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Foreword

Welcome to the September 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



FEMA Responds to Natural Disasters

The extreme flooding of the Midwest, Hurricane Irene, and several other natural disasters this year have pushed FEMA to the limit of its ability to respond and begin recovery efforts. On September 1st, President Obama's Administration asked Congress to include an additional \$5.2 billion in emergency disaster relief funding in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations bills. The Administration notes, however, that this funding does not include damages from the most recent natural disaster – Hurricane Irene.

The Budget Control Act of 2011, which is the laws that resulted from the debt ceiling negotiations in early August, allows for up to \$11.8 additional funds to be appropriated for disaster relief purposes. Congress is currently including additional emergency funding in appropriations bills for the upcoming fiscal year.

This additional funding is essential for FEMA because it now has a Disaster Relief Fund with a balance below the critical level of \$1 billion. Unfortunately, this means that FEMA has had to temporarily halt payments to long term restoration efforts resulting from the Midwest floods and tornados so that it could use remaining funds to pay for the immediate assistance necessary in the wake of Hurricane Irene and other tropical storms. President Obama is expected to revise his emergency

funding request in the coming weeks to account for damage caused by Hurricane Irene and other tropical storms.

For apply for FEMA and other federal dollars in the wake of a disaster, please visit disasterassistance.gov. To lean how the disaster assistance process works, [CLICK HERE](#) for FEMA's explanation of the Emergency Response Process, or contact your Marlowe & Company Team Leader ASAP!



\$417.3 million in Grants for State Highway Projects

On August 17th, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced \$417.3 million in grants to fun an array or projects ranging from interstate maintenance to research into innovative construction materials. In June, the Federal Highway Administration invited states so submit applications for fourteen grant applications; more than 1,800 applications were received from every State, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC.

Notable recipients include North Carolina, which received \$3.75 million for its top priority project to improve the I-40/I-77 interchange. In Florida, \$2.6 million went to design and construct the Sarasota County Advanced Traffic Management System to improve traffic flow. In total, California received \$29.6 million, Florida received more than \$13 million, North Carolina received \$8.2 million, and Texas received \$6.7 million.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Assistance for Firefighters Grants, SAFER Fire Grants (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Fire Prevention & Safety Grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

Deadline: **EXTENDED TO: September 16, 2011**

FO#: DHS-2011-GPD-044-000-99

In June, FEMA announced funding for new rounds of three of their popular grant programs that provide money to local government's emergency response. The AFG program has been a popular and successful grant program for the Department of Homeland Security since 2001, when the program was first created. The total money allocated to this program in FY2011 is \$810 million. Half of the funding, \$405 million, has been allocated to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program and the rest has been divided between the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) program (\$370 million) and the Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) grant program (\$35 million).

The SAFER grant program is intended to support local governments facing lowered budgets and decreased tax bases by providing the community with funding to retain fire fighters or other emergency personnel who otherwise would be laid off.

The AFG program grants money for staff training, vehicles, equipment, and other resources.

The FPS program is technically under the umbrella of the AFG program, but operates separately. The FPS program funds projects targeted to high-risk populations that reduce the threat of fire related injuries and deaths.

Eligible Applicants: Paid, volunteer and combination fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations from urban, suburban, and rural communities in the U.S. and its territories.

AFG information and application: <http://tinyurl.com/3hcjq3t>

Grant Posting: <http://tinyurl.com/43nc3r5>

AFG program staff will be available to answer your questions at the following events:

IAFF Redmond Symposium

August 14-18, 2011

Roundtable Workshop: Wednesday 8/17/2011, 3:30-5:00 pm

"Writing Winning Grants: Fire Act, AFG SAFER and Beyond"

<http://www.iaff.org/Events/2011Redmond/>

Fire-Rescue International

August 23-27, 2011 (Exhibits: August 26 & 27)

Georgia World Congress Center

Booth 71

Workshop: Friday, 8/26/2011, 10:30-12:00pm Room B407

Session WK109 "Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program"

<http://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/iafc/fri11/Public/MainHall.aspx?ID=2514>

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: September 27, 2011

FO#: 20110927-HD

CFDA: 45.169

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to support the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities.

Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities.

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.

Award Information:

Level I Grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Level II Grants: \$25,001 to \$50,000

No Cost Sharing or Matching Agreement Necessary

Eligibility Information:

State, County, and Local governments

Special District Governments

Non Profits Having 501(c)(3) status

Public and Private institutions of Higher Learning

Contact:

Contact the NEH Office of Digital Humanities:

Email: ODH@neh.gov

Grants.gov Posting

<http://tinyurl.com/3lzds9h>

Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/hmdof>

Summer Stipends for Advanced Research

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: September 29, 2011

CFDA: 45.160

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends support full-time continuous work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars. Organizations are not eligible to apply. NEH encourages submission of Summer Stipends applications from faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Institutions with High Hispanic Enrollment, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. The Summer Stipends program welcomes projects that respond to NEH's *Bridging Cultures* initiative. Such projects could focus on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might seek to enlarge Americans' understanding of other places and times, as well as other perspectives and intellectual traditions. American projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society. These projects might also investigate how Americans have approached and attempted to surmount seemingly unbridgeable cultural divides, or examine the ideals of civility and civic discourse that have informed this quest.

Summer Stipends may not be used for:

projects that seek to promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view; projects that advocate a particular program of social action; specific policy studies; research for doctoral dissertations or theses by students enrolled in a degree program; the preparation or revision of textbooks; curriculum development; the development of pedagogical tools (including teaching methods or theories); educational or technical impact assessments; the creation or enhancement of databases, unless part of a larger interpretive project; empirical social science research, unless part of a larger humanities project; inventories of collections; or works in the creative or performing arts (e.g., painting, writing fiction or poetry, dance performance, etc.).

Award Information:

Successful applicants will receive \$6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing.

Contact:

Summer Stipends Staff

stipends@neh.gov

202-606-8200

Grant Posting Information:

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

Grants.gov Posting Information:

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

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Fish & Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: COASTAL-11

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

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

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

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

Program Contact:

Christy Vigfusson

Fish and Wildlife Biologist - Grants

Washington Office

Phone 703-358-1748

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

Deadline: Sept 30, 2011

FON#: PARTNERS-11

CFDA #: 15.631

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

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

Local Coordinator Offices:

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

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

Funding Information:

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

Expected number of Awards: 1000

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

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Program Contact:

David Gordon

Fish and Wildlife biologist

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Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/mj362y>

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

Rail Transit Track Inspection Pilot Program

U.S. Department of Transportation

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2011

FO#: FTA-2011-022-TRI

This project has two main objectives: 1) to improve the safety of transit workers, specifically right-of-way safety for rail transit workers through demonstration of advanced track inspection techniques that limits the inspector's exposure to rail right of way by visually inspecting the condition of the tracks from a safe location and; 2) enhances the quality of inspection by increasing the inspection frequency and reporting of defects.

Eligibility Information: State and local government agencies, public and private transit agencies, universities, non-profit organizations, consultants, legally constituted public agencies, operators of public transportation services, and private for-profit organizations.

Award Information: \$500,000, Expected Number of Awards: 1

Cost Sharing or Matching: Federal transit funds are available to research projects at up to 100 percent of the project cost. However, priority may be given to projects that receive financial commitments from, or otherwise involve, state and local government, other public entities, or private or nonprofit entities

Contact:

Roy Chen

Program Manager

Federal Transit Administration

Office of Research

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202-366-0462

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Grant Posting Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/5t6ptlu>

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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:

Cim Weiss

MCSAP High Priority Grant Program Manager

Email: Cim.Weiss@dot.gov

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 13th 10am-12pm

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

Thursday, September 15th 3pm-5pm

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

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant Program

Fish and Wildlife Services

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

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

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

Deadline: November 1, 2011

FO #: 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

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

Grant Posting:

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

Program Information:

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

Digital Humanities Implementation Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

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

Deadline: February 1, 2012

National Leadership Grants support projects that have the potential to advance museum, library, and archival practice. The Institute also encourages grant proposals that promote the skills necessary to develop 21st century communities, citizens, and workers. Proposals should address key needs and challenges that face libraries, museums, and archives. Successful proposals will be innovative responses to these challenges and will have national impact. National Leadership Grants are divided into four main categories:

Research—Support research with the potential to improve museum, library, and archival practice, resource use, programs, and services. Both basic and applied research projects are encouraged.

Demonstration—Support projects that produce a replicable model or practice that is usable by other institutions for improving services and performance.

Library-Museum Collaboration Grants— Support collaborative projects (including, at a minimum, an eligible library organization and eligible museum organization) that address the educational, economic, cultural, and social needs of a community.

Eligibility Information:

Libraries and Museums are eligible to apply

Eligibility information for Libraries: <http://tinyurl.com/6j6f47o>

Eligibility Information for Museums: <http://tinyurl.com/5r4zefu>

Award Information:

Project Grants: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000

Planning Grants: up to \$50,000

National Forum Grants: up to \$100,000

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Additional Grant Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/y3p96c>

21st Century Museum Professionals

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: March 15, 2012

CFDA: 45.307 -- 21st Century Museum Professionals

Museum professionals need high levels of knowledge and expertise as they help create public value for the communities they serve. The purpose of the 21st Century Museum Professionals Grants program is to increase the capacity of museums by improving the knowledge and skills of museum professionals in multiple institutions. These grants are intended to reach broad groups of museum professionals throughout a city, county, state, region, or the nation. Grants fund a wide range of activities, including the development and implementation of classes, seminars, and workshops; resources to support leadership development; collection, assessment, development, and/or dissemination of information that leads to better museum operations; activities that strengthen the use of contemporary technology tools to deliver programs and services; support for the enhancement of pre-professional training programs; and organizational support for the development of internship and fellowship programs. National Leaders Grants are divided into four main categories:

Eligibility Information:

All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Eligible museums include aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks. Federally operated and for-profit museums may not apply for funds from the Institute. An eligible applicant must be:

More eligibility information is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/5r4zefu>

Award Information:

Grant amount: \$15,000-\$250,000 for up to 3 years

There is a cost-sharing requirement of 1-1

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Grant Posting Information:

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

PLEASE NOTE: This grant program has not yet opened and applications are not yet being accepted. Please check back in the coming months for application instructions.

Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs

Economic Development Agency

Deadline: Rolling

FO#: DIGITIZING-201106

CFDA# 11.302

Under this program, EDA provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDs). EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to the designated planning organization (e.g., District Organization) serving EDA-designated Economic Development Districts throughout the Nation. These planning organizations are typically recognized by the State in which they reside as multi-jurisdictional councils of governments, regional commissions, or planning and development centers. Planning Partnership grants enable planning organizations to manage and coordinate the development and implementation of CEDs to address the unique needs of their respective regions.

Eligibly Information:

(1) District Organizations; (2) Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) States, cities or other political subdivisions of a State, including special purpose units of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (5) public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

Detailed Grant Information:

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

Grant Posting Information:

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

Program Contact:

There are 6 regional offices and more than 30 local offices. For the EDA office nearest you, please visit EDA.gov or click on the "Detailed Requirements refer to:" link above for more information.

USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

United States Department of Agriculture

Deadline: Rolling

FOA#: RDBCP-09-RBEG-ARRA

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently soliciting applications for its Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Programs, which provide funding to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. USDA expects to award approximately 200 grants averaging \$99,000 and totaling \$200,000,000 million to rural areas. "Rural area" is defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.

For information concerning what RBEG grants may be used for should contact the USDA Rural Development State Office in the state where the project is located. RBEGs can often finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund business incubators, and help fund employment related adult education programs.

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

Detailed Grant Information:

The RBEG grant information webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00082>

And the grants.gov posting at <http://tinyurl.com/fga00060>



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