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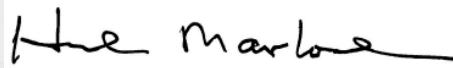
## Foreword

*Welcome to the October 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.



Howard Marlowe

*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



## EPA Announced Brownfields Grants

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the EPA announced a new application period for its Brownfields Grants Program. EPA's Brownfields Program encourages the redevelopment of America's estimated 450,000 abandoned and contaminated waste sites. The EPA's total Brownfields' Grant Program includes three grants that will allocate more than \$60 million dollars in three different grant categories: brownfields assessment grants; brownfields cleanup grants; and brownfields revolving loan grants.

Brownfield sites are defined as all real property, including residential, commercial and industrial properties that are currently contaminated by hazardous substances or petroleum. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and improves and protects the environment. Brownfields redevelopments have included the conversion of industrial waterfronts to riverfront parks, landfills to golf courses, rail corridors to recreational trails, and gas stations to housing.

The deadline to apply for all three of these brownfields grants is November 22, 2011. Everything your community needs to apply for these grants begins on page 12. Subscribers to Marlowe & Company's Federal Grants Alert received an alert when this grant was officially announced. To view this alert click [HERE](#), or to

see past versions of Marlowe & Company's Federal Grant Alerts click [HERE](#).



## DOJ Awards \$243 million in COPS Hiring Grants

On September 29, 2011, the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, announced that it had awarded \$243 million to 238 law enforcement agencies around the country. This funding will be used to hire or rehire more than a thousand police officers and deputies around the nation.

Close to three thousand applications were submitted for the FY2011 program, requesting more than \$2 billion for more than nine thousand positions. This competitive grant program provides 100 percent funding of the entry-level salaries and benefits of newly-hired or rehired, full-time officer positions over a three year period. Award decisions were made by accounting for poverty, unemployment, foreclosures, crime rates, and other statistics.

Since beginning in the 1990's, the COPS program has helped put more than 100,000 officers back on the streets.

## Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Deadline: October 17, 2011 at 11:59pm

FON#: FM-MHP-12-001

CFDA #: 20.218

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

### Eligibility Information:

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

### Funding Information:

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

Expected number of Awards: 80

Award Floor: \$15,000

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

### Program Contact:

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MCSAP High Priority Grant Program Manager

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Office: 202-366-0275

### Grant Posting:

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

### Program Information:

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

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

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm

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

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm

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

# North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program

Fish and Wildlife Services

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Deadline: October 27, 2011

FO #: NAWCA-12-SMALL-623

The U.S. Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.

**Specific examples of costs that are eligible to be paid with NAWCA Grant Funds follow:**

**Acquisition.** Easement and lease conditions should address the following points. Organizations and agencies are encouraged to adopt and implement the practices and procedures described in the This category includes fee-title acquisition and donation (transfer of title), conservation easement and lease acquisition and donation; appraisal fees; acquisition negotiations; acquisition legal costs; boundary surveys; travel and transportation, and annual payments for 10 year conservation agreements

**Wetland restoration.** The manipulation of the physical, chemical and/or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural/historic functions to a former or degraded wetland. Restoration can further be defined as either re-establishment (returning natural/historic functions to a former wetland resulting in a gain in wetland acres) or rehabilitation

This category includes engineering and design costs that lead to restoration activities occurring during the project period or allowed as old match, travel and transportation, material and supply costs, and equipment (including all terrain vehicles) with a current value of \$5,000 or more secured by the most cost-effective and feasible method. See the applicable CFR information cited above and the following decision tree for equipment valuation. This category does not include periodic repair/maintenance activity. This category does include restoration work on upland associated habitat. (repairing natural/historic functions of a highly degraded wetland resulting in no gain in wetland acres). Rehabilitation is considered a one-time action.

**Wetland enhancement.** The manipulation of the physical, chemical and/or biological characteristics of a wetland site to improve specific functions of the wetland. The result produces no gain in wetland acres. This category includes the same eligible costs as restoration above, plus nest boxes; habitat islands; and initial land management costs caused by the proposal (e.g., fencing and signing). This category does not include periodic repair/maintenance activity. This category does include enhancement work on upland associated habitat.

**Wetland establishment.** The manipulation of the physical, chemical and/or biological characteristics present to develop a wetland that did not previously exist. The result produces a gain in wetland acres. This category includes the same eligible costs as restoration above.

**Award Information:** \$3,000,000

**Grant Posting:** <http://tinyurl.com/6g962r7>

## TIGER Discretionary Grants

Department of Transportation

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Deadline: October 31, 2011

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

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

### **Eligible Applicants:**

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

### **Eligible Projects Include:**

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

**Available Funding:** 526.9 million

### **Deadlines:**

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

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

## Museums for America

Institute of Museum and Library Services

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Deadline: November 1, 2011

FO #: MFA-FY12

CFDA #: 45.301

Museums for America (MFA) is the largest grant program for museums at IMLS. The goal of MFA is to strengthen the ability of a museum to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. Applicants can apply for projects in one of the following three categories:

Engaging Communities (Education, Exhibitions, and Interpretation)

Building Institutional Capacity (Management, Policy, and Training)

Collections Stewardship (Management of Collections)

Fiscal year (FY) 2012 MFA funding will support projects and activities that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning and as important institutions in the establishment of livable communities. MFA grants can fund either new or ongoing museum activities and programs, such as improvement of institutional infrastructure; planning; management of collections; public access; professional development; purchase of equipment or services; research and scholarship; school and public programming; exhibitions; training; or efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies into their overall institutional effectiveness.

**Award Information:** MFA grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000

**Cost Share Information:** In order to receive a MFA grant, you must provide funds from non-federal sources in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of the grant.

**Eligibility Information:** be either a unit of State or local government or a private nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code; be located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau; and qualify as one of the following:

a museum that uses professional staff, is organized on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes; owns or uses tangible objects, either animate or inanimate; cares for these objects; and exhibits these objects to the general public on a regular basis through facilities that it owns or operates.

**Grant Posting:** <http://tinyurl.com/3kb7w3v>

## Community-based Marine Debris Removal

Department of Commerce

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Deadline: November 1, 2011

FON #: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2012-2003095

CFDA #: 11.463, Habitat Conservation

A principal objective of the NOAA Marine Debris Program is to provide federal financial and technical assistance to grass-roots, community-based activities that improve living marine resource habitats through the removal of marine debris and promote stewardship and a conservation ethic for NOAA trust resources. NOAA trust resources include living marine resources and their habitats, including commercial and recreational fishery resources (marine fish and shellfish); coastal habitats; diadromous fish species; endangered and threatened marine species; marine mammals and marine turtles; marshes, mangroves, seagrass beds, coral reefs, other coastal habitats; areas identified by NOAA Fisheries as essential fish habitat (EFH); and areas within EFH identified as Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC). NOAA trust resources can also include marine habitats and resources associated with National Marine Sanctuaries, National Estuarine Research Reserves, and areas under state coastal management programs, including areas within the Great Lakes.

The program aims to foster collaboration among diverse entities and groups (e.g., public and nonprofit organizations, citizen and watershed groups, anglers, boaters, industry, corporations and businesses, youth conservation corps, students, landowners, academics, and local, state, and federal government agencies) in order to cooperatively implement safe, impactful, and cost-effective marine debris removal projects. In order to track project success, funded projects will need to be able to report the total amount of debris removed, total area cleaned or restored, types of debris encountered, and volunteer hours involved.

**Award Information:** up to \$2,000,000 is expected to be available. Typical project awards will range from \$15,000 to \$150,000

**Cost Sharing:** A major goal of the NOAA Marine Debris Program is to provide seed money to projects that leverage funds and other contributions from a broad public and private sector to implement locally important marine debris removal activities to benefit living marine resources. To this end, the MDRPR Act requires applicants to provide a minimum 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching contributions to NOAA funds requested to conduct the proposed project. In addition to formal match, NOAA strongly encourages applicants to leverage as much additional investment as possible.

**Eligibility Information:** Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (for-profit) organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments whose projects have the potential to benefit NOAA trust resources. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Interested federal agencies are strongly encouraged to work with states, non-governmental organizations, national service clubs or youth corps organizations, and others that are eligible to apply

**Grant Posting:** <http://tinyurl.com/6495cof>

## National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works FY 2012

National Endowment for the Arts

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Deadline: November 8, 2011

FON#: 2012NEAORA

CFDA #: 45.024

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

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

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

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

### **Eligibility Information:**

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

### **Funding Information:**

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

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

### **Program Contact:**

Email: [nearesearchgrants@arts.gov](mailto:nearesearchgrants@arts.gov)

### **Grant Posting:**

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

### **Program Information:**

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

## Brownfields Assessment Grants, FY2012

Environmental Protection Agency

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Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 PM

FON#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-05

CFDA #: 66.818

Assessment grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfields, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, and conducting site assessments and cleanup planning related to brownfield sites. Assessment grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanups. Assessment grants for individual applicants can be either community-wide or site-specific. Community-wide proposals are appropriate when a specific site is not identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on more than one brownfield in its community. Site-specific proposals are appropriate when a specific site has been identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on this one site only. The performance period for assessment grants is three years.

There are three different funding categories within this grant:

- **Community Wide Assessment** – allows communities to assess presence of brownfields across an entire community.
- **Site-Specific Assessment** – used to assess danger and cleanup options at a specific site.
- **Coalition Assessment** – one lead applicant applies on behalf of a coalition of municipalities or

### Eligibility Information:

State, County, City or Township Governments; Special District Governments; Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of a local government; Redevelopment Agencies; Indian Tribes.

### Funding Information:

- Awards are up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances, and \$200,000 for potential petroleum contamination.
- Applicants may combine request for hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding into one proposal if both types of funding will address the same target community.
- Coalitions may apply for up to \$1,000,000 in funding.
- There is NO cost share requirement for this grant.

### Program Contact:

EPA Region 4: FL, AL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN – [Vorsatz.Philip@epa.gov](mailto:Vorsatz.Philip@epa.gov) – 404-562-8789

EPA Region 6: TX, AR, LA, NM, OK, TX – [Ruhl.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Lisa@epa.gov) – 214.665.6560

EPA Region 9: CA, AZ, HI, NV, AS, GU – [Amaro.Laurie@epa.gov](mailto:Amaro.Laurie@epa.gov) – 415-972-3364

### Grant Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/4x9pva8>

### Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/6bx64ko>

## Brownfields Cleanup Grants, FY2012

Environmental Protection Agency

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Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 PM

FON#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-07

CFDA #: 66.818

Cleanup grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at specific brownfield sites owned by the applicant. An individual applicant can apply for up to \$200,000 per brownfield site and can submit up to three site-specific cleanup proposals. A separate proposal must be submitted for each site. An applicant may request up to \$200,000 to address hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination at a specified site. An applicant requesting both hazardous substance and petroleum cleanup funding at the same site must submit one proposal, which cannot exceed \$200,000 total. If the hazardous substance and petroleum contaminated areas of the site are distinguishable the proposal must indicate the dollar amount of funding requested for each type of contamination and respond to both the hazardous substance and petroleum eligibility questions. If the petroleum and hazardous substances are not easily distinguishable, the applicant must indicate which contaminant is predominant and respond to the appropriate site eligibility criteria. (Contact your Regional Coordinator listed below for more information). Properties eligible for hazardous substance funding are those properties with the presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and properties that are contaminated with controlled substances or that are mine-scarred lands. Proposals must indicate the dollar amount of funding requested for each type of contamination.

### Eligibility Information:

An applicant must be the sole owner of the site.

State, County, City or Township Governments; Special District Governments; Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of a local government; Redevelopment Agencies; Indian Tribes.

### Funding Information:

- The EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 90 cleanup grants, totaling to \$18 million.
- Individual applicants can apply for up to \$200,000 per brownfield site.
- Cost share requirement for this grant is 20% non-federal.

### Program Contact:

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### Grant Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/5szd3g4>

### Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5s4beho>

## Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant

Environmental Protection Agency

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Deadline: November 28, 2011 at 11:59 PM

FON#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-06

CFDA #: 66.818

Revolving loan funds (RLF) are generally used to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for brownfields cleanups. An RLF grant recipient must use at least 50% of the awarded funds to capitalize and implement a revolving loan fund. An RLF grant recipient may use no more than 50% of the awarded funds for sub-grants and may not sub-grant to itself. RLF grants provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which to provide loans and sub-grants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. An individual applicant, who does not have an active Brownfields RLF Grant, can apply for up to \$1,000,000. Funds may be used to clean up sites contaminated with petroleum and/or hazardous substances. Sites where hazardous substances and petroleum contamination are distinguishable must meet eligibility requirements for both types of funding. If the petroleum and hazardous substances are not easily distinguishable, the site must meet eligibility requirements for the predominant contaminant. Sites eligible for hazardous substance funding are those properties with the presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and sites that are contaminated with controlled substances or that are mine-scarred lands. The proposal must indicate the dollar amount of funding requested for each type of contamination. The performance period is five years for RLF grants.

### Eligibility Information:

- Coalitions of eligible entities may submit proposals for an RLF grant. Coalitions of eligible entities may apply together under one applicant for up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity
- State, County, City or Township Governments; Special District Governments; Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of a local government; Redevelopment Agencies; Indian Tribes.

### Funding Information:

- A total of eight grants will be allocated.
- Individual municipalities may apply for up to \$1,000,000 in funding.
- There is a 20% cost share requirement with this grant (a \$1,000,000 RLF grant requires a local match of \$250,000).

### Program Contact:

EPA Region 4: FL, AL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN – [Vorsatz.Philip@epa.gov](mailto:Vorsatz.Philip@epa.gov) – 404-562-8789

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### Grant Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/5sr7e7v>

### Program Information:

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

## Design for Accessibility

National Endowment for the Arts

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Deadline: December 1, 2011

FO#: NEAPS1201

CFDA #: 45.02

The vision of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is a nation in which the arts enrich the lives of all Americans and enhance the livability of communities. The NEA's Office of Accessibility is an advocacy-technical assistance arm of the Arts Endowment whose mission is to make the arts more accessible to all Americans, including people with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and people living in institutional settings. It also helps cultural organizations comply with the Arts Endowment's Section 504 regulations and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes may apply. While partnerships are encouraged, the lead applicant must meet the following requirements for eligibility:

Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements" at the time of application.

Have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date(s) for all Arts Endowment award(s) previously received.

Have at least a three-year history of cultural accessibility programming

**Award Information:**

\$180,000

**Contact:**

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Accessibility Specialist

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**Grants.gov Posting**

<http://tinyurl.com/3qvus8ba>

**Grant Posting Information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/3mv7o3d>

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

Environmental Protection Agency

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Deadline: December 22, 2011

FON#: EPA-G2012-P3-Q5

CFDA #: 66.516

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Awards program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the planet, and improved quality of life for its people-- people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability. The EPA offers the P3 competition in order to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability. Please see the [P3 website](#) for more details about this program.

## Eligibility Information:

Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education

## Funding Information:

- Estimated Number of Awards: Approximately 40 awards for Phase I; Approximately 5 awards for Phase II.
- Anticipated Funding Amount: Approximately \$1,050,000 total for all Phase I & II grant awards.
- Potential Funding per Award: Up to \$15,000 per Phase I grant including direct and indirect costs. Proposals for Phase I grants must be for only one year.
- Proposals for Phase I grants requesting an award of more than \$15,000 will not be considered. Proposals for Phase II grants requesting an award of more than \$90,000 will not be considered.
- Cost-sharing is not required for either Phase I or Phase II grants.

## Program Contact:

- Eligibility Contact: [James Gentry](mailto:gentry.james@epa.gov) (gentry.james@epa.gov); phone: 703-347-8093
- Electronic Submissions: [Todd Peterson](mailto:peterson.todd@epa.gov) (peterson.todd@epa.gov); phone: 703-308-7224
- Technical Contacts: [Cynthia L. Nolt-Helms](mailto:nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov) (nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov); phone: 703-347-8102  
OR: [Gregory Lank](mailto:lank.gregory@epa.gov) (lank.gregory@epa.gov); phone: 703-347-8128

## Grant Posting:

<http://tinyurl.com/43ez98v>

## Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3rpvo45>

## Solid Waste Management Grant

USDA

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Deadline: December 31, 2011

FON#: RDUP-SWMGRANT-100111-FY12

To evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources. Provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills. Provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream. Provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development and implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

### **Eligibility Information:**

Private nonprofit organizations with tax exempt status designated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Public Bodies.

Federally acknowledged or State recognized Native American tribe or group.

Academic Institutions.

Organizations must be incorporated by December 31 of the year the application period occurs to be eligible for funds. Private businesses, Federal agencies, and individuals are ineligible for these grants. Applicants must also have the proven ability; background; experience, as evidenced by the organization's satisfactory completion of project(s) similar to those proposed; legal authority; and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations as provided in 1775.63. Associations are defined as an entity, including a small city or town, that is eligible for Rural Utilities Service (RUS) water and waste financial assistance in accordance with RUS Regulation 1780, part 7. To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must either:

## National Digital Newspaper Program

National Endowment for the Humanities

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Deadline: January 17, 2012

FON#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-06

CFDA #: 45.149

NEH is soliciting proposals from institutions to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP is creating a national, digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1836 and 1922, from all the states and U.S. territories. This searchable database will be permanently maintained at the Library of Congress (LC) and be freely accessible via the Internet. (See the website, [Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#).) An accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information on the website directs users to newspaper titles available in all types of formats. During the course of its partnership with NEH, LC will also digitize and contribute to the NDNP database a significant number of newspaper pages drawn from its own collections. One organization within each U.S. state or territory will receive an award to collaborate with relevant state partners in this effort.

### Eligibility Information:

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 with or without a 501(c)(3)

Private institutions of higher education

### Funding Information:

Cooperative agreements of up to \$350,000 each for a two-year period

### Program Contact:

National Digital Newspaper Program

Room 411 – Division of Preservation and Access

National Endowment for the Humanities

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW \ Washington, DC 20506

202-606-8570

[preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov)

### Grant Posting:

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

### Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/n3we96>

Insider tip: Over a period of two years, successful applicants will select newspapers – published in their state or territory between 1836 and 1922 – and convert approximately 100,000 pages into digital files (primarily from microfilm). Applicants may select titles published in English, French, Italian, or Spanish. More languages will be added in future years.

## Digital Humanities Implementation Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

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Deadline: January 24, 2012

FON#: 20120124-HK

CFDA #: 45.169

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

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

### Eligibility Information:

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

### Funding Information:

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

### Program Contact:

Contact the NEH Office of Digital Humanities:

Email: [ODH@neh.gov](mailto:ODH@neh.gov)

### Grant Posting:

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

### Program Information:

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

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

## National Leadership Grants

Institute of Museum and Library Services

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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

### **Contact for Libraries:**

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### **Contact for Museums:**

Helen Wechsler, Senior Program Officer

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### **Additional Grant Information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/y3p96c>

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum Professionals

Institute of Museum and Library Services

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Deadline: March 15, 2012

CFDA: 45.307

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

### **Contact:**

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### **Grant Posting Information:**

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

## National Special Security Event Grant

U.S Department of Homeland Security

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Deadline: June 30, 2012 – 11:59 p.m. EST

FON #: DHS-11-GPD-126-000-01

CFDA: 97.126

The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program is to provide supplemental federal assistance to State, Tribal and local governments for certain actual costs of providing emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE.

### **Award Information:**

The total amount of funds available for the FY 2011 National Special Security Event Grant is \$7,485,00. There is no cost match

### **Eligibility Information:**

All 56 States and territories that host an NSSE that will occur prior to September 30, 2012, are eligible to apply for NSSE Grant funds. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit applications to FEMA for FY 2011 NSSE Grant funds. Applications shall be for costs that support an event-specific to the Operational Security Plan developed in coordination with the interagency NSSE Executive Steering Committee.

### **Grant.gov Posting Information:**

<http://tinyurl.com/637uzov>

### **Grant Posting:**

<http://tinyurl.com/453gvry>

## Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Economic Development Agency

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Deadline: Rolling

FON#: 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

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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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