

FUNDING \$ UPDATE

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**Boston NOW Cultural Agenda
Boston Cultural Agenda Grant Program**

Program: The Boston NOW Cultural Agenda (BNCA) grant program will make awards that support cultural non-profit organizations that are Boston-based or primarily serving Boston residents to conduct projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences for the benefit of Boston residents and visitors that significantly advance one of the following priorities:

1. Cultural Economic Development – The Boston NOW Cultural Agenda will support projects that enable cultural non-profit organizations to promote the economic vitality of the City of Boston through cultural activity such as:

- Projects that promote cultural tourism, attracting local, regional, national, or international visitors to attend Boston cultural activities in Boston venues; and
- Projects that support the role of cultural activity in community development.

2. Culture In Public Places/Access To Culture – The BNCA will support projects that make cultural activity accessible to the public such as, but not limited to:

- Community-based festivals, performances, and demonstrations of cultural tradition;
- Access to cultural activities for low or no cost for underserved populations;
- Short-term installations for public art in public places; and
- Cultural activity designed to overcome language, physical, economic, or geographic barriers.

3. Resources and Technical Assistance – The BNCA will support projects that support the cultural community, both individuals and organizations, that:

- Generate new sources of earned revenue to support cultural activity or cultural organizations;
- Generate new in-kind support for cultural activity;
- Provide technical assistance for the cultural community to ensure efficient and effective use of existing resources; and
- Provide new sources of revenue for the organization through earned-income development and/or organizational visibility.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$15,000

Deadline: Concept paper: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

Final proposal: Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Eligible: Cultural not-for-profit organizations that are based in Boston or primarily serve Boston residents.

Information: Diana Orthman, Office of Cultural Affairs, Boston City Hall, Room 716, Boston, MA 02201, Telephone: (617) 635-3245, E-mail: Diana.Orthman@cityofboston.gov, Link: www.cityofboston.gov/arts/fund.asp

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement

Special Improvement Project Grants

Program: The Office of Child Support Enforcement's Special Improvement Project Grants provides funding for special improvement projects that further the national child support mission, vision, and goals of ensuring all children receive financial and medical support from their parents and which strengthens the ability of the nation's child support program to collect support on behalf of children and families. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) seeks innovative projects to improve child support program performance and projects in which new partners collaborate to produce greater impacts on child support outcomes, such as increasing the establishment of child support orders and child support collections. ACF particularly seeks partnerships, such as courts/tribunals and community and faith-based organizations, that can address the needs of harder-to-serve populations, such as low-income non-custodial fathers and culturally diverse populations to apply for these projects.

Funds: Total funds available: \$1,500,000
Range of grants: \$100,000 to \$200,000
Number of awards: 10

Deadline: March 4, 2004

Eligible: Nonprofit and public agencies

Information: Jean Robinson, Program Analyst, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Division of State, Tribal and Local Assistance, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 4th Floor, East Wing, Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-5330, Fax: (202) 205-4315, E-mail: jrobinson@acf.hhs.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-31375.htm>

CFDA: 93.601

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Social Ventures Partners Boston

Economic Development Initiative

Program: Social Ventures Partners Boston has announced its second grant cycle in Economic Development to be awarded in Spring 2004 and issued a request for concept papers. Social Ventures Partners Boston (SVP Boston) is dedicated to creating strong communities and social change through a style of collaborative giving – venture philanthropy. SVP Boston's goal is to work with organizations to help them realize their ambitions through a combination of financial and volunteer contributions. This mix of time, money, and expertise has been successful and is changing the relationship between nonprofits and those who support them while providing valuable returns for both that far exceed the capital investment.

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SVP Boston seeks to fund organizations that will benefit from a long-term relationship with the funders, including hands-on involvement with individual partners who have a range of talents and skills to offer non-profit organizations. SVP Boston seeks organizations that are ready and willing to benefit from SVP advice and direction on capacity building projects. The areas in which SVP Boston Partners currently provide advice and project management assistance include:

- General Management;
- Boards and Governance;
- Finance and Revenue Development;
- Information Technology;
- Marketing and Media;
- Evaluation and Outcomes; and
- Replication and Expansion.

The grant will be supported with technical assistance in a capacity building project mutually accepted by SVP and the organization. SVP Boston considers subsequent, multi-year grants through a re-investment process on the one-year anniversary of the grant. SVP Boston works with organizations that share the following characteristics:

- Effective solutions that addresses the current investment focus
- Programs that offer the opportunity to leverage success to a wider market, through growth, replication, dissemination, collaboration or other strategies
- The potential to become self-sustaining or attract larger financing within three years
- Strong, visionary leadership and outside supporters or board
- Capacity and desire to work on strategy with volunteer partners.

In the current grant cycle, SVP Boston is accepting proposals from organizations pursuing effective models that have the clear potential to help individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency through a variety of strategies including, but not limited to:

- Training, education and placement for career potential; and
- Creation of support structures for individuals or families.

SVP Boston is particularly interested in programs and projects that address the following underserved areas:

- Services for young men of disadvantaged communities and those in risk of incarceration or coming out of incarceration;
- Assistance placing clients in career potential employment; and
- Case management services for more than three months post-employment, ideally at least one year post-employment.

Funds:

Award size: \$40,000

Number of awards: one

Deadline:

Friday, January 23, 2004 at 5:00 PM

Eligible:

Nonprofit 501(c) (3) organizations, focused on serving clients in Boston city neighborhoods or the adjacent cities of Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, Chelsea, and

Revere.

Information: Paola Abello, Program Manager, Social Ventures Partners Boston, c/o the Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston MA 02116, Telephone: (617) 338-4497, E-mail: paola@svpboston.org, Link: www.svpboston.org

EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement Teaching American History Grant Program

Program: The Teaching American History Grant Program provides funding for projects to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of American history. The awards will assist local educational agencies (LEAs), in partnership with entities that have extensive content expertise, to develop, document, evaluate, and disseminate innovative, cohesive models of professional development.

Funds: Total funds available: \$100 million
Average grant size: \$2,000,000
Range of grants: \$350,000 to \$1,000,000
Number of awards: 135

Deadline: Letter of intent: February 5, 2004
Final application: March 2, 2004

Eligible: Local educational agencies in partnership with nonprofit organizations, institutes of higher education, libraries, and museums

Information: Christine Miller, Telephone: (202) 260-8766, E-mail:, Link:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-31567.htm>

CFDA: 84.215X

U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences Small Business Innovation Research Program

Program: The purpose of the Small Business Innovation Research Program is to stimulate technological innovation, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Department of Education research or research and development needs, and increase the commercial application of innovations derived from department supported research or research and development. The department invites applications that meet one of the following priorities.

Priority One – Services

This priority supports research to develop effective business consulting services that can better serve the education community at both the local and state levels. The Institute of Education Sciences invites proposals that seek to develop a plan or a business model for the provision of such services.

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Priority Two – Products

This priority supports the development of empirically derived educational products in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, or character and pro-social development at the pre-kindergarten through postsecondary levels, including products that support teachers and administrators as well as products that are used directly by students.

- Funds:** Average grant size: \$100,000
Range of grants: \$75,000 to \$100,000
Number of awards: 30 to 35
- Deadline:** February 19, 2004
- Eligible:** Organizations that qualify as a small business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA) at the time of the award.
- Information:** Joe Teresa, US Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 608f, Washington, DC 20208, Telephone: (202) 219-2046, E-mail: joe.teresa@ed.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-31446.htm>
- FR:** 12/22 71097-71099

**U.S. Department of Education
Office of Postsecondary Education
Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education
European Community-United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training**

- Program:** The Department of Education will provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education. This program is a Special Focus Competition under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$25,000 to \$200,000
Number of awards: 12
- Deadline:** April 16, 2004.
- Eligible:** Institutions of higher education and vocational education and training programs or combinations of these institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.
- Information:** Beverly Baker, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Suite 6140, Washington, DC 20006-8544, Telephone: (202) 502-7503, E-mail: Beverly.Baker@ed.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-32063.htm>
- FR:** 12/30 75221-75224

**Nellie Mae Foundation
The College Prep Initiative**

- Program:** The foundation invites proposals for this program from existing partnerships between colleges and universities and high schools that seek to improve college preparation and access for all students through the application of research-based practices focused on academic achievement. The foundation will support college-school partnerships that include low-income, minority, and potential first-generation college students.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$100,000 to \$150,000 for an initial funding period of 12 months; based on performance, partnerships may be funded for up to five years.
Number of awards: four
- Deadline:** March 1, 2004
- Eligible:** Four-year colleges and universities in a highly collaborative partnership with a school serving grades 7 to 12 or 9 to 12. The college or university and its partner school must be in geographic proximity to one another and be located in one of the six New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont. The applicant college or university must demonstrate that the school it partners with serves a student body that meets at least two of the following criteria:
- 30 percent or more are eligible for free or reduced lunch;
 - 30 percent of the student body potentially represent the first generation of their families to attend college;
 - 30 percent represent racial or ethnic minorities.
- Information:** Bonnie Gordon, Program Officer, Nellie Mae Education Foundation, 1250 Hancock Street, Suite 205N, Quincy, MA 02169, Telephone: (781) 348-4214, Fax: (781) 348-4299, Link: <http://www.nmefdn.org/initiatives/collegeprep/rfps.htm?a=5&i=2>

ENVIRONMENT

**Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation
Environmental Grants Program**

- Program:** The Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation will support programs to:
- Help reduce air pollution from automobiles, airplanes, and other mobile sources;
 - Develop and implement alternative, clean-fuel technologies;
 - Eliminate industrial and consumer dependence on diesel fuel; and
 - Mitigate the impact of global warming on the planet.
- The foundation will give preference to proposals that include plans to achieve tangible, measurable results or outcomes by the end of the proposed grant period.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$300,000
Range of grants: \$10,000 to \$25,000
- Deadline:** February 27, 2004
- Eligible:** U.S. nonprofit groups that focus on environmental issues.
- Information:** Kirsch Foundation, 60 South Market Street, Suite 1000, San Jose, CA 95113-2336, Telephone: (408) 278-2278, Fax: (408) 278-0280, E-mail: questions@kirschfoundation.org, Link: www.kirschfoundation.org/

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HEALTH

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Community-Based Abstinence Education Project Grants

- Program:** The purpose of the Community-Based Abstinence Education Grant Program is to provide support to public and private entities for the development and implementation of abstinence education programs for adolescents ages 12 through 18. This program funds the planning and delivery of community-based, abstinence-only educational interventions.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$33 million
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$800,000
Number of awards: 70
- Deadline:** February 9, 2004
- Eligible:** Nonprofit and public agencies, including faith-based and community organizations.
- Information:** Donna Hutten, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of State and Community Health, Parklawn Building, Room 18-31, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-5839, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-30597.htm>
- CFDA:** 93.110

San Diego State University and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Active-Living Research Grants

- Program:** Active-Living Research grants, administered by San Diego State University and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, are available for research that identifies environmental factors and policies that influence physical activity, specifically in understudied populations, such as children and adolescents, low-income and ethnic-minority groups, older adults, physically challenged individuals, and residents of rural areas. Preliminary proposals must be submitted online.
- Funds:** Up to \$600,000 over three years or less
- Deadline:** February 18, 2004
- Eligible:** Public entities and non-profit organizations.
- Information:** Active-Living Research, San Diego State University, 3900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92103, Telephone: (619) 260-5534, Fax: (619) 260-1510, E-mail: ALR@projects.sdsu.edu, Link: <http://www.activelivingresearch.org>

WOMEN

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National On-line Resource Center for Violence Against Women

- Program:** The purpose of this program is to support an on-line, publicly accessible collection of

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resources and discussion forums on violence against women (VAW) within an organization that currently manages an on-line collection. This program will utilize current technology to build the capacity of local, state, national, and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate VAW prevention initiatives and intervention programs.

- Funds:** Total funds available: \$770,000
Number of awards: one
- Deadline:** Letter of intent: January 23, 2004
Final application: March 8, 2004
- Eligible:** Public and private nonprofit organizations and faith- and community-based organizations that currently have a searchable, on-line, full-text collection of resources that address the issues of violence against women, as well as existing technological infrastructure to support the growth of the collection and web-based discussion forums.
- Information:** Karen Lang, Project Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, MS-K60, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, Telephone: (770) 488-1118, E-mail: klang@cdc.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-356.htm>
- FR:** 1/8 1295-1298