Support for Creative Community Partnerships

ArtPlace
ArtPlace is a collaboration of major foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions dedicated to accelerating creative placemaking across the United States. ArtPlace believes that art, culture, and creativity expressed powerfully through place can create vibrant communities, thus increasing the desire and the economic opportunity for people to thrive in place. Grants and loans are provided to collaborations involving arts organizations, artists, and designers working with local and national partners to produce a transformative impact on community vibrancy. Priority is given to projects that enjoy strong local buy-in and will occur at places already showing signs of momentum, integrate with a community’s economic development and community revitalization strategy, and have the potential to attract additional private and public support to the community. ArtPlace gives some emphasis to applications from selected localities; however, applications are encouraged from urban and rural regions all across the U.S. Letters of inquiry will be accepted from September 17 through November 1, 2012. Visit the ArtPlace website to download the application guidelines.

Excellence in Youth Service Recognized

Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program
The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program, sponsored by Nestlé USA, honors teens throughout the United States who have excelled in school and whose efforts are making a profound difference in the lives of others. Young people between 14 and 18 years of age are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church, or community. Nestlé will donate $1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. The winners will also receive a trip for them and a parent or guardian to Los Angeles, CA, for the Nestlé Very Best in Youth awards ceremony. The application deadline is November 8, 2012. Visit the program’s website to submit an online application.

Grants Promote the Protection of Wild Places

The Conservation Alliance
The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild and natural areas in North America where outdoor enthusiasts spend their time. Funded programs should focus primarily on direct action to protect specific threatened wild places and waterways. The Alliance is not looking for mainstream education or scientific research projects, but rather for active campaigns. Grants of up to $50,000 are provided. Before applying for funding, an organization must first be nominated by one of the Alliance’s member companies. The upcoming nomination deadline is November 1, 2012. The Alliance will send each nominated organization a request for
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Proposal, including instructions on submitting a full request, which is due December 10, 2012. Grant criteria and application guidelines are available on the Conservation Alliance website.

Teen Driver Safety Programs in the U.S. and Canada Funded

Project Ignition

Project Ignition, sponsored by State Farm and coordinated by the National Youth Leadership Council, provides grants for public high schools to support their students in addressing teen driver safety through service-learning. Students and teachers develop innovative service-learning projects that are intended to influence driving behaviors and save lives on the road through public awareness and engagement campaigns. Public high schools that enroll students in grades 9-12 in the U.S. and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Ontario are invited to apply. Twenty-five schools will be chosen to receive $2,000 grants to support the implementation of their campaigns from January to April 2013. Ten of these 25 schools will be selected to receive an additional $7,500 to continue their project in the following school year and to participate in the National Service-Learning Conference in 2014. The application deadline is November 15, 2012. Visit the Project Ignition website for the application guidelines.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Rural Programs in Selected States Supported

Laura Jane Musser Fund: Rural Initiative Program

The Laura Jane Musser Fund encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among citizens in communities in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wyoming. Through the Rural Initiative Program, the Fund supports programs that will help to strengthen individual rural towns in the targeted states in a number of civic areas, including economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of their location and support from a diverse cross-section of community members and institutions. Planning grants of up to $5,000 and implementation grants of up to $25,000 are provided. The application deadline is November 7, 2012. Specific grant guidelines and application procedures are available on the Fund’s website.

Grants Enhance Quality of Life in Company Communities

Georgia-Pacific Foundation

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates, and where company employees live and work. (Information on Georgia-Pacific facilities and
locations is available on the company’s website.) The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: education, including job readiness and literacy; community enrichment, including affordable housing, cultural, and safety programs; environment, including resource conservation and clean air/clean water; and entrepreneurship, especially among youth, women, and minorities. Grant applications must be submitted by October 31, 2012. Visit the company’s website to take the required online eligibility survey.

**Funds for Breast Cancer Programs in Maryland**

**Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure: Large Grant Program**

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a national grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find the cures. Through the Large Grant Program, the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure provides support for efforts to reduce breast cancer disparities across Maryland (with the exception of Prince George’s and Montgomery counties). Grant funding is targeted towards collaborative and innovative projects that reduce breast cancer mortality, especially among those who are disproportionately affected by this disease. The following types of grants are available: Screening, Treatment, Education Programs; Make A Difference Programs; and Clinical Trial Enrollment Programs. The application deadline for all three programs is November 5, 2012. Visit the Maryland Affiliate’s website to review the Request for Applications and to submit an online application.

**Support for Wilderness Conservation in California**

**California Wildlands Grassroots Fund**

The California Wildlands Grassroots Fund, administered by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, supports nonprofit organizations that show a demonstrated ability and commitment to conserve California’s natural landscapes, ecosystems, plants, and wildlife. Grants averaging $1,000 to $3,000 are provided to small nonprofit organizations that are advocating for the protection of intact wildlands on both public and private lands in order to help preserve California’s wilderness and native biological diversity. Priority is given to geographic or issue areas that have not received significant financial support in the past, including rural communities and other regions without easy access to financial and political support. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the final application deadline for 2012 is November 15. Online application guidelines are available on the Rose Foundation’s website.

**Federal Grant and Loan Programs**

**Animal Conservation Supported**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**
The Fish and Wildlife Service offers a variety of funds for conservation of animals, including elephants, amphibians, great apes, tigers, rhinoceroses, marine turtles, and other critically endangered animals. Deadlines vary by fund. Applications for conservation of elephants, great apes, rhinoceroses, and tigers are due November 1, 2012.

Support Offered for Small Business Biology Research
National Science Foundation
The Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program supports technological innovation in the private sector. The program supports proposals that use a biologically-based approach, such as synthetic biology, systems biology, metabolic engineering, proteomics, bioinformatics, and computational biology, to address business opportunities in key industry sectors including biomedical, biomanufacturing, and sustainable agriculture. Letters of intent are due November 20, 2012. The application deadline is December 20, 2012.

AIDS-Related Collaborative Efforts Funded
National Institutes of Health
The Global Partnerships for Social Science AIDS Research program supports collaborative efforts between institutions in the United States, or other developed countries, and research institutions in developing countries affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Letters of intent are due November 7, 2012. The application deadline is December 7, 2012.

Funds Available for Environmental Information Exchange
Environmental Protection Agency
The National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program provides support to develop and implement the information technology and information management capabilities needed to actively participate in the Exchange Network, which is a secure, Internet- and standards-based way to support electronic data reporting, sharing, and integration of both regulatory and non-regulatory environmental data. The application deadline is November 9, 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.

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, September 18, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**Writing Capacity Building Grants**

Developing a capacity building grant request requires a specific approach which is distinct from the application process for operating or program grant requests. During this webinar, Alice Ruhnke will walk participants through the introduction, needs statement, objectives, and evaluation components of capacity building grant requests, using "real life, real time" examples of what funders are looking for. The webinar is appropriate for individuals who have a basic understanding of grant fundamentals and would like to apply those concepts specifically to capacity building grants. Participants will receive the power point presentation and the notes upon completion of the webinar. The webinar will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

**Building a Powerful Grants Calendar: Tools, Resources and Processes**

This webinar will walk you through the process of building a powerful 2012/2013 grantseeking calendar for your nonprofit organization. Taught by GrantStation's CEO, Cynthia M. Adams, the session focuses on how to design and effectively use a grant decision matrix, simplify your grants research, and create project specific grantseeking strategies. This webinar will make establishing a grants calendar a manageable and rewarding project for you, your staff, and/or your fundraising committee. Participants will receive a copy of the power point presentation, notes, and several worksheets. The webinar will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 and is for beginning, intermediate and advanced grantwriters. Space is limited so register early. Visit the link above to register.

**You Got a Grant! --- Now What?**

At last, practical advice about what to do when you actually get a grant. In this webinar, Judith Margolin, former vice president of the Foundation Center and author of After the Grant, will share insider tips gleaned from conversations with foundation executives about the best ways to acknowledge your funder, create a grants management system that works, and set your organization up to be first in line for the next grant. This webinar also includes information on how to make your way through the paperwork accompanying your grant, uncover hidden requirements in your grant award letter, and ensure that you meet all of your funder's requirements while establishing a partnership for the future. The webinar will be held Thursday, September 27, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

For a complete list of upcoming Online Education Trainings, click here.
**Partner Depot**

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**GrantStation’s Partner Depot Advertising Program**

Partner Depot provides the opportunity for organizations and businesses to connect with the grantseeking universe by introducing products or services, announcing events, etc. Advertising in GrantStation’s weekly newsletters, sent to a list of over 325,000 email addresses, and on GrantStation’s website, with over 2,100,000 page views annually, will ensure that your message reaches interested readers. Click above to learn more!

**GrantStation Announcements**

**Take the 2012 Grants Survey!**

*The State of Grantseeking Fall 2012 Survey*

The State of Grantseeking Fall 2012 is the fifth semi-annual informal survey of nonprofit organizations highlighting the current state of grantseeking in the U.S. The survey results will provide up-to-date information to help nonprofits as they continue to adjust to current economic conditions and plan their grantseeking strategies, in addition to giving organizations a benchmark to compare to their own grantseeking experience. Please take five minutes to complete this survey before September 28, 2012. Results will be published on both the GrantStation and PhilanTech websites. Survey respondents may request an advance copy of the results when completing the survey. If you’ve not yet accessed your free copy of *The State of Grantseeking Spring 2012*, click here to download.

**Tracks to Success**

*Planning Nonprofit Events*

This three-part series, written by Natasha Geraghty-Medved of Acteva, discusses ways to make the planning, management, and implementation of fundraising events for nonprofit organizations easy and successful. Click on the link provided above to read Part Two.