Under this RFA, EPA will award grants that support two types of activities:

- 1) Activities designed to educate, empower and enable communities to understand the environmental and public health issues and to identify ways to address these issues at the local level.
- 2) To support activities of a research nature only that examine issues related to a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks, i.e., survey, research, collecting and analyzing data which will be used to expand scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. Research projects, however, need not be limited to academic studies. The EPA has interpreted "research" to include studies that extend to socioeconomic, institutional, and public policy issues, as well as the "natural" sciences. The application must include a description of how the research projects will examine and address the issue of multiple environmental harms and risks.

Eligibility Requirements:

Local and State governments are NOT eligible. However, you may want to refer this funding opportunity to a local organization in your community. Organizations that ARE eligible include: An Incorporated non-profit community-based organizations—including environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions

Award Information:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,200,000

Award Ceiling: \$50,000

Expected Number of Awards: 44

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Grant posting information:

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

Detailed funding information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4z5lhrq>

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.

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>

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.

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

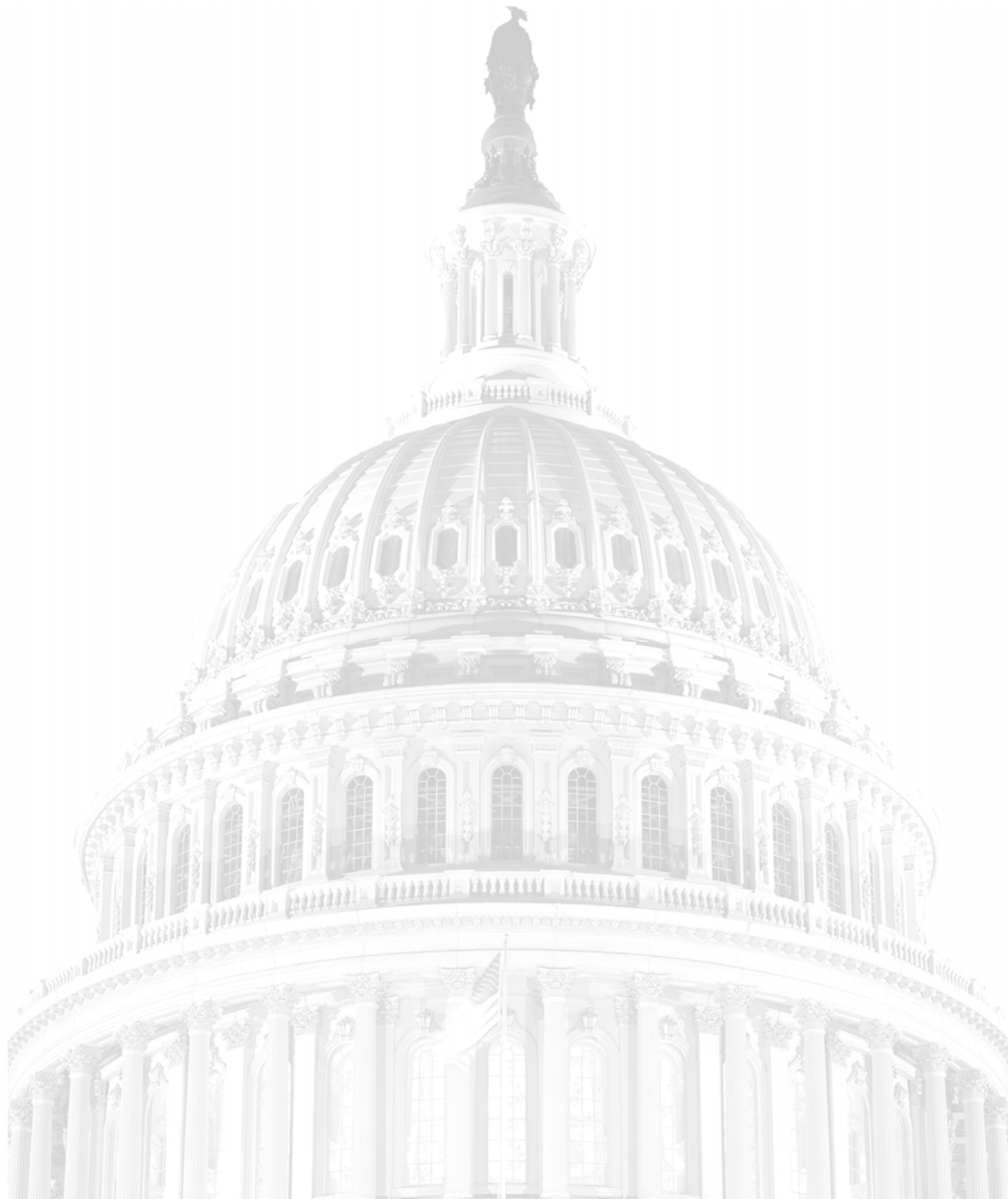
Applications for grant funding are open until funding is depleted or there is another announcement made.

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.



Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Grant- FY2012 Competition

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

Deadline: April 15, 2011

FO#: NOAA-NOS-OCRM-2012-2002850

CFDA: 11.419

The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) was authorized "for the purposes of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural, undeveloped, or recreational state to other uses." This announcement solicits proposals for land acquisition projects (fee simple interest or conservation easements) that can be completed within 18 months from the start date of the award (anticipated between June 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012) and that have the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas. NOAA may extend the performance period for project grants up to an additional 18 months (for a maximum total performance period of 3 years) if circumstances warrant and if progress on the project is being demonstrated.

Award Information:

Award Ceiling: \$3,000,000

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$25,000,000

Expected number of awards: 60

Contact:

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CELCP Program Manager

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Grant attributes: This grant has different eligibility requirements depending on in which state you are applying. There are also different state offices that have someone how can help you though your application process. For a list of state offices and contact information for that state, please click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/4mbdw9h>

Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/468g7fk>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6gj746z>

Smart Policing Initiative

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Deadline: April 21, 2011

FO#: BJA-2011-2942

CFDA: 16.738

This FY 2011 grant announcement seeks to build upon data-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime within their jurisdictions. This program is funded under both the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The Byrne Competitive Program helps local communities improve the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs.

Award Information:

Award Ceiling: \$500,000

Estimated Total Program Funding: Unknown

Expected number of awards: 30

Contact:

BJA Justice Information Center

Phone: (877) 927-5657

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Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4v7v3gg>

Grant posting information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4p4q2c3>

Insider tip: Always pay very close attention to the criteria for funding outlined in grant announcements. Often times it will pay to reorient the program your organization envisions, so that you have a better chance of receiving funding. For this program, awards will be selected based on the following five criteria:

- Statement of the Problem: 5%
- Project Design and Implementation: 25%
- Capabilities and Competencies: 25%
- Plan for data collection to measure performance: 35%
- Budget: 10%

WaterSMART: System Optimization Review Grants for FY2011

Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior

Deadline: April 27, 2011

CFDA #: 15.507

FO#: R11SF80356

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 to assess the potential for water management improvements and identify specific ways to implement those improvements. System Operation Reviews (SOR) consists of:

- (1) An assessment of the potential for water management improvements in a river basin, system, or district
- (2) A report identifying specific improvements to increase efficiency, including a plan of action for implementing the recommendations.

The recommendations can include physical improvements, such as modernizing a water delivery system, changing operations to improve water and energy efficiency, or facilitating water transfers or water marketing. The SOR may focus on a watershed, river basin, district, delivery system, or a portion thereof. Completing an SOR will help Indian tribes, districts, states, and other local entities with water delivery authority to identify potential projects and develop the supporting documentation necessary to apply for Water and Energy Efficiency Grants under the WaterSMART Program. Applicants who have already completed an SOR may receive additional points during the Water and Energy Efficiency Grant review process.

Eligibly information:

- Applicant must be a State, Indian tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority.
- The project must be completed within 24 months

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 6

Award Ceiling: \$300,000

Total Program Funding: Unknown

Cost Sharing: A 50% local match is needed

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Grant attributes: The Bureau of Reclamation's series of WaterSMart grants are open only to communities in the 17 Western States, as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902. Notable states include: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Detailed Grant Information:

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

Grant Posting Information:

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

Community Connect Grant

USDA Rural Development

Deadline: May 3, 2011

The Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect Grant Program) is designed to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist. Grant funds may be utilized to: (1) deploy broadband transmission service to critical community facilities, rural residents, and rural businesses, (2) construct, acquire, or expand a community center, and (3) equip and operate a community center that provides free access to broadband services to community residents for at least two years. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications service as are available in urban and suburban communities.

Eligibility Requirements:

Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for funding:

- a) An incorporated organization,
- b) An Indian Tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b,
- c) A state or local unit of government, or
- d) A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Eligible areas include: A single community with a population less than 20,000 which does not have Broadband Transmission Service

Matching Funds Requirement:

Grant applicants must provide a matching contribution of at least 15% of the total amount of financial assistance being requested. The applicant's minimum matching contribution must be for eligible grant purposes only. Matching funds are subject to dollar amount limitations set for the Community Center and Operating Expenses. The aggregate total amount of grant funds and matching contributions cannot exceed limitations set forth in regulation. For example, the total amount available to be used for grant and matching funds for the community center \$100,000 and the total amount to be used for grant and matching funds for operating is \$250,000

Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4w5rqom>

Insider tip: Additional information on this grant program will be provided in a Community Connect Workshop on March 22, 2011 at 2:00pm EST. This workshop will feature an audio conference call and a Webinar. Please click the following link for details regarding this FREE workshop: <http://tinyurl.com/6z7e7ow>

How they did it: In one Virginia town, the whole town really stepped up to the plate. One of the requirements of receiving this grant was to involve the community in showing that there was a need for broadband and that it was not available. The town called on the local Boy Scouts [Troop 103] to help. A broadband survey was created. The Scouts knocked on every door in town. They filled out the surveys and got over 100 surveys completed in 1 day. The data was invaluable in helping to meet the requirements of the grant. The Scouts truly helped fully involve the community in bringing broadband to their town through these surveys."

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Grant Posting Information:

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

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

National Endowment for the Humanities

Room 420

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Email: challenge@neh.gov

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.

WaterSMART: Advanced Water Treatment Pilot and Demonstration Grants for 2011

Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior

Deadline: May 11, 2011 at 4pm MST

CFDA #: 15.507

FO#: R11SF80351

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 pilot and demonstration projects to accelerate the adoption and use of (Advanced Water Treatment) AWT technologies in order to increase water supply and provide for long term water sustainability. Projects funded under this FOA will include pilot and demonstration projects that will address the technical, economic, and environmental viability of treating and using brackish groundwater, seawater, impaired waters, or otherwise creating new water supplies within a specific locale. The adoption and use of AWT is a crucial element of any plan to address western water issues. Leveraging Federal funding through grants is an important step toward sustainable water supplies in the west.

Eligibly information:

- Applicant must be a State, Indian tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority.
- 50/50 cost-share
- Up to \$600,000 Federal cost-share

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 2-8 (this number is contingent upon final FY2011 appropriations)

Award Ceiling: \$600,000

Total Program Funding: Unknown

Cost Sharing: A 50% local match is needed

Contact:

Michelle Maher

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Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/4qmg4w4>

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/63tf878>

Grant attributes: The Bureau of Reclamation's series of WaterSMart grants are open only to communities in the 17 Western States, as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902. Notable states include: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

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:

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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>

WaterSMART: Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools for FY2011

Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior

Deadline: May 13, 2011 at 4pm MST

CFDA #: 15.507

FO#: R11SF80344

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite universities, non-profit research institutions, and organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on activities designed to enhance the management of water resources, including developing tools to assess the impacts of climate change on water resources. These projects will focus on the information gaps outlined in the joint Reclamation and United States Army Corps of Engineers Report titled Addressing Climate Change in Long-Term Water Resources Planning and Management: User Needs for Improving Tools and Information.

Together, these programs support Reclamation's efforts to meet the obligation under Section 9503 of the SECURE Water Act of establishing a climate change adaptation program. The research projects will assist these efforts by helping to narrow uncertainties, provide information in more usable forms, or develop more robust strategies for incorporating uncertainty into decision-making. Enhanced water management is a crucial element of any plan to address the Nation's water issues. With leveraged water management research grants, an important step will be taken towards improving water management for a more efficient use of water in the West.

Eligibly information:

- Applicant must be a State, Indian tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority.
- 50/50 cost-share
- Up to \$200,000 Federal cost-share

Award Information:

Expected Number of Awards: 2-6 (this number is contingent upon final FY2011 appropriations)

Award Ceiling: \$200,000

Total Program Funding: Unknown

Cost Sharing: A 50% local match is needed

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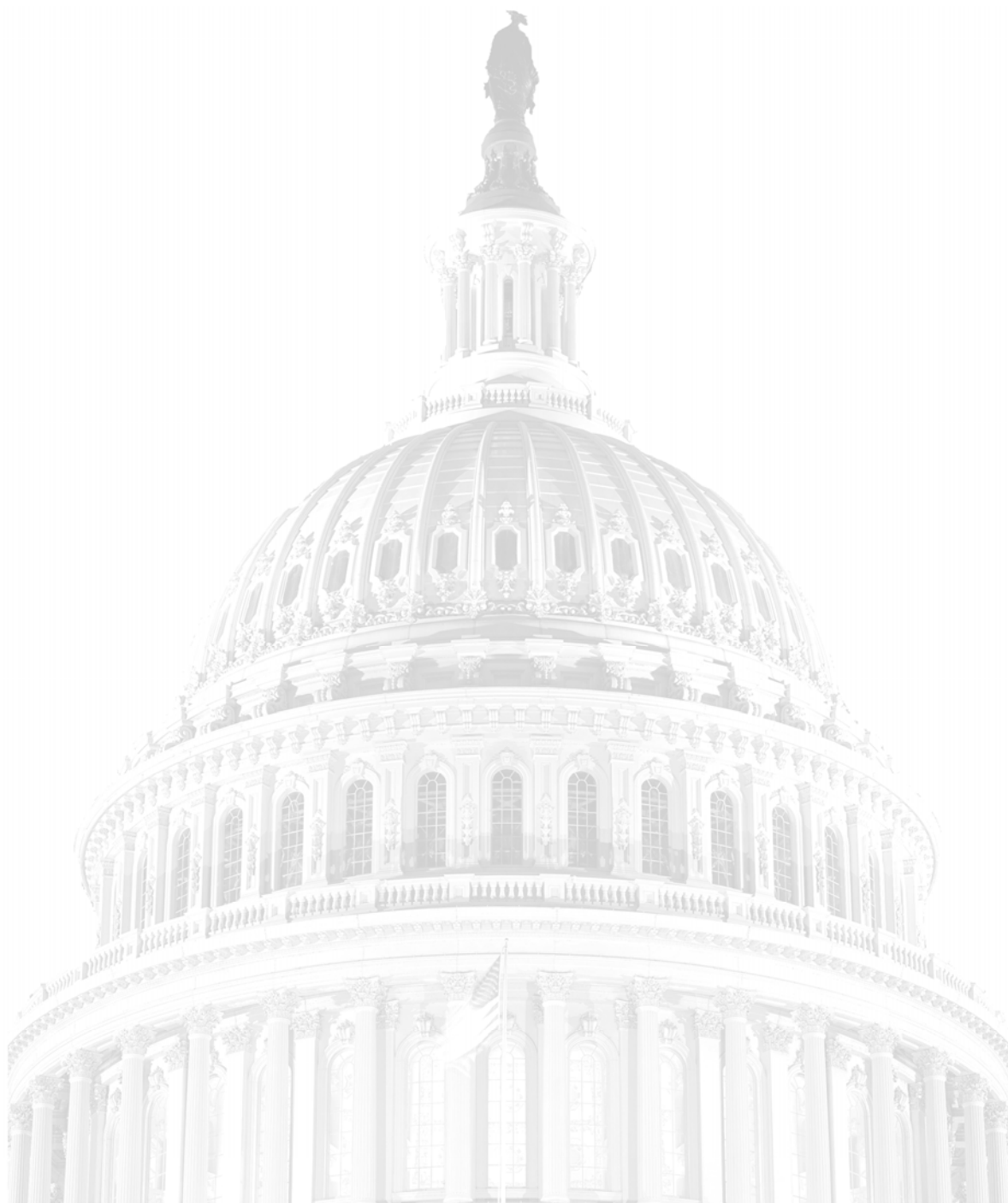
Email: mmaher@usbr.gov

Detailed Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6b7b9ww>

Grant attributes: The Bureau of Reclamation's series of WaterSmart grants are open only to communities in the 17 Western States, as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902. Notable states include: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Grant Posting Information:
<http://tinyurl.com/68mbce3>



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/cmkgk4>

Grant posting information:

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

NHPRC Contact:

Nancy Melley, Director for Technology Initiatives
(202) 357-5452

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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.

Publishing Historical Records

National Historical Publications & Records Commission

Colonial and Early National Period (for documents before 1820)

Deadline: June 9, 2011

FO#: PUBLISHING-201106

CFDA: 89.003

New Republic through the Modern Era (for documents after 1820)

Deadline: October 6, 2011

FO#: PUBLISHING-201110

CFDA: 89.003

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish historical records of national significance. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American life or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. The NHPRC does *not* fund proposals to purchase historical records; it also does *not* fund proposals to publish the papers of anyone who has been deceased for fewer than ten years.

Eligible Activities Include:

- Scholarly documentary editions in printed and bound volumes.
- Scholarly documentary editions in online and other formats.
- Image editions in online, microfilm, and other formats.
- Conversion of existing print and microfilm editions to electronic publications.
- Combinations of the above.

Award Information:

Estimated number of awards: 30

Award Ceiling: \$250,000

Award Floor: \$20,000

There is a 50% cost-sharing requirement

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For detailed requirements refer to:

National Historical Publications & Records Commission

<http://tinyurl.com/4vap5zf>

Related grants: This funding announcement is for two separate grant opportunities that must be applied for separately and have two separate deadlines.

Colonial and Early National Period: for projects preparing publications whose documents fall predominantly prior to 1820). Deadline: June 9, 2011

New Republic through the Modern Era: for projects preparing publications whose documents fall predominantly after 1820
Deadline: October 6, 2011

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

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.

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%.

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.

Eligibility Requirements:

(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 requirements refer to:

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

Grant posting information:

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

Program Contacts:

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.

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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