National Funding Opportunities

Support for HIV/AIDS Healthcare Programs

AIDS United: Retention in Care

AIDS United, in partnership with the M·A·C AIDS Fund, is addressing the intractable barriers that cause one in two people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. to fall out of care. The Retention in Care initiative, administered by AIDS United, is focused on increasing retention in effective HIV healthcare by people living with HIV/AIDS, particularly those living in poverty and who are high risk for dropping out of care or becoming sub-optimally engaged in care. Through this Request for Proposals (RFP), approximately five organizations in communities across the U.S. will be selected to receive grants ranging from $200,000 to $250,000. The focus of this RFP is on interventions that will move people toward consistent engagement in healthcare and provide the support needed to maintain this level of engagement. Support will be provided for a range of approaches that either need resources to get off the ground or existing programs that can be brought to a more effective scale. (Replacement funding for services that have experienced funding shortfalls will not be provided.) The application deadline is November 2, 2012. Visit the AIDS United website to download the RFP.

PreK-6 Pet Care Projects Funded

The Pet Care Trust: Pets in the Classroom Grants Program

The goal of the Pets in the Classroom Grants Program, an initiative of the Pet Care Trust, is to establish healthy child-pet relationships at an early age by supporting responsible pet care in school classrooms across the country. These grants are intended to provide a means of teaching children to bond with and care for their pets. PreK-6 teachers in public and private schools can apply for grants or coupons in the amounts of $50 to $150 for the purchase of new pets and pet environments, as well as food and supplies for existing classroom pets. Requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the Pets in the Classroom website to review the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

Grants for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs in Native Communities

First Nations Development Institute: Innovative Native VITA Site Programs

The mission of First Nations Development Institute is to invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities. Innovative Native VITA Site Programs, a new initiative of First Nations, will provide grants of $15,000 each to three organizations for building or expanding Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Native American communities. The focus is on VITA programs that offer asset-building models, links to benefits programs, and/or connections to savings programs. The program is designed to support innovations such as the tax time savings bond, low- or no-fee debit cards for unbanked clients, alternative RALs, or anything else that enables tax filers to save money. The application deadline is November 9, 2012. Visit the First Nations website to submit an online application.
Exceptional Youth Volunteers Recognized

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades 5-12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. 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 6, 2012. Visit the Prudential website for online application information.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Marine Environmental Education Programs in California Supported

Whale Tail Grants Program

The goal of the Whale Tail Grants Program, an initiative of the California Coastal Commission, is to support projects that teach California’s children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state’s coast, marine life, and watersheds that connect with the coast. Funded projects should fall into one of the following categories: Adopt-A-Beach programs, youth programs, or programs for the general public. Priority is given to projects that reach communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education. Applicants may request any amount up to $50,000; one quarter to one half of the funding will be allocated in small grants under $10,000. The application deadline is November 1, 2012. Application guidelines and forms are available on the California Coastal Commission’s website.

Initiatives to Enhance Communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin Funded

AgStar Fund for Rural America

The AgStar Fund for Rural America is committed to enhancing the quality of life and future opportunities for rural residents and their communities. The Fund supports nonprofit organizations in the service area where AgStar has a significant business presence in Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. The Fund focuses its giving program in four major areas: education, environment, technology, and quality of life. Grants of up to $10,000 are provided. Online applications will be accepted from October 1 through November 30, 2012. Visit the AgStar website to review the funding guidelines and application instructions.

Grants Promote Social and Economic Justice in the Southeast

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation assists people in the Southeast United States to build just and caring communities that nurture people, spur enterprise, bridge differences, and foster fairness. The Foundation is dedicated to helping people and places to move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. Grants are provided to local, statewide, and regional nonprofits in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia that have track records of helping low-wealth people build assets and transform economic conditions in their communities. Organizational summaries may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the grant guidelines and application process.

Fellowships Support Summer Projects for Indiana Educators

Lilly Endowment: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program
The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, offered by the Lilly Endowment, is a program of renewal that leads to K-12 teachers and education professionals who become even more committed to helping Indiana’s young people grow and learn with enthusiasm. The program will support creative projects that are intellectually revitalizing to Indiana principals, assistant principals, classroom/resource teachers, guidance counselors, and library/media specialists. Fellowships are intended to support individualized six-week summer projects that will develop connections to classroom teaching or student learning. Up to 100 educators will receive fellowship stipends of $10,000. Applications must be postmarked by November 2, 2012. Visit the program’s website for application information.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Prizes Available for Solar Energy Installation

Department of Energy
The SunShot Prize: Race to the Rooftops seeks to challenge the ingenuity of America’s businesses and communities to make it faster, easier, and cheaper to install rooftop solar energy systems. The Prize is a cash award to the first three competitors that deploy at least 6,000 new rooftop photovoltaic installations at an average pre-subsidy non-hardware cost of $1 per watt. Registration is currently open. Phase I ends December 31, 2014.

Variety of Brownfields Programs Supported

Environmental Protection Agency
Brownfields Assessment Grants provide support to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites. Brownfields Cleanup Grants support cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide support for grant recipients to capitalize a revolving fund
and to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. The application deadline for all three programs is November 19, 2012.

Program Supports Collaborative Humanities Research
National Endowment for the Humanities
The Collaborative Research program supports interpretive humanities research undertaken by teams of two or more scholars. Eligible projects include research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding of the humanities; conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit scholarly research; archaeological projects that include the interpretation and communication of results; and research that uses the knowledge and perspectives of the humanities and historical or philosophical methods to enhance understanding of science, technology, medicine, and the social sciences. The application deadline is December 6, 2012.

Awards Offered for Sustainability Design
Environmental Protection Agency
The 10th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity, and the Planet provides support to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. Research areas include energy, the built environment, materials and chemicals, and water. The application deadline is December 11, 2012.

Online Education Trainings

Upcoming Online Education Trainings
Unless otherwise noted, all Online Education Trainings are webinars, are 90 minutes in duration, and are scheduled to begin at 2 PM Eastern Time. The registration fee is $89 per person or $150 for a group.

Developing a Powerful Program Evaluation Plan
Many grant writers are stumped when it comes to developing the evaluation component of a grant application. They can easily articulate the issues, define goals and objectives, delineate the action steps, and estimate the costs of implementation - everything except a plan to demonstrate the program’s effectiveness. In this course, Susan Eliot will teach participants the basic components of an evaluation plan, how to link the evaluation plan to goals and objectives, how to decide which evaluation strategies to use, how much to budget for an evaluation, and when to seek out the help of a professional evaluator.
In addition to the PowerPoint presentation and notes, participants will receive samples of evaluation plans used in actual programs. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**How to Craft a Proposal to a Foundation**

Proposal writing is the skill most sought after by savvy nonprofit staff members. On the one hand, writing a grant proposal is quite simple and follows a basic formula. However, submitting a proposal may be your only chance to put the case for funding your organization in front of a foundation, so you want to be sure to do it right. In this webinar, Judith Margolin provides invaluable tips on developing a compelling proposal narrative, what your proposal package should include, how to let your funder take the lead, and advice on writing and submission techniques that get your proposal noticed by foundation decision makers. This webinar is for beginning and intermediate grant writers who want to learn specifically about proposals to foundations. The webinar will be held on Thursday, October 11, 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 Grants2020 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, October 16, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**Understanding and Securing Corporate Grants and Support**

Corporate giving programs and corporate foundations are an often-underutilized funding source, particularly at the local level. Nonprofit organizations are often unsure about how to pursue corporate funding. During this webinar, Carol Freedman will discuss the corporate philanthropy approach, how to understand corporate guidelines and priorities, and how to effectively align your organization's projects and programs with those of corporate funders. Participants will learn how to determine geographic eligibility for specific corporate giving programs and other essential criteria. Topics covered in the webinar include how to use tools to identify and analyze local, regional, and national corporate funding; how to approach local companies and corporate offices for support; and the importance of leveraging personal connections and volunteerism. This webinar will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

For a complete list of upcoming Online Education Trainings, click [here](#).
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