Support for Social Justice Groups in the U.S. and Canada

**Unitarian Universalist Association: Fund for a Just Society**

The Fund for a Just Society, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association, provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address issues of social and economic justice. The Fund supports organizations that use community organizing to bring about systemic change leading to a more just society and mobilize with those who have been disenfranchised and excluded from resources, power, and the right to self-determination. Consideration is given to projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency. The maximum grant amount is $15,000; however, most grants range between $6,000 and $8,000. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the next application deadline is September 17, 2012. Visit the Unitarian Universalist Association website to review the funding guidelines.

**Innovative K-12 Projects Funded**

**Kids in Need Foundation**

The Kids in Need Foundation is dedicated to engaging students in the learning process by providing grants towards the purchase of supplies for students to participate in special classroom learning experiences. Kids in Need Teacher Grants, sponsored by retailers and education credit unions, help K-12 educators develop innovative learning opportunities for their students. The purpose of the grants is to provide support for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas but lack the budget to bring them to life. Projects qualify for funding if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Approximately 200 to 300 grants from $100 to $500 are awarded each year. The application deadline is September 30, 2012. Visit the Foundation’s website to submit an online application.

**Grants Enhance Community Dog Parks**

**The Nutro Company: ROOM TO RUN Dog Park Appreciation Project**

The Nutro Company’s ROOM TO RUN Dog Park Appreciation Project is designed to enhance public dog parks and off-leash areas across the United States. In 2012, 30 grants of $2,000 each will be awarded to existing nonprofit, public dog parks to help fund enhancement efforts. Community members are encouraged to fill out a grant application to request support for their local dog parks.
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through the September 30, 2012 deadline; grant money will be provided directly to selected parks on an ongoing basis. Visit the ROOM TO RUN Facebook tab for additional information and updates on selected parks, and the grant application website to review the application guidelines and instructions.

National Economic Literacy Initiatives Supported

Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation

The Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation is dedicated to the goal of increasing economic literacy throughout the United States. The Foundation provides grants to programs with national impact that address the following issues: raising the public’s participation in economic education and creating a demand for greater economic literacy; encouraging measurement of economic understanding; developing the application of new strategies for teaching economics, including online instruction; and helping disenfranchised youth or young adults with children learn to participate in the economic system. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the upcoming application deadline is September 15, 2012. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the application guidelines.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Funds for Oral Health Programs in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio

Delta Dental Foundation: Community Mini-Grant Program

The Delta Dental Foundation’s goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities. The Foundation’s Community Mini-Grant Program provides support for community-based oral health programs in the states of Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Grants of up to $5,000 are intended to promote programs designed to improve oral health, with special consideration given to programs that focus on improving the oral health of low-income children. The application deadline is September 3, 2012. Visit the Foundation’s website to download the 2012 Community Mini-Grant Program Application.

Grants Address Environmental Issues in South Florida and Alabama

Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation

The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation primarily funds the conservation of natural resources in North America and the Caribbean Basin, with emphasis on the United States. The Foundation’s major
program areas that are open for application include the following: marine resource conservation and management with a particular interest in fisheries; South Florida ecosystems (Everglades, Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, and Florida Keys); and Alabama environmental issues. Site specific grants are limited to South Florida and Alabama. The Foundation's grants, averaging $15,000 to $25,000, require a one-to-one match and emphasize seed funding for new projects. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is September 9, 2012. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the grant program areas.

Support for Organizations in Northern California and Hawaii
The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation
The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation's primary purpose is to support nonprofit organizations in Northern California and the state of Hawaii. The Foundation's grantmaking categories include healthcare, education, and conservation. The Foundation has a special interest in programs which benefit women, families, and seniors, or contribute to the conservation of the natural environment. Preference is given to new, innovative projects that will be completed with the Foundation’s contribution. Grants in the upcoming fall cycle will range from $10,000 to $49,000. Request for Invitation (RFI) forms may be submitted online from August 13 through September 10, 2012. After the Foundation staff reviews the RFI forms, selected organizations will be invited to apply for a grant. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the grant guidelines.

Community Programs in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming Funded
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation supports the growth and vitality of the communities served by the company, including locations in southeastern Idaho and the states of Utah and Wyoming. The Foundation’s grantmaking categories are Education, including K-12 and higher education, literacy, and scholarship funds; Civic and Community, including the environment, justice and law, housing, and urban renewal; Culture and Arts, including the performing arts, museums, heritage foundations, and libraries; and Health, Welfare, and Social Services, including United Ways, hospitals, and agencies for youth. Grants generally range from $2,000 to $5,000. Requests are reviewed quarterly; application deadlines vary by grant category. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the funding guidelines.
Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Funds for the Development of 21st Century Vocational Rehab Strategies

**Department of Education**

The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program provides support for research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. The proposed Center on Vocational Rehabilitation and Developing Strategies to Meet Employer Needs in Changing Economic Environments activities must meet general Rehabilitation Research and Training Center requirements. The application deadline is August 27, 2012.

Stewardship Activities on Military Installations Supported

**Department of Defense**

The Legacy Resource Management Program provides support for activities designed to assist Department of Defense efforts to preserve the nation’s natural and cultural heritage by protecting and enhancing resources while supporting military readiness. Supported projects may involve regional ecosystem management initiatives, habitat preservation efforts, archaeological investigations, invasive species control, Native American consultations, or monitoring and predicting migratory patterns of birds and animals. The application deadline is August 30, 2012.

Funding Available to Further Child Labor Reduction in Liberia

**Department of Labor**

The Project to Combat Child Labor in Areas of Liberian Rubber Production Program provides support for technical assistance projects to reduce child labor in rubber growing areas of Liberia. Proposed activities will include strategies for working with key stakeholders, such as government, rubber companies, labor unions and other civil society actors, to improve policies for addressing and reducing child labor and for implementing, monitoring, and enforcing such policies on company-owned or operated rubber plantations. Proposed projects must also support the direct delivery of services to children engaged in or at-risk of various forms of child labor and their households in communities where livelihoods are largely dependent on smallholder rubber production. The application deadline is September 4, 2012.
Research and Development Grants Support Innovations in Agribusiness

Department of Agriculture

The Small Business Innovation Research Program provides support for high quality, advanced concepts research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if successful. Proposed investigations should be designed to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, thereby strengthening the role of small businesses in meeting federal research and development needs, increasing private sector commercialization of innovations derived from USDA-supported research and development efforts, and fostering and encouraging participation by women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged small business firms in technological innovation. The application deadline is September 6, 2012.

Online Education Sessions

Upcoming Online Education Sessions

Unless otherwise noted, all Online Education Sessions are webinars, are 90 minutes in duration, and are scheduled to begin at 2 PM Eastern Time. The registration fee is $89 per person.

Now Is the Time - Mobilize Your Board to Raise Funds: Part II

This webinar, presented by Judi Margolin, addresses in a highly specific and proactive way the reluctance of board members to fundraise. There are many roles that board members can play in helping to secure financial resources for your organization, beyond simply asking for money. The webinar identifies and fully explores each of these roles, with the goal of making your board members far more proficient at fundraising. Practical advice is provided on developing an action plan to establish and maintain a fully engaged fundraising board. Nonprofit development staff and volunteers should consider attending with a member of their board. This webinar will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2012. (These webinars may be taken individually.) Visit the link above to register.

One Little Tool With Such Big Benefits: The Logic Model (NEW)

Do you ever wish you could predetermine how likely it is that the program you are designing will produce the desired results? Or if the resources you have planned and the strategies you have chosen are sufficient and appropriate? Short of having a crystal ball, constructing a logic model
before you launch your program is the next best strategy. The logic model is a one-page diagram that lays out the resources, activities, outputs, and outcomes of a proposed program in a way that challenges the rationale of it all. Because it is a virtual road map for planning, budgeting, development, evaluation, and promotion, many funders require it as part of the grant application. In this webinar, Susan Eliot walks you through the development of a logic model, shares several examples, and leaves you with a step-by-step guide to creating your own logic model. She also shows you how to connect the other components of your grant application to the logic model. This webinar is designed for the novice grantseeker. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**FREE Tour of the GrantStation Website**

Join Jeremy Smith, GrantStation's Communications and Technology Director, for a short tour of the GrantStation website. Learn how to use the tools that GrantStation provides to help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project. The tour will also include information about our new, interactive Grant2020 visioning tool! If you've just joined GrantStation, this tour will help you determine the most effective way to use the valuable resources the website provides. If you haven't joined yet, this tour will help you determine if a GrantStation Membership fits your needs. There will be plenty of time for questions. This webinar will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**How to Secure Funding from Foundations**

Foundations are mysterious institutions to those not familiar with them. In this webinar, Judith Margolin demystifies the process of securing foundation funding. The webinar provides a thorough grounding in what foundations are all about, including how many there are, who runs them, and trends in foundation giving. The focus is on what motivates foundations to give and how you can determine why they might or might not support your organization. Topics include types of foundations and styles of approach, determining your organization's funding needs, finding the best prospect, what makes a winning grant proposal, introducing your agency to a foundation, and proposal submission techniques. This webinar will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

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