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ARTS

Institute of Museum and Library Sciences Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

Program: The museum grants are intended to enhance institutional capacity and sustainability through professional training, technical assistance, internships, outside expertise, and other tools. Successful proposals will focus on one or more of the following three goals:

- 1) developing or strengthening knowledge, skills and other expertise of current staff at African American museums;
- 2) attracting and retaining professionals with the skills needed to strengthen African American museums; and
- 3) attracting new staff to African American museum practice and providing them with the expertise needed to sustain them in the museum field.

Funds: Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$150,000

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Eligible: Museums

Information: Twinet G. Kimbrough, Program Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, telephone: (202) 653-4703, email: tkimbrough@imls.gov and Mark Isaksen, Senior Museum Program Officer, telephone: (202) 653-4667, email: misaksen@imls.gov, link: www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=12

CHILD CARE

Children's Investment Fund Emergency and Energy Grant Program

Program: The Children's Investment Fund has a grant program for Boston early care and education (ECE) providers based in centers to fund emergency repairs and energy-efficient retrofits to facilities. Programs must meet all the following criteria:

Nonprofit organization located in Boston;
Licensed, center-based ECE program in a community setting;
Serve a minimum of 50% children who meet income eligibility guidelines;
Operate on a full-day, full-year schedule; and
Demonstrate that the organization has the resources to continue to serve children and families.

The Fund will give priority to building emergencies; repairs related to licensing, health, or safety concerns; energy-efficient retrofits; program consolidation; and facility improvements to meet accreditation standards.

Funds: Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$50,000

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Deadline: rolling
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: Mav Pardee, Program Manager, Children's Investment Fund, One Center Plaza, Suite 350, Boston, MA 02108, telephone: (617) 727-5944, email: mpardee@cedac.org, link: <http://cccif.org/grants.html>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Youth Service America

Martin Luther King Day of Service Lead Organizer Grants

Program: The goal of the MLK Day Lead Organizers program is to engage youth and adult volunteers on Martin Luther King Day of Service by encouraging families to serve together. Together, youth ages five to 25, and their families, will focus on some of the nation's most pressing issues, such as education, health, environment, economic opportunity, and disaster relief. MLK Day also may provide a starting point for a semester of service or involvement in national days of service and other volunteer activities.

Funds: Grant size: \$4,000 planning funds

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, elementary and secondary schools, and colleges and universities

Information: Youth Service America, 1101 15th Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 296 – 2992, email: info@ysa.org, link: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/MLKDay>

EDUCATION

Institute of Museum and Library Sciences

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Program: The 21st Century Librarian Program grants support projects to:

- recruit and educate the next generation of librarians, faculty and library leaders.
- conduct research on the library profession.
- support early career research.
- assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff.

The grants require a 100 percent match.

Funds: Range of grants: 50,000 to \$1 million

Number of awards: 150

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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Eligible: Public and private libraries, including school libraries
Information: Kevin Cherry, Senior Library Program Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, telephone: (202) 653-4662, email, kcherry@imls.gov or Mary Alice Ball, Senior Library Program, telephone: (202) 653-4730, email, mball@imls.gov, link: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=9>

**Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation
Toolbox for Education Grant Program**

Program: Through the Toolbox for Education grant program, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation will donate funds to U.S. public schools and public school parent teacher groups at more than one thousand public schools. For the 2010 to 2011 program, the foundation will focus on basic, one-time project needs. The Toolbox for Education grant program prioritizes funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor), as well as landscaping and cleanup projects. The foundation will favor projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit.

Funds: Range of grants: \$2,000 to \$5,000
Number of awards: over 1,000

Deadline: February 17, 2012

Eligible: nonprofit public elementary and secondary schools and parent groups associated with such schools, including parent-teacher organizations and associations

Information: Lowe's Toolbox for Education, c/o PTO Today, 100 Stonewall Boulevard, Suite 3, Wrentham, MA 02093, email: info@toolboxforeducation.com, link: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

**U.S. Department of Defense
Office of Naval Research**

Navy and Marine Corps Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Programs

Program: Through this program, the Office of Naval Research seeks to foster an interest in, knowledge of, and study in STEM nationwide to ensure an educated and well-prepared naval and national workforce.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$200,000

Deadline: September 30, 2012

Eligible: Government agencies, public and private colleges and universities, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and businesses

Information: Dr. Kam Ng Deputy Director of Research, Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22203, email: kam.ng1@navy.mil, link: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements.aspx>

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Protection Agency

Brownfields Grant Programs

- Program:** The EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up and reuse brownfield sites. EPA offers three types of brownfield grants:
- Brownfields Assessment Grants support the inventory, characterization, assessment, and planning and community engagement related to brownfield sites.
 - Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide revolving funds that allow grantees to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.
 - Brownfields Cleanup Grants support cleanup activities at specific brownfield sites.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$65 million
Range of grants: \$200,000 to \$1,000,000
Number of awards: 210 total for three types
- Deadline:** November 28, 2011
- Eligible:** States, communities, tribe, and not-for-profit organizations
- Information:** Diane Kelley, Regional Brownfields Coordinator, EPA Region I, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Mail code: OSRR7-2, Boston, MA 02109-3912, telephone:(617) 918-1424, email: Kelley.Diane@epa.gov, link: http://epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/index.htm

FAMILIES

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

- Program:** The Assets for Independence Demonstration Program provides funds for an array of supports and services for low-income individuals and families to become more economically self-sufficient. Project participants receive access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts that allows them to accumulate savings and acquire an economic asset that will appreciate over time, including a home, business, or higher education. Assets for Independence Demonstration projects also must include financial literacy education and coaching. Grants require a minimum of a 50 percent match.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$15 million
Number of awards: 50 awards

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Deadline: January 25, 2012, March 26, 2012 and May 25, 2012
Eligible: Governments, financial institutions designated as low-income credit unions, and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: James Gatz, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Aerospace Building, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., 5th Floor West, Washington, DC 20447, telephone: (866) 778-6037, email: info@IDAresources.org, link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EI-0137/html>

GARDENING

Fiskars

Project Orange Thumb Garden Grants and Makeovers

Program: Fiskars, a global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden, and outdoors, has opened the application process for 2011 Project Orange Thumb garden grants and makeovers in the United States and Canada. The annual Project Orange Thumb program provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. This year, Fiskars is giving groups the chance to apply for a garden makeover, as well as garden grants.

Funds: Grant size: \$5,000 cash and tools

Number of awards: 11

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Eligible: Community groups with gardening projects

Information: Project Orange Thumb, Fiskars, link: <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb/Grant-and-Garden-Makeover-Application>

HEALTH

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Applying Behavioral Economics to Perplexing Health and Health Care Challenges Grant Program

Program: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has announced a new initiative to support innovative ideas that apply the principles and theories of behavioral economics to perplexing health problems. This funding opportunity is being sponsored in part by the Donaghue Foundation, which funds medical research that promotes practical benefit. The program is particularly interested in supporting either experiments or secondary data analyses that test innovative solutions to the challenges of obesity and consumer engagement. To be eligible, ideas should apply the principles or paradigms of behavioral economics to a persistent health or healthcare issue. The Foundation encourages proposals from a range of disciplines, including, but not

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limited to, behavioral economics, decision theory, economics, public health, sociology, psychology, marketing, nursing, and medicine.

- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$100,000 for up to eighteen months
Number of awards: 10
- Deadline:** November 2, 2011
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
- Information:** Kevin Volpp, director, University of Pennsylvania, email: behealth@upenn.edu, link: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21372>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Million Hearts Challenge

- Program:** The Million Hearts Challenge is a multidisciplinary call to innovators and developers to create an application that activates and empowers patients to take charge of their cardiovascular disease. Winning entries have the potential to help patients combat the nation's leading cause of death through medication adherence, a healthier diet, and a more active lifestyle while promoting the goals of the Million Hearts campaign. The applications will be used in the Million Hearts campaign, a national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. More on the campaign is available at <http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/>.
- Funds:** Award size: \$50,000 for first prize, \$20,000 for second prize, and \$5,000 for third prize
Number of awards: three
- Deadline:** December 31, 2011
- Eligible:** Information technology application developers
- Information:** Adam Wong, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, telephone: (202) 720-2866, link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-30/html/2011-25296.htm>.

HUNGER

U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Food Security

- Program:** The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative provides funding for research and programs that address areas deemed important to the USDA. This solicitation funds research and programs focused on achieving the long-term outcome of increasing food availability and decreasing the number of food insecure individuals.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$19 million
- Deadline:** March 1, 2012

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Eligible: Public and private colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, individuals, and for-profits

Information: Dr. Diana Jerkins, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 401-6996, email: djerkins@nifa.usda.gov, link: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/12_afri_food_security.doc

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

New Balance Foundation

Charitable Product Donation

Program: The New Balance Foundation donates products and gift certificates to youth development and community organizations. The Charitable Product Donation program is based on the idea that the most basic of items, such as pairs of shoes, can make a drastic impact on a young person's quality of life. The shoe company provides its excess inventory to nonprofit and school efforts through this program.

Funds: Awards: Gift certificates and products

Deadline: rolling

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations benefiting communities, youth, education, health, and arts and culture, including shelters, youth sport and enrichment programs, and community centers

Information: New Balance Foundation, 20 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135, email: newbalancefoundation@newbalance.com, link: <http://www.newbalance.com/responsible-leadership/#/pci/foundation/>

Citizens Bank

Champions in Action

Program: Citizens Bank recently revised its Champions in Action program and will make awards two times per year. Each six months, Citizens and its partners will focus on a specific social concern and chooses a community organization as a Champion in Action. Each Champion in Action receives a grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation, as well as the following:

- coverage from NECN, including public service announcements and television profiles;
- volunteer support from Citizens Bank and NECN;
- public relations support;
- promotional support, including advertising in Citizens Bank branches, on Citizens Bank ATMs, on the website, and the NECN website.

In the second half of 2012, Citizens Bank will focus on neighborhood development.

Funds: Grant size: \$25,000
Number of awards: two per year, per region

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Deadline: March 2, 2012
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: Champions in Action Program, Citizens Bank, Public Affairs Department, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, link:
<http://www.citizensbank.com/community/champions/default.aspx>

SPORTS

Liberty Mutual

Responsible Sports Community Grants

Program: The Fall 2011 Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Community Grants will provide grants to youth sports teams and leagues, and school teams that demonstrate their dedication to responsibility in youth sports.

Funds: Range of grants: \$2,500 to \$5,000
Number of awards: 14

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

Information: Liberty Mutual Foundation, Responsible Sports Community Grants, email:
webmaster@responsiblesports.com, link:
www.responsiblesports.com/community_grants/default.aspx

Saucony

Run for Good Program

Program: The Saucony Run for Good Program is designed to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children. Program participants must be 18 years of age or younger and all proposals must demonstrate the grantee will conduct programs that increase participation in running in order to positively impact the lives and health of participants. The program gives preference to organizations that serve youth populations not traditionally exposed to running programs.

Funds: Total funds available: approximately \$50,000
Number of awards: up to seven

Deadline: December 13, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

Information: Saucony, 191 Spring Street, Mail Drop 318S, Lexington, MA 02420-9191, email:
info@sauconyrunforgood.com, link: www.sauconyrunforgood.com

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FOUNDATION PROFILE

Merck Family Fund

Grants Program: Sustaining Our Environment and Transforming Our Communities

Program: The Merck Family Fund supports work by communities with few resources who are confronting significant social, economic, and environmental challenges. The two areas of focus for the fund are to

- a) create green and open space, and
- b) support youth as agents of social change.

Grants are limited to grassroots programs in New York, NY; Providence, RI; and Boston, MA. The fund will give preference to programs that:

- Involve youth in the design, operation, and evaluation of a project;
- Train youth to learn skills, develop relationships, and gain experience while making a positive impact on the community;
- Support youth to research issues of concern, design strategies for change, and implement action plans; and
- Identify youth as important stakeholders in the health and well-being of the community.

Funds: Total funds available: approximately \$2.8 million annually

Range of grants: \$15,000 to \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling for letters of inquiry

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

Information: Jenny Russell, Executive Director, Merck Family Fund, 95 Eliot Street, Suite 2, Milton, MA 02186-4253, telephone: (617) 696-3580), email: merck@merckff.org, link: www.merckff.org/grantguidelines.html

RECENT AWARDS

Mass Mentoring Partnership

Program: Mass Mentoring Partnership, a Boston-based nonprofit dedicated to providing mentors to youth, awarded \$250,000 to 19 mentoring programs to create 500 high-quality mentoring matches across Massachusetts. The following organizations received grants for 2011-12:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lowell
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay

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- Big Sister Association
- Catholic Charities - Laboure Center
- Family Service Association - Big Friends Little Friends Fall River
- Family Service, Inc. - Big Friends Little Friends Lawrence
- LUK Crisis Center
- John Andrew Mazie Memorial Foundation
- Melrose Alliance Against Violence
- Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries
- Partners for Youth with Disabilities
- Railroad Street Youth Project
- SMILES
- Strong Women Strong Girls
- The Dream Program

Information: Mass Mentoring Partnership, 105 Chauncy Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02111, telephone: (617) 695-1200 telephone: (800) 360-7955, email: info@massmentors.org, link: <http://www.massmentors.org/>

MetLife Foundation

Program: The Greater Boston Food Bank received a \$50,000 grant from the MetLife Foundation, one of 13 similar awards made nationally, that will help the agency reach its goal of providing enough food to feed everyone in need across eastern Massachusetts at least one meal per day.

Information: MetLife Foundation, link: <http://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation/index.html>

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