

Grants-in-Aid Outlook

April 1, 2011

from e-Regions

EPA Environmental Education Grants – Deadline: May 2, 2011

EPA is accepting applications for \$1.9 million in funding for the Environmental Education Grant Program to promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. EPA expects to award at least 20 grants nationwide ranging from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. Eligible entities include: local education agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, not-for-profit organizations, noncommercial educational broadcasting entities, and tribal education agencies. EPA will host two conference calls for potential applicants interested in additional information about the application process. The conference calls will take place on March 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and April 6 at 2 p.m. (EDT). To participate in the conference calls, dial: 1-866-379-5082, and use conference ID number: 48699133 for the call on March 21 and conference ID number: 48696117 for the call on April 6. More details are available at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>.

USDA Community Connect Grant Program – Deadline: May 3, 2011

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the availability of Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect), for projects that (1) deploy broadband transmission service to critical community facilities, rural residents and businesses, (2) construct, acquire or expand a community center, or (3) equip and operate a community center providing free access to broadband services for communities with populations of 20,000 or fewer. Additional program information can be found at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html.

from grantsTX Digest

Grant Assistance for Small Rural Libraries – Deadline: None Listed

I am a graduate student at the School of Library and Information Sciences, at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. (*George Hill's alma mater!*) I am interning at Taped Editions, a library vendor, and my internship is focusing on giving free services to small and rural libraries. I have developed a self-help grant writing program, with small online lessons every week, and I would like to let the small libraries that need assistance in grant writing find out about the program. I realize small and rural libraries are having budget cuts, and there is grant money available from various resources. However, some librarians may not have the time or the experience to do the grant writing for the funding, no matter how needed. The lessons are designed to break grant writing down into small, manageable steps. The program is called "Grant Me a Wish." My employer has generously agreed to have a grant writing contest and give one award of \$500 this spring to a small library that is in need. We ask that a small or rural library send us a statement of need, and some basic information on their library. The contest is designed to be good practice for grant writing.

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from Grant Station Insider

Walmart Foundation State Giving Program – Deadlines: April 22 & September 9, 2011

The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program awards grants at the state and regional level throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico for programs that give individuals access to a better life. Grants begin at \$25,000 for projects in the following areas: Education - addresses the educational needs of underserved young people ages 12-25; Workforce Development / Economic Opportunity - provides job readiness and skills training as well as support services for workers with low to moderate skills; Health and Wellness - improves access to health care, reduces health care disparities and promotes nutrition; Environmental Sustainability - seeks to promote production systems that sustain people and the environment by reducing waste, promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources. In addition, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have a particular interest in supporting hunger relief and the following population groups - veterans and military families, traditionally underserved groups, the disability community, and people impacted by natural disasters. Walmart made a \$2 billion commitment through 2015 to promote hunger-relief efforts in the U.S. to support the record 1 in 6 Americans who do not know where their next meal is coming from. As hunger relief is now an integral part

of the Foundation's work, the Foundation seeks to fund initiatives that integrate hunger relief into the main focus areas listed above. More details are available at <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx>.

Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship – Deadline: April 27, 2011

The Skoll Foundation's mission is to advance systemic change to benefit communities around the world by investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs. The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship support nonprofit organizations worldwide that are led by social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time: environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, and peace and security. Skoll Awards provide later-stage, or mezzanine funding. The awards are not intended for new or early-stage programs or initiatives. Eligibility requirements and the online application are available at <http://www.skollfoundation.org/about/skoll-awards/>.

Foundation for Financial Planning – Deadline: April 30, 2011

The Foundation for Financial Planning (FFP) helps people take control of their financial lives by connecting the financial planning community with people in need. We achieve this by supporting pro bono advice and financial life skills education. This is accomplished through grants to organizations that reach out to and extend the benefit of financial planning to those generally underserved by the market. To be considered, projects need to incorporate the involvement of financial planning professionals as community volunteers and in pro bono activity, or in partnership with local affiliates of financial planning associations. Priority will be given to projects that utilize financial planning professionals in the delivery of one-to-one consultation to people in need; larger projects with impact on larger numbers of underserved; projects that can be easily replicated on a regional or nationwide basis; approved projects must agree to share program materials, handouts, presentations and other related materials to FFP for dissemination and use in other regions and/or by other organizations; projects targeted to disadvantaged, underserved or special need populations. Requests are encouraged from programs that are collaborative in design, with partners such as social service agencies, youth agencies, and community-based adult education centers. Applicants must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, and must be classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a) of the Code. Application information is available at <http://www.foundation-finplan.org/associations/9627/files/Grant%20Guideline%20December%202010.pdf>.

The Teachers' Insurance Plan Teacher of the Year – Deadline: April 30, 2011

The Teachers' Insurance Plan recognizes teachers who have excelled in their commitment and contribution to the betterment of their school, students, or educational community through the Teacher of the Year program. Qualified educators must hold a full-time teaching position in a public or private school or university. Nominations are open to all qualified teachers regardless of whether they are a Teachers' Insurance Plan member. One teacher in each of the company's service states will be awarded a \$1,000 cash prize. The schools that employ the winning teachers will receive \$500 for purchasing school supplies, equipment, or for enrichment programs. Teachers may be nominated online at <http://www.teachers.com/Toy/Nomination-Form.aspx>.

Fund for Wild Nature Wilderness Preservation Program – Deadlines: May 1 & September 1, 2011

The Fund for Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots organizations in the U. S. and Canada for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. The Fund seeks to support projects with visionary and yet realistic goals to create tangible change. Priority is given to projects premised on effective, intelligent bio-centric strategies on issues that are not receiving adequate national attention. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund rarely supports proposals from organizations with large budgets (over \$250,000 annually). Application guidelines are at http://www.fundwildnature.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6&Itemid=10.

State Farm Youth Advisory Board National Grant Program – Deadline: May 2, 2011

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is composed of young adults who demonstrate exemplary work in service-learning, volunteering, and philanthropy in their communities. The Youth Advisory Board National Grant Program funds student-led service-learning projects throughout the United States and in the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Ontario in Canada. Specific areas of interest include natural and societal disasters, driver safety, environmental responsibility, accessing higher education/closing the achievement gap, and financial literacy. Educators working in public K-12, charter, and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations are also eligible if they are able to demonstrate how they plan to interact with students in public K-12 schools. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000; at least one grant will be provided in each of the thirteen State Farm zones (one of the zones is Texas). Applications must be submitted online. Application guidelines are available at <http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply/national-grants/>.

Toyota International Teacher Program – Deadline: May 4, 2011

The Toyota International Teacher Program, administered by the Institute of International Education, offers U.S. secondary school educators the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica from November 19 through December 3, 2011. While in Costa Rica, program participants will explore environmental and cultural preservation, biodiversity, and sustainability through a variety of site visits, discussions, lectures, and hands-on activities. One of the main goals of the program is to encourage the U.S. teachers to incorporate global and environmental education into their classrooms and communities. Full-time grade 7-12 teachers and librarians from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. Application instructions are at <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Toyota-International-Teacher-Program/Application>.

Sparkplug Foundation Funding for Music, Education, & Social Justice Projects – Deadline: May 6, 2011

The Sparkplug Foundation funds nonprofit organizations with start-up projects in music, education, and grassroots organizing. In the Music category, the Foundation supports emerging professional musicians or music-development programs. In Education and Teaching, the Foundation funds projects that deal with "the whole student" and with learning as a community activity. Through Grassroots Organizing, the Foundation encourages activist strategies for addressing institutional injustices and for building a reasoned, just society. A telephone conversation to determine eligibility must be held by May 6, 2011 in order to initiate the application process and the full is due by May 20, 2011. Examples of funded programs and application guidelines are available at <http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>.

Aetna Foundation Health & Wellness Funding – Deadline: May 15, Aug. 15, & Nov. 15, 2011

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to promoting wellness, health, and access to high-quality health care for everyone, while supporting the communities the company serves. Proposals having national impact and relevance, as well as regional proposals that impact specific regions, states, or communities are encouraged to apply. The Aetna Foundation provides grants to support the following program areas: The Obesity program focuses on addressing the rising rate of obesity among U.S. adults and children. The Racial and Ethnic Health Care Equity program promotes equity in health care for common chronic conditions and infant mortality. The Integrated Health Care program aims to advance high-quality health care by improving care coordination among health care professionals, creating informed patients, and promoting affordable care. National grants of up to \$250,000 are awarded; regional grants range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Letters of intent may be submitted at any time. Learn more about funding guidelines and application process at <http://www.aetna-foundation.org/foundation/aetna-foundation-programs/program-areas/program-areas-overview.html>.

Maddie's Fund Support for Animal Shelters & Adoption Programs – Deadline: Open Submission

Dave and Cheryl Duffield used their earnings from PeopleSoft to establish Maddie's Fund, a private foundation with the goal of a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats find loving new homes. Several funding categories are available: Starter Grants are for building an animal shelter in any county, region, or state in the U. S. with a human population of 100,000 or greater; Community Collaborative Grants are for a Pet Rescue Adoption Project combined with a Spay/Neuter Project; Lifesaving Awards recognizes communities that are leading the way in saving animal lives; another program is funding for U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine with shelter medicine programs that adhere to the no-kill philosophy; and Medical Equipment Grants are for any adoption guarantee shelter in the U.S. that employs at least one full-time veterinarian (not an equivalency) who spends at least 50% of his/her time caring for the animals in the shelter. More information is available at <http://www.maddiesfund.org/>.

from Philanthropy News Digest**Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes – Deadline: April 30, 2011**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors young people between 8 and 18 years of age who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, the awards program selects ten national winners to receive \$2,500 each to support their service work or higher education. Nominees must have been the prime mover of a service activity and have demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Nominees must be legal, current residents of the United States or Canada at the time of nomination and must have participated in the work for which they are nominated within the twelve months prior to the nomination deadline. Nominees must be nominated by an adult who is familiar with the young person's service activity (teacher or librarian, school counselor, youth service official, religious leader, etc.). Members of the young person's family are not allowed to submit nominations or letters of reference. Nominees must be nominated as individuals. The prize program cannot accept nominations for groups of young people. Complete program guidelines, nomination instructions, and information on previous winners are available at <http://www.barronprize.org/how-nominate>.

Entertainment Software Association Technology Education Grants – Deadline: May 15, 2011

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. The Foundation seeks to harness the collective power of the interactive

entertainment industry to create positive social impact in our communities. We support geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American boys and girls of all races and religions. The foundation is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations that provide programs and services utilizing technology and/or computer and video games to educate America's youth ages 7 to 18. Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations or governmental units. Funding must be sought for a specific project or program that will be implemented or made available nationwide or in a minimum of two states. First time awardees can receive grants up to \$50,000. Application details are available at <http://www.theesa.com/foundation/ESAFoundationGrantApplication2011.pdf>.