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This is the ninety-third issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Please Note: The headings of new additions to the Loop are italicized and in red.

Conferences, Trainings, Seminars and Workshops

- **Getting Started in Fundraising**

If your organization has never taken on fundraising in a formal, organized way and you are planning to initiate a development program, this webinar will help get you get started on the right foot. In this session, Linda Lysakowski will focus on everything you need to know in order to create a successful development program, including infrastructure, staffing, and getting board buy-in. The webinar, which will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, is for Beginner participants. Registration is \$89.00 per person and \$150.00 per site. Visit the link listed below to register.

<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=41>

- **Fundraising as a Profession**

Fundraising has recently become accepted as not only a profession but as a "hot career," creating a strong need for a more professional approach to the field. In this webinar, Linda Lysakowski will discuss how development officers can work within their organizations to build a culture that will encourage philanthropy and increase fundraising effectiveness, resulting in heightened job satisfaction. The

webinar, which will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2009, is for Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced participants. Registration is \$89.00 per person and \$150.00 per site. Visit the link listed below to register.

<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=42>

- **Alabama Marriage and Family**

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (ACHMI) is made up of people who have a passion and expertise for helping families thrive. ACHMI is funded by a 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Family Assistance. It is a partnership between Auburn University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama, a consortium of state agencies and organizations, and eleven Family Resource Centers, two Mental Health Centers, and a growing number of other individuals and community-based organizations who have joined together to provide programs and services to support the development and maintenance of healthy relationships and stable marriages throughout Alabama. The ACHMI has Workshops that can be viewed online at this address:

<http://www.alabamamarriage.org/workshops.php>

Volunteer Resources

With volunteerism and civic engagement becoming a vastly growing movement throughout our nation, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives has created the Volunteer Resource section. This section's primary role will be to provide resources, tools, and volunteer search engines in order to build the capacity of volunteerism throughout the State of Alabama.

- **Youth Volunteers Recognized**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person in the United States who is in grades 5-12 and has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application. Local Honorees are selected in November, and from these winners two State Honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice.

The application deadline is November 2, 2009. Visit the Prudential website for online application information.

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page>

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area

Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice.

For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email ageline@adss.alabama.gov or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

- **Create the Good Campaign – AARP**

AARP Create the Good is an on-line destination connecting people to ways to make a difference in their local communities by volunteering. The AARP Alabama State Office is asking community organizations to post their volunteer needs on the <http://www.createthegood.org/> website. It's free and AARP provides technical support. Get involved now as AARP Create the Good will be featured across all of AARP's communication channels including AARP's sponsorship of ServiceNation and upcoming regular features across our TV, radio and publications. For more information, contact apritchett@aarp.org.

- **Volunteer Centers in the State of Alabama**

Throughout the State of Alabama there are several volunteer centers that mobilize volunteers and connect people to build the capacity of their communities. If you would like more information on volunteer centers in Alabama please read the list below.

- **Athens-Limestone County RSVP / Volunteer Point**

RSVP/ Volunteer Point is the connection between volunteers and the community needs in Limestone County. We partner with the community to mobilize volunteers and provide solutions to local challenges. We believe that only people can solve community problems, and would like to challenge you to help your community. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please call 256-232-7207 or visit their website at <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/RSVP-VolunteerPoint/vcindex.do>

- **Hands On Birmingham**

Hands On Birmingham (HOB) is a valuable resource to nonprofit agencies, schools, and neighborhood associations as well as ANYONE looking for a place to serve. HOB is a Birmingham-based nonprofit organization that makes it easy for busy people to volunteer. The majority of Hands On Birmingham's service opportunities are held

after traditional business hours or on the weekends. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below:

<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/HomePage/index.php/home.html>

- **Hands On Greater Huntsville (Madison County)**

From volunteer referrals to project coordination to education, HandsOn Greater Huntsville–The Volunteer Center of Madison County–is your full service volunteer center and the premier connection between volunteers and community needs. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below.

<http://www.volunteerhsv.org>

- **Volunteer and Information Center (River Region)**

The Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) mobilize volunteers and connect people, information and services to build a strong, caring community. VIC was founded in 1974 by the Junior League of Montgomery and the United Way Community Council and is an agency of the River Region United Way. VIC is a full affiliate member of the Points of Light Foundation & Hands on Network and the Alliance of Information & Referral Services. Please visit the website for more details.

<http://www.clickvic.org>

- **Volunteer Center of Morgan County**

The Volunteer Center of Morgan County mobilizes people and resources to address the issues that are important to the community and strengthens the capacity of local organizations to meet community needs through volunteerism. If you like to learn more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below.

<http://www.vcomc.org/>

- **Volunteer Mobile / Hands on South Alabama**

Established in 1975 by the Junior League of Mobile and the Community Chest and Council Volunteer Mobile strives to mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems. Volunteer Mobile is affiliated with Hands On Network which is generated by The Points of Light Institute. Volunteer Mobile's role in the community is centered on our ability to: Connect people with the opportunity to serve, build the capacity for effective local volunteering, promote volunteering and participate in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers. Please visit the website below for more information.

<http://www.volunteermobile.org/volunteermobilehome.html>

- **Volunteer Washington County**
 A satellite project of Volunteer Mobile, located in Mobile, AL, **Volunteer Washington County** will serve the region as a one-stop location for volunteers searching for service and agencies searching for volunteers. Offices are currently located in the Washington County Public Library, in Chatom, AL. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below.
<http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/washingtoncounty/vcindex.do>
- **1-800-Volunteer.org**
 1-800-Volunteer.org is a national database of volunteer opportunities powered by a volunteer management system for non-profits. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.1800volunteer.org and get registered to serve. One can use the “search tool” to discover volunteer opportunities and help in their local community or across the country. This is an excellent way for one to locate a regional Volunteer Center in Alabama or again, across the country. For more detailed information, please visit the website, www.1800volunteer.org.
- **Website Connects Good People with Good Causes**
 VolunteerMatch believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. VolunteerMatch welcomes millions of visitors a year and has become the preferred Internet volunteer recruiting tool for more than 50,000 nonprofit organizations. Visit the website listed below to learn more about VolunteerMatch and its services. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- **Tracks to Success — Strengthening Volunteers Fundraising Capabilities**
 Baseball has been used for over a century as a metaphor for many of life's challenges. In this nine-part series, GrantStation CEO Cindy Adams uses the baseball metaphor to help organizations learn how to better manage community volunteers in order to expand and strengthen their fundraising capabilities. This series focuses on transforming a dedicated group of volunteers into a viable fundraising team. Click on the link provided above to read the final article, "There's Always Next Year: Being Prepared for Next Season."
http://www.grantstation.com/Public/tracks_to_success/fundraising_team/9.asp
- **Leadership Recruiting Services for Nonprofits**
 Bridgestar, an initiative of the Bridgespan Group, is a nonprofit organization providing recruiting services, content, and tools designed to help organizations build strong leadership teams and to encourage individuals to pursue career paths as nonprofit leaders. Bridgestar was founded on the premise that mission-focused nonprofit organizations have greater opportunity to achieve breakthrough results when they attract, assemble, and nurture strong board and senior leadership teams. Visit the website listed below for details on all of Bridgestar's resources. <https://www.bridgestar.org/>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html>

General Information

- **Ready Alabama on YouTube**

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security announce that the Public Service Announcements from the Ready Alabama Campaign can now be seen on

www.youtube.com/readyalabama

- **Tracks to Success – Federal Review Process**

This four-part series, written by the reviewer of numerous government grant applications, provides a first hand account of the federal review process. It discusses the process involved in creating a federal Request for Application (RFA), or a Request for Proposal (RFP), and chronicles the journey a submission makes once it reaches the funding agency. The series also describes factors that can summarily disqualify an application and others that can make it memorable.

Click on the link provided below to read Part One: "The Award Process Begins."

http://www.grantstation.com/Public/tracks_to_success/federal_reviewer/1.asp

- **Stimulus Package for Alabama**

Please click the link below to learn more information about the stimulus package and how it relates to the State of Alabama.

<http://stimulus.alabama.gov/>

- **CharityTracker**

CharityTracker is an easy way for organizations to collaborate, reduce duplication, and focus their resources on people with real needs. This program allows you to stay informed and share information with local organizations that want to join together to improve their local communities. For more information on please visit www.trycharitytracker.com

- **Influenza Response and Preparedness Plans**

The following information is being provided to keep faith-based and community organizations as up to date as possible regarding the Human Cases of Influenza A (H1N1) of Swine Origin in the United States and Abroad. For more information

about how faith-based and community organizations can develop and improve influenza response and preparedness plans, go to www.flu.gov

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the State of Alabama**
If you would like to learn more information regarding the new federal stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by the President and how it affects the State of Alabama, please click the link below.
<http://recovery.alabama.gov/>
- **Free Grant Writing Services**
Starting in September, the Homeless Veterans Providers Technical Assistance Center of the North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a series of free workshops throughout the country. Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Technical Assistance Center focuses its efforts on preparing non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies to apply for the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The purpose of the GPD is "to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or appropriate supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless veterans in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible." Please check the website (www.homelessvetprovidertac.net) for the workshop schedule. Only online registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the workshops, the Technical Assistance Center offers individualized review of grant applications with feedback and suggestions.
- **White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives: A Final Report to the Armies of Compassion**
The White House has released Innovations in Compassion: A Final Report to the Armies of Compassion, accessible on the [White House website](http://www.whitehouse.gov) until January 20, and at www.georgewbush.archives.gov thereafter. The report gives account of eight years of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative — particularly the tremendous results achieved for millions in need through partnerships with America's faith-based and other community organizations.
- **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds**
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has recently published a State Guidebook. The document is written specifically for state and local officials as a way to provide practical information on developing and enhancing partnerships with effective faith-based and community organizations. A PDF version is available at www.hhs.gov/fbcj.

- **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives just released the above document and the Center at The Department of Labor is pleased to pass it along to you. This document provides one more vital resource for the Faith-Based and Community Organization (FBCO) community. Previous works from both DOL as well as other federal agencies have highlighted working with the US Government, local businesses and other community organizations. The publication provides one more tool for FBCOs to use. The guide provides practical information for State and local officials, as well as tribes and tribal-serving organizations, on developing and enhancing effective partnerships with FBCOs. It is available for download on our Publications page at: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci>.

- **Fight Hunger Initiative**

Is an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an online toolkit that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. Secretary of Agriculture Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal?navid=SECRETARY_PAGE

- **Faith-Based Resources**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, has launched a new online resource for nongovernment community organizations—including faith-based ones—that provide victim services. To learn more about the resources available, visit

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/faithbased/>

- **New Website for NGOs Launched**

The Microsoft NGO Connection website has been launched to provide nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) a place to go to learn how to use technology more effectively and to access the resources Microsoft and its partners offer. The website provides free or discounted software applications, training and certification information, and NGO discussion forums. The goal of the website is to help NGOs achieve their organizational goals more efficiently. Visit the website listed below to learn more about this new online resource.

<http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/default.mspx>

- **Network for Good Online Fundraising Tool**
 The mission of Network for Good's new online Learning Center is to provide nonprofits with free access to the best available web-based fundraising and nonprofit marketing resources. The Learning Center features hundreds of articles in six areas: Online Fundraising, Social Networking, Website 101, Email 101, Donor Database, and Nonprofit Marketing. Much of the content comes from nonprofit professionals, coaches, trainers, bloggers, and consultants who are working everyday to improve fundraising and marketing effectiveness. To review the resources offered by the Learning Center, please visit <http://www.fundraising123.org/>
- **YouTube Non-Profit Program**
 Charitable organizations can now register to upload promotional footage on a new nonprofit YouTube channel. The channel, which is free to nonprofits, will also offer a donation feature available with no processing costs through Google Checkout for Nonprofits. For more information, please see www.youtube.com/nonprofits.
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
 Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**
 A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **“Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers”**
 HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.
http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbcj_pubs.aspx
- **“A National Conversation—Friends and Family First”**
 The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - Medicare Enrollment Toolkit
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **Self Assessment and Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**
 The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes.
<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>

- **One-Stop Career Centers**

The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development and Housing, Emergency Preparedness and Response; Education and Arts; Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth and Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development and Housing

- **Racial Equality Programs Funded**

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has announced a new grant opportunity in response to the Foundation's commitment to becoming an effective, anti-racist organization that promotes racial equity. Racial equity work describes actions designed to address historic burdens as well as to remove present day barriers to equal opportunities by identifying and eliminating systemic discriminatory policies and practices. The Foundation's Community-Based Racial Healing Request for Proposals will provide grants of up to \$400,000 to strengthen community-based approaches for racial healing and racial equity efforts targeting vulnerable and marginalized children in the United States. The targeted groups include vulnerable African American, Native American, Latino/Hispanic American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Arab American, and European American children and families. Online proposals must be submitted by September 30, 2009. Visit the Foundation's website to review the Request for Proposals.

<http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=b9d2b664-15ff-4472-88bd-02f2a2fd8c17&LanguageID=0>

- **Grants for Environmentally Friendly Projects**

Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program provide support to schools and community-based organizations throughout the U.S. for environmentally friendly projects. Green Grants of \$2,500 and \$5,000 encourage projects that inspire kids to take care of the environment, be active and live healthier, and engage in community service. Applicants must participate in Worldwide Day of Play (September 26, 2009) or host a Big Green Help environmental project. Public and private elementary and middle schools as well as nonprofit community-based after-school organizations are eligible to apply. Applications from urban

and rural/suburban areas as well as small and large community-based organizations serving all ethnicities are encouraged to apply.

Requests must be submitted by December 31, 2009. Visit the program's website for application guidelines and forms.

<http://bghevent.com/grant/index.htm>

- **Grants Encourage the Empowerment of Disadvantaged Groups**
The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) focuses its efforts on the empowerment of economically poor and disadvantaged people seeking to change the structures that perpetuate their condition. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems and want to take charge of their own lives. Funded projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term corrections of the conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the SDOP website to review the funding guidelines and download the application form.
<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>
- **Economic Development Administration**
EDA is soliciting applications that will promote comprehensive entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher skill wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistence economic distress. Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.
Visit the link below for more information.
http://www.agi.alabama.gov/uploads/tH/BV/tHBV0lwmxKCqITT4k3_L4w/GrantOp09_EDA.pdf
- **USDA Grant and Loan Opportunities: Rural Development, Alabama**
Rural Development is an USDA agency that makes funds available in the forms of guaranteed loans, direct loans and grants. The funds may be provided through a local lender or from loans and grants directly from the U.S. Treasury. Many types of projects are eligible for funding through the various programs, including alternative fuels. Two programs, Section 9006 and Section 9008, address alternative fuels specifically.
The USDA Business and Cooperative Program in Alabama accept applications for these grant and loan programs year-round. For more information please click on the link below. www.rurdev.usda.gov/al/rbcs.htm
- **Sustainable Housing Design Initiatives Supported**
The Oak Hill Fund focuses on promoting the principles of sustainable and affordable design in residential housing nationwide, advancing women's reproductive health and rights in the Southeastern U.S., and improving the quality of life within the greater Charlottesville, VA, community. The

Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Design (ESAD) Program supports educational initiatives that encourage sustainability and affordability in residential housing design throughout the United States. In addition, support is provided to nonprofit housing organizations that focus on the incorporation of the principles of sustainability in the design and construction of affordable residential housing. Letters of inquiry for the ESAD program may be submitted at any time. Visit the Oak Hill Fund's website for details about the program and online application information.

<http://www.oakhillfund.org/oakhillesad.html>

- **Support for Women's and Children's Programs**

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others supports grassroots organizations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that serve the overlooked needs of women and children. The Foundation provides grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 for critical health programs, social services, and education projects that give women and children the knowledge and tools they need to improve their lives. Examples of funded programs include food and shelter for the homeless, healthcare for the poor, after-school programs, career training for under-employed women, and domestic violence prevention programs. Applications must be submitted by the second Tuesday of September of each year. Visit the website listed below to download the Foundation's application form.

http://whofoundation.org/WHO_Funding.htm

- **Funding for Assets for Independence Projects (AFI)**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching including training on money management and consumer issues. As a condition of their Federal AFI grant, grantees must provide non-Federal funds to support their AFI project in an amount at least equal to the Federal AFI grant amount.

Applications will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this announcement. Unsuccessful applicants may submit new applications in any succeeding application cycle. This is a standing announcement. This announcement supersedes the standing announcement published in the *Federal Register* on February 2, 2005. It will be effective until cancelled or changed by the Director of OCS. Application due dates are January 15 and March 25 in 2008, 2009, and 2010. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

- **Blue Moon Fund**

The blue moon fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the blue moon fund website to take the required online eligibility test. <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/>

- **Department of Justice: Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program**

The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) (www.ovw.usdoj.gov) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program (Supervised Visitation Program) . This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by providing an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy09-safe-havens-solicitation.pdf>

- **Services for Disabled Children Supported**

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that are dedicated to providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses, or chronic disabilities. Preference is given to small organizations that might not otherwise be helped. Grants support new ideas and approaches to providing services as well as equipment purchases.

Requests are accepted from January 1 through August 31, annually.

Please see <http://www.iwpcf.org/> for more information.

- **Christian Values Network**

Christian Values Network was created to help individuals financially support their chosen ministry, church, or charity. [CVN](#) has over 125 shopping partnerships with leading online retailers offering Everyday, and, Christian products. When you purchase through this [CVN](#) community of online shopping partners – "To Buy Is To Give"™ -- [CVN](#) will typically give between 3% and 7% of your purchase to your chosen ministry, church, or charity. This means your ministry, church, or charity will be receiving 50% of CVN's net revenue. There is never a charge for

your ministry, church, or charity to join the [CVN](#) program. It is also FREE for their constituents to become CVN Members. We cordially invite you to take advantage of the FREE CVN Membership, and begin helping to financially support your ministry, church, or charity. Please go to www.cvn.org for more details.

- **Grants Encourage Citizen Engagement**

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund seeks to further its mission through fundamental public policy and systemic change. Proposals are reviewed in the following program areas: natural resources, women's human rights, and media. The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will also consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to <http://www.wgf.org/>.

- **Breaking Down Divisions**

The Mix It Up Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, provides \$500 grants to youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing, and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Funded projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different youth groups, clubs, or community groups working together. Ideally, the project should be created and implemented by youth; however, various adults and community volunteers should also be invited to participate.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please see <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**

Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.

Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000

Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>

- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**

Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring

together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/charrette.aspx>
[tiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp](http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp)

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.

Limit of \$5,000 per application. Applications are submitted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>

- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year

<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

- **International Paper Company Foundation**

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/index.html

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a rolling basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**
 Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable
 Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3)
 Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4)
 Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or
 communities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
<http://www.statefarm.com/foundati/cogrants.htm>
- Support for Environmental Programs**
 The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making
 company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of
 the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment.
 The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our
 nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands,
 wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also
 provided to environmental education programs, including environmental.
 Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis.
<http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Homeland Security: Fire Prevention and Safety Grants**
 A program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), grants are
 awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire
 service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are
 available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety
 (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). This
 Website provides a description of the three types of grants available and offers
 resources to help fire departments prepare and submit grant requests.
<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>
- Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide**
 The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire
 departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local
 organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control
 efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial,
 industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation;
 and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded
 projects include: preventive juvenile fire-setter programs, continuing education
 courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and
 workshops.
 Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly.
 Please go to <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>.

Education and Arts

- **Fellowships for Arts Educators**

The Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship Program supports the artistic revitalization of outstanding teachers from public arts high schools throughout the United States. Eligible schools include specialized public arts high schools, as well as arts-focused, magnet, and charter high schools. The program offers arts teachers the opportunity to immerse themselves in their own creative work, interact with other professional artists, and stay current with new practices. All fellows will be invited to convene during the fall of 2010 in New York City to share experiences and discuss relevant issues and concerns.

Online applications for the program are due November 13, 2009. Visit the Surdna website for program details and application guidelines.

http://www.surdna.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=326426&attrib_id=12040

- **Support for Live Performing Arts Projects**

The Multi-Arts Production (MAP) Fund, a program of Creative Capital supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports original new work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts. The goal of the MAP Fund is to assist artists who are exploring and challenging the dynamics of live performance within our changing society, thus reflecting our culture's innovation and growing diversity. MAP is especially interested in supporting work early in its development; the touring of completed projects is not eligible for funding. Applications for MAP support must come from U.S. nonprofit organizations; nonprofit artist-services organizations may apply as fiscal sponsors on behalf of artists or ensembles. The online letter of inquiry process opens September 1, 2009 with a due date of October 19, 2009. Invited proposals must be submitted by January 11, 2010. Visit the MAP website for more information. <http://www.mapfund.org/>

- **Support for Programs Addressing College Alcohol Problems**

The UMADD Mini-Grant Program offers qualifying groups grants of up to \$500 to help implement evidence-based prevention programs that focus on college-related drinking problems on campuses and/or in the surrounding communities. Priority for funding will be given to applications that incorporate the projects recommended on the UMADD website; seek to change environmental factors (laws, policies, enforcement) or populations (student body, anyone under 21) versus projects that seek individual behavior change (motivational speaker, basic alcohol education); include partnership with multiple groups, both on campus and in the community; and support law enforcement efforts. Requests may be submitted at any time. Online application information is available on the UMADD website. http://www.umadd.org/UMADD-Mini_grants/UMADD-Mini_Grants.html

- Program Connects New Parents to Local Libraries**

Books for Babies, an initiative of the American Library Association, are a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Books for Babies Matching Grants of \$500 are available to Friends of Libraries groups, women's groups, libraries, and other nonprofit organizations to be used for the purchase of Books for Babies kits. Grants will be awarded to organizations that currently have a Books for Babies program in place as well as organizations starting a new program. Priority will be given to organizations that effectively use the kits to connect new parents with their local library. Applying organizations must raise matching funds of \$1,000. The next application deadline is October 1, 2009. Visit the ALA website for more information about the program.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/outreach/booksforbabies/index.cfm>
- Non-Traditional Model Program Grant**

This grant is available to provide funding for planning and implementation activities directly related to research, planning, promotion, recruitment, and retention of programs in a career cluster that prepare students for non-traditional occupations for their gender and/or ethnicity in the high-wage, high-tech, and high-skill career pathways.

http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/doc_download.asp?section=52&id=8888
- Grants for K-12 Math and Science Teachers**

The Toshiba America Foundation promotes quality science and mathematics education in U.S. K-12 schools by supporting programs that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation offers the following two programs: The Program for K-6 Science and Math Education provides grants of up to \$1,000 to teachers in public or private schools in order to improve the teacher's science and math teaching units. The application deadline is October 1, annually. The Program for 7-12 Science and Math Education provides small grants of up to \$5,000 and large grants of over \$5,000 to forward-thinking science and mathematics teachers in order to engage students in positive and challenging learning experiences.

Applications for small grants may be submitted throughout the year. Large grant applications must be submitted by August 1 or February 1, annually.

For more information please go to

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>
- Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and

in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities. With an award amount of \$500 to \$2,500 there is no application deadline. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Health and Human Services

- **Grants for Healthcare Improvement Projects**

The Cardinal Health Foundation provides grants for programs that improve healthcare safety and quality, as well as programs that promote healthy and vibrant communities. The Foundation's E3 – Effectiveness, Efficiency and Excellence in Healthcare Grant Program supports initiatives by nonprofit hospitals, health systems, and clinics throughout the United States that impact the efficiency and quality of healthcare. For 2010, grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded for projects that address one of the following two areas: improving medication systems or operating room safety. A total of \$1 million in grants will be provided.

Letters of intent are due October 30, 2009; invited full proposals must be submitted by March 5, 2010. Visit the Cardinal Health website to review the grant guidelines and submit an online letter of intent.

<http://www.cardinal.com/us/en/community/apply/>

- **Programs Serving Disabled Veterans Funded**

The Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust supports nonprofit organizations located in the United States that provide long-term programs offering direct assistance to disabled veterans and their families. The Trust's grantmaking interests include ensuring quality health care for veterans, assistance to veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, programs that meet the special needs of veterans with specific disabilities such as amputation or blindness, and shelters for homeless veterans.

Requests are reviewed quarterly; the remaining application deadline for 2009 is October 20. Eligibility information and application forms may be downloaded from the Trust's website listed below. <http://cst.dav.org/Grants/Default.aspx>

- **Veterans Entrepreneurial Grants**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment. Grants up to \$50,000 RFP accepted throughout the year. http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines_forms.html

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**

The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations

that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries.

Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four R's: Reduce Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores. Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.

<http://www.petco.com/Content/Content.aspx?PC=welfareapplication&Nav=384>

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Substance Abuse, Mental Health Youth and Eldercare

- **Grants Encourage Surrogate Parenting Programs**

The Brookdale Foundation's Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) is designed to promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting. The RAPP Local and Regional Initiative will provide mini-grants of \$10,000 for a two-year period to up to thirty programs throughout the United States that address caregiver and family needs. Funded programs must offer ongoing support, educational, or social groups to relative caregivers and the children in their care. Priority will be given to programs that establish collaboration with community organizations and other service systems and create replicable models of cost-effective, quality services across the region.

The application deadline is December 3, 2009. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Brookdale Foundation's website.

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/rapp.html>

- **Youth Service Projects Supported in the U.S. and Canada**

The Pay It Forward Foundation was established to inspire students to realize that they can change the world, and to provide them with opportunities to do so. Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time service-oriented projects that are identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community, and that include learning goals for the youth participants. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus – that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially. Schools, churches, and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) in the U.S. and Canada may apply for funding. The application deadlines are September 15 and February 15 of each year; however, requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Mini-Grant guidelines.

<http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>

- **Do Something Youth Grants**

Do Something is a national nonprofit organization that inspires young people to believe that change is possible, and trains, funds, and mobilizes them to be leaders who measurably strengthen their communities. Do Something Grants are available to U.S. and Canadian citizens, age 25 or under, who want to create a community action project, or further the success of an existing program. Over the course of 2009, one grant of \$500 will be awarded each month. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and stay active for consideration for two months after

submission. Visit the Do Something website to create a project posting and submit an online application. <http://www.dosomething.org/grants>

- **Department of Justice: National Youth Mentoring Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Grant**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) supports wide-ranging mentoring initiatives aimed at reducing juvenile delinquency, gang involvement, academic failure, victimization, and school dropout rates. In 1992, Part G of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was enacted to fund mentoring efforts that reduce factors placing youth at risk for delinquency. Under this solicitation, OJJDP intends to expand its national leadership role in the youth mentoring arena by advancing the capacity of State and local jurisdictions and Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, expand, evaluate, and sustain youth mentoring efforts that incorporate research-based findings of best practices and principles. In addition, OJJDP anticipates that training and technical assistance under this Initiative will provide support to mentoring programs and initiatives funded by OJJDP, including the Recovery Act National Mentoring Program and the Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative. Please click the link below for more information.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=47104>

- **United Health Care Children's Foundation**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. For more information visit the website below.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

- **Funds for Alcoholism Prevention Programs Funded**

The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to educate the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; encourage prevention programs and activities, with an emphasis on high risk populations; and continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the issues of alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of these problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country also receive funds. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to

http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers_body.htm&2.

- **“Do Something” Offering 2 Weekly Grants for Young Social Entrepreneurs**
[Do Something](#) is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization offers two weekly grants, co-sponsored by GameStop and Plum TV. “Do Something” and [GameStop](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly. Do Something and [Plum TV](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly. For more information, please visit:
http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list
- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**
 A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches’ training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.
 The average grant amount is \$51,000. Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year.
http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process
- **Herbalife Family Foundation**
 The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health. Proposals are accepted at any time.
<http://www.herbalifefamilyfoundation.org/?nd=home>
- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**
 The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.
 Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization Applications are accepted throughout the year
<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **Education, Health, and Safety Programs Funded**

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, works to improve lives through literacy, knowledge, and a readiness for the 21st Century. The Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that address one of the following funding priorities: supporting innovative technology-based approaches to literacy and education for both adults and children, preventing domestic violence and helping victims gain independence, improving healthcare through technology, and educating parents and children about Internet safety. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Online applications may be submitted from January 1 through October 31, annually. Visit the Foundation's website to take the eligibility quiz and submit an online application. <http://foundation.verizon.com/>

- **K-12 School Improvement Projects Funded**

The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, offered by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, provides grants of up to \$5,000 to K-12 public schools and 501(c)(3) parent-teacher groups associated with public schools that develop projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Lowe's will donate a total of \$5 million to more than 1,000 different schools throughout the U.S. during the 2009-2010 school year. Preference is given to funding requests which have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement or landscaping/clean-up projects. In addition, for this school year basic needs requests will take priority in order to provide the tools that help educators and parent groups through these challenging times.

The upcoming application deadlines are October 16, 2009, and February 12, 2010. Visit the website listed above to take the eligibility test and submit an online application. <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

- **Support for Arts in Healthcare Programs in the U.S. and Canada**

The Society for the Arts in Healthcare promotes the use of the arts to enhance the healthcare experience for patients, their families, and caregivers. Johnson & Johnson, working in partnership with the Society, provides grants of \$60,000 over three years to collaborations of healthcare organizations and arts agencies in the U.S. and Canada that have established models of high quality healthcare through the use of arts. Programs must demonstrate a high potential for replication and may be located in a variety of settings, including clinics, hospitals, hospices, medical schools, and public health services. Applicants must be a current member of the Society. The deadline for letters of inquiry is October 15, 2009. Visit the Society's website for eligibility requirements and application guidelines. http://thesah.org/template/page.cfm?page_id=15

- **Rosie's For All Kids Foundations**

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and low-income families. The

majority of the Foundation's grants are made through the Early Childhood Care and Education program. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income areas where many families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Types of support include tuition subsidies; small renovations, supplies, and equipment upgrades; playground construction; and staff development opportunities. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Letters of intent may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below to take the online eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

<http://www.forallkids.org/site69d7.html?module=article&pageid=56>

- **PETCO Foundation**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to raise the quality of life for pets and people who love and need them. Grants are provided to local nonprofit organizations in communities with PETCO stores throughout the United States. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four Rs: Reduce (spay/neuter programs), Rescue (adoption programs), Rehabilitate (behavior training programs), Rejoice (humane education programs). Applying organizations receive priority when they enlist their local PETCO store in recommending their programs. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Visit the PETCO website for more information about the Foundation's priorities.

<http://www.petco.com/>

- **Georgia-Pacific Foundation**

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates. (The [Georgia-Pacific facility directory](#) is available online.) The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: educational efforts that empower youth and provide workers with job readiness training; community enrichment issues such as affordable housing and community safety; environmental programs that promote clean air and water, recycling, and land and resource conservation; and entrepreneurship initiatives that foster self-sufficiency and economic empowerment, especially among youth, women, and minorities. Applications may be submitted online from January 1 through October 31, annually. Visit the Georgia Pacific website to take the Foundation's Eligibility Survey.

- **Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation**

The mission of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation is to promote a sustainable and just social and natural system. The Foundation provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations nationwide through the following grantmaking programs. The Foundation's Protect the Health and Environment of Communities Threatened by Toxics program supports state and regional organizations that address toxics exposure and contamination. The Advance Environmental Justice program supports organizations that work to counter environmental degradation in low-income communities and communities of color. The Promote a

Sustainable Agricultural and Food System program supports rural and urban organizations that focus on issues involving sustainable agriculture and community food security. The Ensure Quality Reproductive Health Care as a Human Right program supports organizations that advocate for public policies to safeguard reproductive freedom. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below for details on each of the Foundation's grantmaking programs. <http://www.noyes.org/>

- **Regal Foundation**

The Regal Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Grants are provided to both local charities based in the communities the company theatres serve and to national projects that have a multiplier effect by benefiting local groups across the country. The Foundation is primarily interested in supporting organizations that benefit persons suffering economic, social, physical, or educational hardship or disadvantage, or who are otherwise in need of assistance. Examples of funded programs include food banks, children and youth services, and K-12 education. Requests may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the company's website listed below for application guidelines and forms.

<http://www.regmovies.com/corporate/communityaffairs/>

- **Actuarial Foundation**

Through its Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program Actuarial Foundation awards grants to schools and groups throughout the United States and Canada for programs that involve actuaries in the teaching of mathematics. The initiative brings together actuaries and educators in local classrooms (grades 4-12) with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest in math. Applicants for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that create a "love of math" in each student. The Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom. Applications may be submitted at any time. For more information, please see

<http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/>

- **Allstate Foundation**

The Allstate Foundation provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities throughout the United States. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, and teen driving safety; and Economic Empowerment, including financial education and empowerment for domestic violence victims.

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**
 The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. The Foundation provides grants through four distinct programs. The Pathways Out of Poverty program supports national initiatives that aim to move low-income people along the road to self-sufficiency. The Civil Society program supports efforts to assist in democratic institution-building and ensure respect of rights and diversity both in the U.S. and internationally. The Environment program promotes policies that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world. The Flint Area program provides support to local community organizations in the Foundation's hometown of Flint, MI. Letters of inquiry for all four grant programs are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed below for more information.
 Please visit www.mott.org for more details.
- **CIGNA Foundation**
 Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/targeted_grant.html
- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**
 The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by calling 1-800-275-3882 or by visiting
<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp>
- **Dominion Foundation**
 The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment.
 Grants range from \$1,000 to \$15,000
 Applications are accepted throughout the year
<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>.
- **HelpAmerica Foundation**
 The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty. Awards from \$2,500 to \$7,500

Applications are accepted year round

<http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>

- **The Surdna Foundation**

The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations through the following four program areas. The Community Revitalization category seeks to enhance the quality of life in urban places, increase their ability to attract a diversity of residents and employers, and insure that urban policies promote social equity. The goals of the Environment category are to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. The Effective Citizenry category provides support for young people to take direct action to solve problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education.

Letters of inquiry in most program areas are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, please visit www.surdna.org.

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.

<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>

- **Grantproposal.com**

A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.

<http://grantproposal.com/>

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) is pleased to provide links to resources on faith-based and community initiatives. The websites listed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the GFBCI, nor is GFBCI responsible for the content of these sites. Please address any questions or concerns regarding this statement to info@ServeAlabama.gov.