

FUNDING \$ UPDATE

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National Endowment for the Arts**2011-12 Big Read Program**

- Program:** The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read provides participating U.S. communities with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. The program will select 75 organizations in communities of varying sizes across the United States to conduct month-long, community-wide reads from September 2011 through June 2012. Organizations must match grant funds at least 1:1 with nonfederal funds, and may use the funding for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. Applicant organizations that are not libraries must partner with one. Elementary and secondary schools and school districts, whether public or private, may not be lead applicants but are strongly encouraged to partner with libraries, literary centers, museums, and other eligible applicants.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$2,500 to \$20,000
Number of awards: 75
- Deadline:** February 1, 2011
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, state, local, and tribal governments, and tax-exempt public libraries, including literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations
- Information:** The Big Read, Arts Midwest, telephone: (612) 238-8010, email: TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org, link: www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

New England Foundation for the Arts**Native Arts Program**

- Program:** The Native Arts Program at the New England Foundation for the Arts supports Native American artists and organizations in New England and nationally through grantmaking and network development. The program is designed to build regional and national support structures to help Native artists reach broader audiences, connect with new markets for their work, and gain access to financial resources. The Native Arts New England program supports Native artists and organizations residing in the six New England states, with a focus on arts projects that involve or benefit New England communities. To be eligible to apply, Native artists and organizations must demonstrate membership or affiliation with a Native American tribal nation and residence in one of the six New England states; knowledge and experience in the

proposed art form, medium, or media; and commitment to preserving and encouraging art and artmaking in their communities.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$3,000
Deadline: February 15, 2011 and September 15, 2011
Eligible: Native artists and organizations
Information: Native Arts Program, New England Foundation for the Arts, telephone: (617) 951-0010, x533, email: nativearts@nefa.org, link: www.nefa.org/grants_services/native_arts

National Endowment for the Humanities

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants for Innovative Projects

Program: The National Endowment for the Humanities is inviting applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program, which is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to projects in the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovations that promise to benefit the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Projects may involve research, new approaches, or best practices in the study of the digital humanities; planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education using both traditional and new media; and new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all levels. Applicants must propose an innovative approach, method, tool, or idea that has not been used before in the humanities. Grants should result in plans, prototypes, or proofs of concept for long-term digital humanities projects prior to implementation. Two levels of awards are available:

- Level I awards are small grants designed to fund brainstorming sessions, workshops, early alpha-level prototypes, and initial planning. In addition to early planning toward an innovative prototype, Level I proposals should identify a problem or research question, explore a research agenda, or discover appropriate methodologies or technologies. Level I grants also may fund conferences or workshops addressing specific topics related to the impact of technology on the humanities. Proposals should include specific plans for broad dissemination of project outcomes.
- Level II awards are larger grants (ranging from) that can be used for more fully formed projects that are ready to be implemented or demonstrate proofs of concept. Level II proposals should therefore include a more

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articulated plan of work leading to concrete and tangible outcomes, such as working prototypes, test beds, or demonstration projects.

Grants will support full or part-time activities for periods of up to eighteen months. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; and technical support and services. Up to 20 percent of the total grant may be used for the acquisition of computing hardware and software.

Funds: Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000 for level one awards and \$25,000 to \$50,000 for level two

Deadline: February 23, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and state and local governmental agencies

Information: National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of Digital Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, telephone: (202) 606-8446, email: odh@neh.gov, ink: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

U.S. Department of Justice

State Justice Institute

Department of Justice Project Grants

Program: The State Justice Institute will fund grants to support innovative education and training, research and evaluation, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in state courts locally or nationwide.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$300,000

Deadline: February 1, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and state and local courts

Information: Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 1650 King St., Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314, telephone: (703) 684- 6100, extension 210, email: jonathan.mattiello@sjj.gov, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-24271.htm>

EDUCATION

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Next Generation Learning Challenges

Program: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced the Next Generation Learning Challenges, a collaborative, multiyear initiative that aims to dramatically improve college readiness and college completion in the United States through the use of technology. The program will provide grants to organizations and innovators to

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expand promising technology tools to more students, teachers, and schools. The nonprofit Educause, which works to advance higher education through the use of information technology, will lead the initiative. The program has released the first of a series of Requests for Proposals to solicit funding proposals for technology applications that can improve postsecondary education. Applicants with top-rated proposals will receive funds to expand their programs and demonstrate effectiveness in serving larger numbers of students. The first-wave RFP seeks proposals that address four specific challenges:

- 1) Increasing the use of blended learning models, which combine face-to-face instruction with online learning activities;
- 2) Deepening students' learning and engagement through use of interactive applications, such as digital games, interactive video, immersive simulations, and social media;
- 3) Supporting the availability of high-quality open courseware, particularly for high-enrollment introductory classes like math, science, and English, which often have low rates of student success; and
- 4) Helping institutions, instructors, and students benefit from learning analytics, which can monitor student progress in real-time and customize proven supports and interventions.

Proposals may address one or a combination of these challenge areas. All proposals must demonstrate how they are targeting postsecondary students. Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating particular efficacy with low-income young adults under the age of 26.

Funds: Total funds available: \$20 million
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$750,000

Deadline: November 19, 2010 for pre-proposals

Eligible: Postsecondary institutions, taxable and tax-exempt organizations, and U.S. federal, state, and local government entities

Information: Educause, 4772 Walnut Street, Suite 206, Boulder, CO 80301-2538, email: info@nextgenlearning.org, link: <http://nextgenlearning.org/the-grants>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Community Development Financial Institutions Program

Program: The Treasury Department will provide financial assistance grants to fund a wide array of community development, affordable housing and economic development projects sponsored by Community Development Financial Institutions, which are nonprofits or credit unions certified to participate in the program that lend or invest in their communities. These are supplemental funds authorized for new applicants by the

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Funds: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
Total funds available: \$135,000,000
Deadline: November 19, 2010
Eligible: Certified Community Development Financial Institutions
Information: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, telephone: (202) 622-6355, email: cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-25236.htm>

HEALTH

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

Affordable Care Act Grants for School-Based Health Centers Capital Program

Program: This program will fund grants for capital improvements of school-based health center facilities to provide more effective, efficient, and quality health care, as well as improve access to health services for children.

Funds: Total funds available: \$100,000,000
Maximum grant size: \$500,000
Number of awards: 200

Deadline: December 1, 2010

Eligible: School-based health centers and their nonprofit sponsors

Information: Beth Tchinski, Health Resources and Services Administration, telephone: (301) 594-4300, email: BTchinski@hrsa.gov, link: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=3C2AD-C01-A450-42EA-B6A5-B20376D479F4&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popup>

HOUSING

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program

Program: The Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) Program provides grants to develop facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education, and job training programs for public housing residents based on an identified need for such facilities.

Funds: Total funds available: \$35,000,000
Maximum grant size: \$5,000,000

Deadline: January 14, 2011

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Eligible: Public housing authorities
Information: Alan Kaufmann, Public Housing Revitalization Specialist, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, telephone: (202) 402-4126, email: PIHOCl@hud.gov, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-26199.htm>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency: Service Coordinators Program

Program: This program will issue grants to provide funding to hire and maintain Service Coordinators who will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing or Indian housing and coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs.

Funds: Total funds available: \$35,000,000
Range of grants: \$240,000 to \$720,000

Deadline: February 21, 2011

Eligible: Public housing authorities and not-for-profit organizations

Information: Anice S. Chenault, Department of Housing and Urban Development, telephone: (202) 402-2341, email: anice.s.chenault@hud.gov, link: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=FXC7MGbXf2Lk8vJfWdGZmJLCDBSZd2b9s9gTLiNyJ5Z1F8TMfM9C!-1503777161?oppld=58528&mode=VIEW>

IMMIGRATION

Migration Policy Institute

National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy

E Pluribus Unum Prizes

Program: The E Pluribus Unum Prizes are a national awards program that provides prizes annually to exceptional initiatives that promote immigrant integration. The awards recognize outstanding immigrant integration initiatives of all types, whether led by nonprofit or community organizations, businesses, public agencies, religious groups, or individuals. The J.M. Kaplan Fund is providing support for these awards to focus attention on successful integration initiatives and to inspire and provide program models to others around the United States who might also undertake such efforts.

Funds: Grant size: \$50,000
Number of awards: four

Deadline: December 15, 2010

Eligible: Individuals, nonprofit and community organizations, businesses, religious groups, and government entities, agencies, and officials in the United States

Information: The E Pluribus Unum Prizes, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC,

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20036 Migration Policy Institute, email: awardsinfo@migrationpolicy.org, link: www.migrationinformation.org/integrationawards/

LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Program: This program provides grants to develop faculty and library leaders, to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians, to conduct research, to attract high school and college students to consider careers as librarians, to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science, and to assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$1,000,000

Deadline: December 15, 2010

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies, including libraries

Information: Kevin Cherry, Senior Program Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, telephone: (202) 653-4662, email: kcherry@imls.gov, link: www.imls.gov/applicants/guidelines/pdf/FY11_L21_Guidelines.pdf

NUTRITION

Got breakfast? Foundation

Silent Hero Grants Program

Program: The Silent Hero program encourages schools and nonprofits to expand the reach of under-utilized child nutrition programs, most notably the National School Breakfast Program. The program recognizes, encourages, and rewards those silent heroes who help children start their day off right by serving breakfast. Programs may use the grant monies for mobile serving equipment, food procurement, staffing, promotional items, and marketing.

Funds: Total funds available: \$50,000
Maximum grant size: \$5,000

Deadline: November 15, 2010

Eligible: Schools and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status that participate in the National School Breakfast Program

Information: got breakfast? Silent Hero Grant program, Post Office Box 981, Syosset, NY 11791, telephone: (866)786-9028, email: info@gotbreakfast.org, link: <http://www.gotbreakfast.org/grants.php>

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General Mills Foundation

2011 Champions for Healthy Kids Grant

Program: General Mills, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition has announced its ninth year of awarding grants to not-for-profit organizations with innovative programs that help youth develop both good nutrition and fitness habits.

Funds: Grant size: \$10,000
Number of awards: 50

Deadline: December 15, 2010

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit community organizations and schools that serve youth between the ages of two and 18

Information: Beth Labrador, General Mills Foundation, telephone: (800) 877-1600, extension 4821, email: blabrador@eatright.org, link: www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/Community_Engagement/Grants/Champions_for_healthy_kids.aspx

SPORTS

Liberty Mutual

Responsible Sports Community Grants

Program: The Fall 2010 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, 2010

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

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

YOUTH

U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration

YouthBuild Program Grants

Program: YouthBuild grants provide funding for vocational training of at-risk youth and young adults, ages 16 to 24, in the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing units, with a special emphasis on green jobs skills training.

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Funds: Total funds available: \$130,000,000
Maximum grant size: \$1,100,000
Number of awards: 128

Deadline: December 3, 2010

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies

Information: Ariam Ferro, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-3968, fax: (202) 693-2705, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-24825.htm>

RECENT AWARDS

Verizon Foundation

Domestic Violence Solutions Awards

Program: The Verizon Foundation has awarded \$165,000 in grants to 15 Massachusetts nonprofits for use in domestic violence education, advocacy, support, and prevention initiatives. In the past five years, the foundation has awarded approximately \$1 million to nonprofits that focus on domestic violence in Massachusetts, a major concentration for Verizon and its philanthropic activities. The Boston organizations receiving grants were:

- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Boston – \$10,000
- Casa Myrna Vazquez, Boston – \$10,000
- Jane Doe Inc., Boston – \$25,000

Information: Verizon Foundation, Domestic Violence Solutions Awards, telephone: (800) 360-7955, email: Verizon.Foundation@Verizon.com, link: <http://foundation.verizon.com/index.shtml>