

The Federal Grants Alert

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Federal Grants Alert

Foreword

Welcome to the September 2010 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.

This issue of the FGA is packed with an impressive number of new grants. The grants listed here are a pre-screened selection of only those in which local governments are eligible. Some of the larger and more interesting programs new this month include the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants, the Brownfields Assessment Grants, and the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Program.

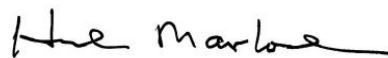
Please let us know if you would like assistance in applying for a federal grant. A Marlowe & Company team can assist you in developing the grant application and also work closely with your Congressional delegation to ensure you have their support when you submit your application.

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.



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 our 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

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:

- ❖ An orange "New" graphic in the upper left. This graphic makes it easy to find grant opportunities that were not in the previous issue of the Federal Grants Alert.
- ❖ A selection of between one and four relevant special information boxes which convey important information about the grant. You can see all six varieties of these boxes below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grant news in brief



HUD Announces \$189 Million Available to Revitalize Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced Aug 25 that it is making \$189 million in grants available to transform public and assisted housing and to revitalize communities. Two revitalization initiatives will receive this funding: The Choice Neighborhoods FY 2010 and the HOPE VI FY 2010.

The pilot year Choice Neighborhoods competitive program will award up to \$65 million to public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity to extend neighborhood transformation efforts beyond public and/or assisted housing, to link housing revitalization with education reform and early childhood education. ◇



HHS Awards \$31 million more for prevention and wellness projects

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced \$31 million for awards to ten communities in eight states and one award to a state health department to support public health efforts to reduce obesity and smoking, increase physical activity and improve nutrition.

The awards funded by the Prevention and Public Health Fund included in the Affordable Care Act are part of the HHS Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) program, a comprehensive prevention and wellness initiative administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ◇



Community Development Block Grants: Entitlement Communities' and States' Methods of Distributing Funds Reflect Program Flexibility

From a review of all 50 states' methods of distribution described in annual actions plans, GAO found that states used a formula, competition, open application, or a combination of methods to distribute funds to non-entitlement communities. Most states used a combination of competitive and open application processes. The five states in GAO's sample evaluated applications to some degree against state priorities, which reflected a variety of needs assessments. States using some competitive distribution processes also incorporated their priorities into the scoring of applicants. All five states communicated their methods of distribution to non-entitlement communities and the public through their required annual plans and additional publications, workshops, and intergovernmental organizations. All agreed that their states clearly communicated their distribution process. ◇

Finding federal funding for libraries

By Toby Hicks



A task that lobbyists and grant specialists routinely perform for local government clients is strategic council of sources funding to determine the best path to pursue. The following is an example of this for projects related to libraries. Congressionally

directed spending through appropriations accounts are examined first with grant opportunities following.

Congressionally Directed Spending

Library earmarks are most commonly pursued through the *Labor, Health and Human Services Bill; Institute of Museum and Library Services Section; Museums & Libraries Account*. In 2010, this single account provided earmarks to 57 projects nationwide. These earmarks are predominantly for exhibits, programmatic functions, technology upgrades, and rarely infrastructure changes.

Library earmarks can also be pursued through the *Transportation Housing and Urban Development Bill; Housing and Urban Development Section; Economic Development Initiatives Account*. Although these earmarks are more competitive to pursue, the funding can be used for a broader array of functions with more of an emphasis on infrastructure.

Lastly, some library earmarks have been gained through the *Financial Services Bill; Small Business Administration Section* and *Labor, Health and Human Services Bill; Health and Human Services Section; Education Account*. However, this funding has been directed to very specific programmatic functions.

Grant Opportunities

There are many federal library grants available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services for many types of upgrade and programmatic

functions. Almost all of these grant deadlines have passed for 2010, but the 2011 rounds will begin soliciting applications in a few months.

Additionally there may be an opportunity to secure funding through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural development grants. These are to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. Grant assistance may be available for up to 75% of project costs.

There are also substantial grant funding opportunities from the Department of Education for Local Education Authority (LEA) funds. If the library in question is associated with education these funds may be pursuable. Examples are:

- The Impact Aid Discretionary Grant Program which was designed to provide grants for emergency repairs and modernization of school facilities. This program consisted of \$17,509,000 distributed among 11 awards. The deadline was unfortunately July 6th.
- The Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program which was designed to aid purchasing up-to-date school library media resources; acquiring and using advanced technology that is integrated into the curricula of the school; facilitating Internet links and other resource-sharing networks; providing professional development for school library media specialists; providing activities that foster increased collaboration among library specialists, teachers, and administrators; and providing students with access to school libraries during non-school hours. This program consisted of \$18,570,000 distributed among 53 awards. ◇



Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Department of Homeland Security – FEMA

Deadline: Sep 17, 2010

FOA#: DHS-10-GPD-083-000-01

The Department of Homeland Security – FEMA is currently soliciting applications for its Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), which provides financial assistance to help fire departments increase their cadre of frontline firefighters or to rehire firefighters that have been laid off. This program will consist of \$420,000,000 distributed among 400 awards.

The program's goal is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities so they may respond to emergencies whenever they occur, assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) Hiring of Firefighters and (2) Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters.

FEMA contact:

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Help Desk

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00084>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00083>

Insider tip: The highest consideration for funding is given to departments to rehire laid-off firefighters. After this, the programs priorities are the retention of firefighters who may face layoffs in the future, and the filling of positions that were vacated through attrition but not filled due to economic circumstances. Hiring new firefighters is the lowest program priority, but is still funded.

Grant attributes: This year, cost-share was eliminated and there is flexibility in the salary limits. Last year the majority of program funds, over 50%, went to departments staffed by paid/career firefighters.

Previous grants: A database of the 2009 SAFER grant awards is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00085>

Challenge Cost Share

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 30, 2010

FOA#: FWS-R1-RW-10-CCS

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its Challenge Cost Share Program, which is designed to provide funds for the inventory and control of invasive species, habitat restoration, conservation, outreach and environmental education opportunities. This program will consist of \$700,000 distributed among 30 awards.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00066>

How they did it: The Missouri Department of Conservation successfully received Challenge Cost Share funding for conservation efforts in the Mingo Basin area. They emphasized that this is one of Missouri's last remaining cypress-tupelo swamps, and home to green treefrogs and western mudsnakes which are species of conservation concern. Additionally, Challenge Cost Share funding accompanied multiple other sources for a competitive local cost share match. The funding went to restore natural hydrologic conditions, control invasive plants and animals, introduce alligator gar, reduce stream sedimentation and soil erosion, among other tasks.

Grant Attributes: Eligible applicants include local governments in the Pacific Northwest region (Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). There is a 50% cost share requirement.

Previous grants:

- restoration of wetland at Laguna Cartagena NWR
- restoration of subtropical dry forest at refuges in the Caribbean
- monitoring/inventories of coral reef ecosystems and the Navassa NWR
- development of interpretative trails
- restoration of endangered species habitat
- hydrologic monitoring of watersheds

Fiscal Year 2010 Endangered Species Candidate Conservation Action Funds

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 29, 2010
FOA#: FWS-ES-BCC-10

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its Fiscal Year 2010 Endangered Species Candidate Conservation Action Funds program, which provides Federal financial assistance on a competitive basis to secure information about endangered, threatened or candidate species, to aid in the recovery of these species, to avert listing of species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and to help conserve the ecosystems upon which these species depend. This program will consist of approximately \$1.3 million divided among 25 projects.

The overall goal of this Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking endangered and threatened species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. This opportunity provides funds to accomplish high priority conservation tasks for high priority, FWS-managed, candidate and at-risk species in the United States (based on our annual Candidate Species Assessments), such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00029>
And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00030>

Insider tip: These are generally small-scale projects, or funds meant to be supplemented locally. The average award is \$20,000 and the highest award from this program was \$140,000.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 30, 2010

FOA#: PARTNERS-10

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, which is designed to provide direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in restoring, enhancing, and managing fish and wildlife habitats on their own lands. This program will consist of \$60 million among 1,000 awards.

This announcement is not a solicitation for grant proposals. It is a goal of the program to secure at least 50 percent of project costs from non-FWS sources, but this goal applies to the national program as a whole, and does not have to be achieved on a project-by-project basis. Funding above \$25,000 for an individual project must be approved at the Washington Office level.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00031>

Grant Attributes: Projects must be located on private lands.

Insider tip: These are generally small-scale projects, or funds meant to be supplemented locally.

FY 2010 Recovery Implementation Fund

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 30, 2010
FOA#: FWS-ES-RI-2010

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its FY 2010 Recovery Implementation Fund, which provides Federal financial assistance on a competitive basis to secure information about endangered, threatened or candidate species, to aid in the recovery of these species, to avert listing of species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and to help conserve ecosystems upon which these species depend. This program consists of approximately \$14 million among 25 projects.

This funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States, and is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species' approved recovery plan, in the implementation schedule of a species' approved recovery plan, actions recommended in a completed 5-year status review of the species, or projects documenting species' response to climate change. For example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00032>
And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00033>

Insider tip: Successful applicants will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the biology of the involved endangered or threatened species in the United States and their ecosystem, including preferably having worked with the species in the field and holding a currently valid Endangered Species Act permit, issued by the FWS, authorizing them to work with these species.

Coastal Program

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 30, 2010

FOA#: COASTAL-10

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its Coastal Program, which is designed to provide technical and financial assistance via partnerships to identify, protect, and restore or improve habitats in priority coastal areas for fish and wildlife. This program will consist of \$16 million divided among projects ranging between \$5 thousand and \$50 thousand.

Coastal ecosystems comprise less than 10 percent of the Nation's land area, but support far greater proportions of our living resources. Coastal areas support a much higher percentage of the Nation's threatened and endangered species, fishery resources, migratory songbirds, and migrating and wintering waterfowl. The FWS welcomes your participation in the Coastal Program. This announcement is not a solicitation for grant proposals. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of pursuing a cooperative agreement for habitat assessment, protection, and/or restoration, or simply receiving technical advice, the first step is contacting your local Coastal Program coordinator.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The FWS Coastal Program website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00034>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00035>

Previous grants:

- In Rowley, RI a Coastal Program grant's funds were used as a supplement to remove the Lower Ox Pasture Dam which had blocked the tidal flow and degraded the habitat for a number of species of fish and plants.
- In Walton County, FL a Coastal Program grant's funds were used as a supplement to plant cordgrass and needlerush along Cessna Park's water edge.

National Fish Passage Program

Fish and Wildlife Service

Deadline: Oct 1, 2010

FOA#: FWS-FWMA-NEFP

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is currently soliciting applications for its 2010 National Fish Passage Program, which is designed to provide funding for habitat restoration through the National Fish Passage Program. This program will consist of \$10 million among approximately 500 awards.

FWS employees work with local communities and partner agencies to restore natural flows and fish migration by removing or bypassing barriers. Fish passage is important to allow fish access to spawning, nursery, and rearing habitat. Perched culverts and sediment inputs are common problems that impact fish passage at road stream crossings. Dams and other artificial barriers can also interfere with the movement patterns of fish. Partnerships with Federal, State and local governments and conservation groups are important to conducting on-the-ground habitat protection, enhancement and restoration projects. Projects allow fish passage for lake sturgeon, brook trout, and other important species.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The FWS Fish Passage Program webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00036>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00037>

Insider tip: There is an average match of \$3 in partner funding for each Federal dollar.

Previous grants:

- repairing the Antelope Creek fish ladder at Edwards Diversion Dam, CA through construction of a new pool and weir ladder.
- monitoring of eel migration through hydropower dams on the Shenandoah River, MD in order to refine power practices to reduce eel mortality
- two culverts by the Wasatch National Forest were replaced with larger ones to increase accessibility for the Colorado River cutthroat trout in Utah

Digital Humanities Start-up Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: Oct 5, 2010

FOA#: 20101005-HD

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is currently soliciting applications for its Digital Humanities Start-up Grants, which are designed to award relatively small planning stages grants to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. This program will consist of 150 awards ranging between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve: research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities; planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education utilizing both traditional and new media; and new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The NEH program webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00038>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00039>

Insider tip: A local government's best shot at obtaining funding from the America's Media Makers grant program is to cooperate with an area organization or person with specialized knowledge of the project's subject. Grants can be used for example to plan and develop new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets.

Archives- Detailed Processing Projects

National Archives and Records Administration

Deadline: Oct 7, 2010

FOA#: DETAILED-201010

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is currently soliciting applications for its Archives- Detailed Processing Projects Program, which is designed to fund detailed processing and preservation of collections of national significance. This program will provide 10 awards of up to \$200,000.

The collections also should have high research demand or substantial preservation challenges. For collections of fragile textual materials, applicants may apply for grants in support of preservation reformatting. Applicants may propose limited digitization of series or items that have the most potential to benefit a broad public, or that provide illustrations of the type of records and documents found in the series and collection.

Eligible applicants include local governments. To apply in this category, repositories must have virtually all of their collections processed sufficiently so that researchers can find them through online searches, and they must have procedures in place to prevent the creation of new backlogs. If the applicant has not achieved these goals, it is ineligible for this category and should review the NHPRC's Archives - Basic Projects grant announcement.

NARA contact:

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The National Archives and Records Administration webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00040>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00041>

Related Grants: This opportunity is the more advanced version of the Basic Projects program on the next page.

Archives - Basic Projects

National Archives and Records Administration

Deadline: Oct 7, 2010

FOA#: BASIC-201010

The National Archives and Records Administration is currently soliciting applications for its Archives - Basic Projects Program, which is designed to fund fundamental archival activities promote the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage. This program will provide 25 awards of up to \$200,000.

Activities included under Basic Projects may be any one or combination of the following: 1) Basic Processing, 2) Preservation Planning, 3) Collections Development, and/or 4) Establishing Archives.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The National Archives and Records Administration webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00042>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00043>

Related Grants: This opportunity is the less advanced version of the Detailed Processing Projects program on the previous page.



Brownfields Assessment Grants

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: Oct 15, 2010

FOA#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-10-09

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently soliciting applications for its Brownfields Assessment Grants, which provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. This program will consist of \$52,400,000 distributed among 185 awards.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The EPA website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00086>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00087>

Related Grants: EPA makes available a trio of brownfields grant opportunities. Examine the Revolving Loan Fund Grants and the Brownfields Cleanup Grants as well.

Insider tip: Unlike some programs which require application to a list prior to an application for grant funding, EPA brownfields grants appraise the site's eligibility during the application process. Brownfield's law describes eligible sites as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

Previous grants:

- A searchable database of EPA Brownfields grants can be accessed here <http://tinyurl.com/fga00088>
- EPA has provided a set of over 40 Brownfield Assessment Grant success stories that can be accessed here <http://tinyurl.com/fga00089>

Related Grants: EPA makes available multiple grant programs for brownfields situations. The grants are designed to make funds available for different project needs. A list of relevant brownfields funding opportunities can be found here <http://tinyurl.com/fqa00090>



Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: Oct 15, 2010

FOA#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-10-10

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently soliciting applications for its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants, which provides funds for grant recipients to capitalize a revolving fund and to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. This program will consist of \$11,000,000 distributed among 11 awards.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The EPA website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00106>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00100>

Related Grants: EPA makes available a trio of brownfields grant opportunities. Examine the Brownfields Cleanup Grants and the Brownfields Assessment Grants as well.

How they did it: The Austin Brownfields Redevelopment Office provided \$500,000 in EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund funding to the City of Austin. The Mabel Davis property operated as a gravel quarry until 1944; from 1944-1955, the site was used as a municipal waste landfill. It is suspected that illegal dumping occurred after the landfill's closure. In 1974, the City purchased the property in order to clean up and redevelop it into a park; after remediating the site, it formally opened as a park in 1979. Cleanup was completed in November of 2005. This included removing contaminated soil in some locations and capping soil in others. The creek was rebuilt and battery casings, the source of the lead-contaminated soil, were removed by hand. On December 3, 2005, Mabel Davis Park officially opened. The park includes a basketball court, Olympic-sized swimming pool, playscape, picnic area, skate park, and 30 acres of open greenspace.



Brownfields Cleanup Grants

Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: Oct 15, 2010

FOA#: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-10-11

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently soliciting applications for its Brownfields Cleanup Grants, which provides funds to carry out cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant. This program will consist of \$29,500,000 distributed among 147 awards.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The EPA website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00107>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00101>

Grant Attributes: Applicants can apply for up to \$200,000 per site. Cleanup grants require a 20 percent cost share

Related Grants: EPA makes available a trio of brownfields grant opportunities. Examine the Revolving Loan Fund Grants and the Brownfields Assessment Grants as well.



FY 2011 High Priority Grant Opportunity

Department of Transportation

Deadline: Oct 15, 2010

FOA#: FM-MHP-11-001

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently soliciting applications for its FY 2011 High Priority Grant Opportunity, which 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. This program will consist of \$15,000,000 distributed among 65 awards.

For detailed requirements refer to:

The Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00102>

FY 2011 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program New Entrant Funding

Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Deadline: Oct 15, 2010

FOA#: FM-MNE-11-001

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is currently soliciting applications for its FY 2011 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) New Entrant Funding grants, which provide financial assistance to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV). This program will consist of \$29,000,000 distributed among 51 awards.

For detailed requirements refer to:

The DOT MCSA website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00080>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00081>

Insider tip: This program's funding levels have increased in recent years to be consistent with Secretary Ray LaHood's priority of increasing safety and training programs.



Choice Neighborhoods Initiative – Round 1 NOFA

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deadline: Oct 26, 2010

FOA#: FR-5415-N-25

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently soliciting applications for its Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, which provides funds to revitalize severely distressed public and/or assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. This program will consist of \$65,000,000 distributed among an unknown number of awards.

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The HUD website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00108>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00103>

Insider tip: Choice Neighborhoods was authorized for \$65 million in Fiscal Year 2010; \$250 million has been requested for fiscal year 2011. The program has existed for 17 years. This will hopefully be a program that continues to grow over time.

Community-based Marine Debris Removal Project Grants

Department of Commerce & the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Deadline: Nov 1, 2010

FOA#: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2011-2002657

The Department of Commerce (DOC) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is currently soliciting applications for its Community-based Marine Debris Removal Project Grants, which is designed to catalyze the implementation of locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention, assessment and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources. This program will provide \$2,000,000 for between 8 and 130 awards of \$15,000 to \$250,000.

With this grant program, NOAA has funded 50 marine debris removal projects and removed more than 1,500 metric tons of marine debris from U.S. oceans since 2006.

NOAA contact:

Steve Drescher

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For detailed requirements refer to:

The NOAA program webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00044>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00045>

Insider tip: Marine debris is any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.

Related Grants: The NOAA offers another program, the Marine Debris Prevention and Outreach Partnership Grant whose goal is similar to the above program but geared towards multi-year national and regional partnerships.

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: Nov 16, 2010

FOA#: 20101116-PF

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is currently soliciting applications for its Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grants, which helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. This program will provide \$400,000 for 40 awards.

Projects should consider the following factors: the nature of the materials in a collection; the performance of the building, its envelope, and its systems in moderating internal environmental conditions; the capabilities of the institution; the nature of the local climate and the effects of climate change; the cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency of various approaches to preventive conservation; and the project's impact on the environment.

NEH contact:

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections, Division of
Preservation and Access

Phone: 202-606-8570

Email: preservation@neh.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The NEH webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00046>

And the grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00047>

How they did it: The City of Ontario, CA applied for this grant in cooperation with the local Museum of History and Art. Their application as broken into Introduction, Institutional Profile, Significance of Collections, Current Conditions, History of Project, Methods and Standards, Workplan, and Project Team Sections. In this case the application had special merit because not only did it propose to sustain a cultural heritage collection, but the collection was housed in a national register of historic places (NRHP) designated building. The application reviewed current storage, environmental, and other conditions and also previous preservation actions that the City and Museum had taken. If you would like to review the entire City of Ontario application minus budget, letters of commitment, and resumes, it is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00067>

Insider tip: This year there is a focus on promoting sustainable preservation strategies which balance preservation effectiveness, cost, and environmental impact.



Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Deadline: Nov 17, 2010

FOA#: USDA-NIFA-CFP-003304

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is currently soliciting applications for its Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program, which provides funds to meet the food needs of low-income people, increase the nutritional self-reliance of communities, and/or meet local goals for the same. This program will consist of \$5,000,000 distributed among 16 awards.

USDA contact:

NIFA Help Desk

202-401-5048

Email: electronic@nifa.usda.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The USDA website at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00109>

And the Grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00104>

Grant Attributes: Local governments are NOT eligible to apply for this grant; only nonprofit entities are. However, local governments are able to partner or even encourage local nonprofits to apply. In addition, local governments' foundations would likely be eligible to apply.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Deadline: Dec 03, 2010

FOA#: DHS-11-MT-029-000-99

The Department of Homeland Security - FEMA is currently soliciting applications for its Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program, which is designed to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program will provide \$30,000,000 divided among 50 awards.

FEMA provides FMA funds to assist States and communities implement measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insured under the NFIP. Projects or initiatives that are eligible for funding under this announcement may involve geospatial (GIS) issues.

Three types of FMA grants are available: 1) planning grants to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans, 2) project grants to implement measures to reduce flood losses, and 3) management cost grants for the State to help administer the FMA program and activities.

FEMA contact:

FEMA Call Center

Phone: 866-927-5646

Email: ASK-GMD@dhs.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The FEMA webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00048>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00049>

Related grants: All four of FEMA's HMA grants listed provide funding for flood-damage related projects.

Insider tip: The largest FY09 allocation totals by state were in the coastal states of Florida, Texas, Louisiana, New York, and New Jersey. However, no state received less than \$110,000 cumulative, so there is no reason to be discouraged from applying if you are not in one of the above states.

Grant Attributes: FEMA's HMA grants are provided to eligible Applicants (States/Tribes/Territories) that, in turn, provide subgrants to local governments and communities. The Applicant selects and prioritizes subapplications developed and submitted to them by subapplicants. These subapplications are submitted to FEMA for consideration of funding.

Similar appropriations: Funding with similar flood mitigation purpose as FMA grants can be pursued through various Corps of Engineers accounts. Marlowe & Company provides assistance to pursue funding from these and other accounts.

Repetitive Flood Claims Grant

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Deadline: Dec 03, 2010

FOA#: DHS-11-MT-029-000-99

The Department of Homeland Security - FEMA is currently soliciting applications for its Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) grant in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program. RFC grants are designed to reduce flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time. This grant will provide \$10,000,000 divided among 50 awards.

FEMA contact:

FEMA Call Center

Phone: 866-927-5646

Email: ASK-GMD@dhs.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The FEMA RFC webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00050>

The FEMA HMA webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00051>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00052>

Related grants: All four of FEMA's HMA grants listed provide funding for flood-damage related projects.

Grant Attributes: There may be no cost share requirement if the applicant shows the demonstrated activities cannot be funded under the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program.

Grant Attributes: FEMA's HMA grants are provided to eligible Applicants (States/Tribes/Territories) that, in turn, provide subgrants to local governments and communities. The Applicant selects and prioritizes subapplications developed and submitted to them by subapplicants. These subapplications are submitted to FEMA for consideration of funding.

How they did it: The Riverside Inn in Ozark, MO had dealt with flooding many times while remaining open on a flood plain for the previous 86 years. From 2002 to 2008 floods caused \$742,291 in National Flood Insurance Program insured damages to the Inn. However when flooding began to come more frequently -- three times in 2008 alone -- the owners requested that the county submit a grant application on their behalf. FEMA awarded a \$1.17 million RFC grant for acquisition of the property, asbestos abatement, and demolition costs.

Severe Repetitive Loss Grant

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Deadline: Dec 03, 2010

FOA#: DHS-11-MT-110-000-99

The Department of Homeland Security - FEMA is currently soliciting applications for its Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) grant in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program. SRL grants are designed to reduce flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time. This grant will provide \$100,000,000 divided among 50 awards.

FEMA contact:

FEMA Call Center

Phone: 866-927-5646

Email: ASK-GMD@dhs.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The FEMA SRL webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00053>

The FEMA HMA webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00054>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00055>

Grant Attributes: Cost share for SRL grants are 25%. This is reduced to 10% for regions with FEMA-approved Standard or Enhanced Mitigation Plans that include a strategy for mitigating existing and future SRL properties.

Related grants: All four of FEMA's HMA grants listed provide funding for flood-damage related projects.

Insider tip: There are twelve "SRL Tools" that FEMA makes available on the grant website that FEMA makes available to write a better application.

Grant Attributes: FEMA's HMA grants are provided to eligible Applicants (States/Tribes/Territories) that, in turn, provide subgrants to local governments and communities. The Applicant selects and prioritizes subapplications developed and submitted to them by subapplicants. These subapplications are submitted to FEMA for consideration of funding.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Deadline: Dec 03, 2010

FOA#: DHS-11-MT-047-000-99

The Department of Homeland Security - FEMA is currently soliciting applications for its Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program. PDM grants are designed to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. This grant will provide \$100,000,000 divided among 1000 awards.

FEMA contact:

FEMA Call Center

Phone: 866-927-5646

Email: ASK-GMD@dhs.gov

For detailed requirements refer to:

The FEMA PDM webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00076>

The FEMA HMA webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00054>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00077>

Related grants: All four of FEMA's HMA grants listed provide funding for flood-damage related projects.

Grant Attributes: FEMA's HMA grants are provided to eligible Applicants (States/Tribes/Territories) that, in turn, provide subgrants to local governments and communities. The Applicant selects and prioritizes subapplications developed and submitted to them by subapplicants. These subapplications are submitted to FEMA for consideration of funding.

Coastal Impact Assistance Programs

Department of the Interior

Deadline: Dec 31, 2010

The Department of the Interior (DOI) Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting applications for its 2010 round of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP grants are designed for the purpose of conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with these objectives; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; and, mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities.

MMS contact:

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For detailed requirements refer to:

CIAP for CA Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0016C

\$75,000,000 divided among 25 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00057>

CIAP for TX Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0011C

\$48,591,202 divided among 100 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00056>

CIAP for MS Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0012C

\$10,000,000 divided among 20 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00068>

CIAP for AL Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0013C

\$70,000,000 divided among 25 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00069>

CIAP for LA Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0002C

\$50,000,000 divided among 25 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00070>

CIAP for AK Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0010C

\$50,000,000 divided among 15 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00071>

Related grants: The Coastal Impact Assistance Program's funds have been divided into the eleven construction and non-construction programs listed below.

CIAP for CA Non-Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0016

\$24,735,130 divided among 200 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00058>

CIAP for MS Non-Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0012

\$23,819,815 divided among 200 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00072>

CIAP for AL Non-Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0013

\$70,000,000 divided among 50 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00074>

CIAP for LA Non-Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0002

\$120,000,000 divided among 200 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00075>

CIAP for AK Non-Construction Projects

FOA#: MMS10HQPA0010

\$37,471,876 divided among 200 awards.

Grants.gov posting at

<http://tinyurl.com/fga00073>

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 can't be used to help or bring larger business to a rural community.

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Economic Development Agency

Deadline: Rolling

FOA#: EDA06222009EDAP

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) is currently soliciting applications for its Economic Development Assistance Programs, which provide funding to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, accelerate new business development, and enhance the ability of regions to capitalize on opportunities presented by free trade. EDA expects to award a large number of grants in 2010 to further this goal.

Applications are specifically for the 1) Public Works; 2) Planning; 3) Local Technical Assistance; or 4) Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Information about the individual programs and their differences can be found in the links below.

For detailed requirements refer to:

The EDA program description page <http://tinyurl.com/fga00061>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00062>

Related grants: In late July the EDA Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund (GCCMIF) was replenished with \$14.7 million. The GCCMIF supports projects that foster economic competitiveness while enhancing environmental quality. This grant is listed earlier in the *Federal Grants Alert* as it has a deadline of September 30, 2010 for applications.

Insider tip: This is a very competitive grant program. When applying one should keep in mind that the time from when you complete the application until you receive the funds can be twelve months or longer because of the number of applications received under a rolling system.

Similar appropriations: The Economic Development Assistance programs fund projects in very broad categories. Many of the projects that are funded through this grant program could have also been funded through multiple different accounts – EDI, NI, STP, etc. Marlowe & Company provides assistance and expertise to pursue funding from these and other accounts.



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