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ARTS AND CULTURE

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

Music Education Special Projects Grant Program

- Program:** The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation supports music education and its many benefits through the donation and repair of musical instruments to underserved schools, community music programs, and individual students nationwide. The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation accepts applications from elementary and secondary schools and community music programs that need new and refurbished musical instruments or instrument repairs. The Special Projects program is designed to provide musical instruments and instrument repairs to qualified music programs, including community schools of the arts, after school programs, and youth orchestras. The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation does not make cash awards. Grants of repairs and new instruments typically range between \$500 and \$5,000 in retail value.
- Funds:** New and refurbished musical instruments and instrument repairs.
- Deadline:** Ongoing; applications are reviewed three times per year.
- Eligible:** Schools, after-school music programs, youth orchestras, and community schools of the arts.
- Information:** Grant Committee, The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, 15125 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 204, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, Telephone: (818) 784-6787, Fax: (818) 784-6788, E-mail: info@mhopus.org, Link: www.mhopus.org

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

State Farm Insurance

Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award

- Program:** Youth Service America and State Farm Insurance Companies are accepting applications for the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award. Service learning links community service with academic study and is a part of the curriculum in approximately one-third of the schools in the United States. This year's award will support the implementation of service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day 2004, which will occur April 16 through 18.
- Funds:** Award size: \$1,000
Number of awards: 100
- Deadline:** December 8, 2003
- Eligible:** Teachers, professors, youth ages five to 25, and school-based service-learning coordinators
- Information:** Toyasha Vaughn, Grants Manager, Youth Service America, 1101 15th Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 296-2992, extension 18, E-mail: goodneighbor@YSA.org, Link: www.ysa.org/Awards/overview_parent.cfm

EDUCATION

Best Buy Children's Foundation

Te@ch Technology Grants Programs

Program: The Best Buy Children's Foundation will provide funding to schools and educators that use technology to make learning fun. The te@ch program awards grants to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum.

Funds: Total funds available: \$3 million
Grant size: \$2,500

Deadline: December 31, 2003

Eligible: Any kindergarten through grade 12 public, private, or parochial school within twenty-five miles of a Best Buy store. All schools must be nonprofit organizations, and non-public schools must include a copy of their IRS determination letters.

Information: Best Buy Children's Foundation, Best Buy World Headquarters, P.O. Box 9448, Minneapolis, MN 55440-9448, E-mail: CommunityRelations@BestBuy.com, Link: www.bestbuy.com/

U.S. Department of Education

Rehabilitation Long-Term Training – Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

Program: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for projects that offer basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree, a specified series of courses or a program of study leading to award of a certificate, or support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program is designed to provide academic training in identified areas of personnel shortages.

Funds: Total funds available: \$1,600,000
Range of grants: \$100,000 to \$200,000
Number of awards: eight

Deadline: January 6, 2004

Eligible: States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations

Information: Beverly Steburg, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Room 18T91, Atlanta, GA 30303, Telephone (404) 562-6336, E-mail: Beverly.Steburg@ed.gov, Link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-26990.htm>

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U.S. Department of Education

Institute of Education Sciences

Cognition and Student Learning Research Grants

Program: The Institute of Education Sciences of the Department of Education invites applications for research projects that will contribute to its research program on Cognition and Student Learning. The purpose of the cognition research program is to improve student learning by bringing recent advances in cognitive science to bear on

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significant problems in education. Through the program, the Institute will support research in the cognitive sciences that contributes to improving learning in education settings and developing new approaches to instruction that take advantage of cutting-edge research on the science of learning. Applicants should submit proposals under either of two goals. The purpose of Goal One is to understand thinking and learning as it occurs in complex education delivery settings. The purpose of Goal Two is to develop and evaluate instructional practices or materials that are derived from general cognitive principles.

- Funds:** Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$350,000 per year for up to three years
- Deadline:** Letter of intent: November 20, 2003
Full application: January 8, 2004
- Eligible:** Nonprofit community organizations and local government agencies
- Information:** Dr. Elizabeth Albro, Institute of Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20208, Telephone: (202) 219-2148, E-mail: Elizabeth.Albro@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html

U.S. Department of Education

Institute of Education Sciences

Reading Comprehension and Reading Scale-Up Research Grants

Program: The Institute of Education Sciences of the Department of Education invites applications to its research program on Reading Comprehension and Reading Scale-Up. The program has two overarching purposes. The first is to contribute to the improvement of the reading comprehension skills and reading outcomes of struggling readers through the development and evaluation of (a) interventions that address the underlying causes of comprehension difficulties and (b) assessments that can be used in instructional settings to identify sources of comprehension difficulties. The second is to provide evidence on the effectiveness of reading interventions taken to scale, whether they focus on comprehension or other reading outcomes. Applicants must submit proposals that focus on one of four goals. Goal One addresses the need for assessments of reading comprehension. Applicants proposing to develop new reading comprehension interventions should apply under Goal Two. Under Goal Three, the Institute will accept proposals to conduct small efficacy or replication trials of reading comprehension interventions. Goal Four targets evaluations of the effectiveness of reading interventions taken to scale. Applicants to Goal One, Goal Two, or Goal Three must target students at any level from late elementary school to post-secondary, vocational education, and adult education. Applicants to Goal Four must target students at any level from pre-kindergarten to post-secondary, vocational education, and adult education.

- Funds:** *Goal One:*
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$400,000 per year for up to four years.
- Goal Two:*
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$500,000 per year for two to three years.
- Goal Three:*
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$750,000 per year for up to four years.
- Goal Four:*

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Deadline: Award size: up to \$6 million for an award period of up to five years.
Letter of intent: November 20, 2003
Full application: January 8, 2004

Eligible: Nonprofit community organizations and local government agencies

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Washington, DC 20208, Telephone: (202) 219-2148, E-mail:
Elizabeth.Albro@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html

U.S. Department of Education
Institute of Education Sciences
Teacher Quality Research Grants

Program: The Institute of Education Sciences invites applications for research projects that will contribute to its research program on Teacher Quality. The purpose of the Teacher Quality research program is to identify effective strategies for improving the performance of classroom teachers in ways that increase student learning and school achievement for all students and are likely to lead to a reduction of the achievement gap between minority and non-minority students and between economically disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. Applicants must submit under one of the following four goals: (a) to support the development of new professional development programs for teaching reading or writing skills or mathematics or science from pre-kindergarten through the middle school grades; (b) to establish the efficacy of existing professional development programs for teaching reading and writing skills or mathematics or science from pre-kindergarten through the middle school grades with small-scale efficacy or replication trials; (c) to provide evidence of the effectiveness of teacher preparation or professional development programs for teachers of reading and writing, mathematics, or science from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 that are taken to scale; and (d) to validate new or existing assessments of teacher quality for teachers of reading and writing, mathematics, or science at any grade level from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 against measures of student achievement.

Funds: *Goal One:*
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$500,000 per year for two to three years.
Goal Two:
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$750,000 per year for up to four years.
Goal Three:
Award size: up to \$6 million for an award period of up to five years.
Goal Four:
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$400,000 per year for up to 4 years.

Deadline: Letter of intent: November 20, 2003
Full application: January 8, 2004

Eligible: Nonprofit community organizations and local government agencies

Information: Dr. Harold Himmelfarb, Institute of Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20208, Telephone: (202) 219-2031, E-mail:
Harold.Himmelfarb@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html

**U.S. Department of Education
Institute of Education Sciences
Mathematics and Science Education Research Grants**

Program: The Institute of Education Sciences of the Department of Education invites applications for research projects that will contribute to its research program on Mathematics and Science Education. The Institute intends for the research program on Mathematics and Science Education to fulfill three goals: (a) to support the development of new interventions and approaches to mathematics and science education that will eventually result in improving mathematics and science achievement; (b) to establish the efficacy of existing interventions and approaches to mathematics and science education with small efficacy or replication trials; and (c) to provide evidence on the effectiveness of mathematics and science interventions taken to scale. Applicants to Goal One and Goal Two must target students at any level from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. Applicants to Goal Three must target students at any level from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary.

Funds: *Goal One:*
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$500,000 per year for two to three years.
Goal Two:
Range of grants: \$250,000 to \$750,000 per year for up to three years.
Goal Three:
Award size: up to \$6 million for an award period of up to five years.

Deadline: Letter of intent: November 20, 2003
Full application: January 8, 2004

Eligible: Nonprofit community organizations and local government agencies
Information: Dr. Heidi Schweingruber, Institute of Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208, Telephone: (202) 219-2040, E-mail: Heidi.Schweingruber@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html

ELDERLY

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Community Partnerships for Older Adults**

Program: The Community Partnerships for Older Adults Initiative is a \$20-million, eight-year initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The initiative is designed to foster the efforts of local public-private partnerships to improve long-term care and supportive services for at risk older adults. The program challenges communities to build on their experience, share and learn from other communities, and help to shape state and national policy as they develop and implement solutions for the future. The initiative has announced the availability of the second round of funding. In this round, up to seventeen communities will receive development grants of up to \$150,000. Development grantees then will have an opportunity to compete for grants to implement the activities described in their plans, with twelve development grantees being selected for implementation grant awards averaging \$750,000 over four years.

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Grantees will receive financial and technical assistance to develop and implement community-generated approaches to long-term care and supportive services systems improvements for at-risk older adults, defined as individuals 60 years of age or older who are at increased risk of disability because of poverty, race, ethnicity, chronic illness or advanced age; and older adults who have physical or cognitive impairments requiring long-term care and supportive services. Development and implementation grants will be awarded to community partnerships that mobilize their communities to make improvements in long-term care and supportive services, and promote a better quality of life and care for older adults and their caregivers. Community partnerships will achieve these objectives by:

- Creating greater awareness of the unique contributions and growing needs of older adults.
- Educating the community about the availability and options of long-term care and supportive services.
- Strengthening community collaboration through increased communication and coordination among the community's health care, long-term care and supportive services providers.
- Leveraging public and private resources in response to the community's identified needs, and sustaining systems improvements.
- Addressing the needs of diverse and underserved populations.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following:

- Evidence of the partnership's success in improving the lives of older adults;
- Clarity and feasibility of project scope, goals, objectives, strategic plan, and budget use; and
- Meaningful participation by older adults in the partnership.

Funds:

Grant size: up to \$150,000

Number of awards: 17

Deadline:

Letters of intent: January 9, 2004

Eligible:

Nonprofit community organizations, public entities, and local government agencies.

Applicants must demonstrate that a core group of community leaders has been working together as a partnership for at least two years. Partnerships must encompass a geographic area with at least 10,000 residents aged 60 or older, with exceptions for rural communities. Statewide efforts and universities, hospital-based health systems, professional associations, state agencies, and for-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

Information:

Laura Lowenthal Bly, Deputy Director, Community Partnerships for Older Adults, Edmund S. Muskie School for Public Service, University of Southern Maine, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, Maine 04104-9300, Telephone: (207) 228-8374, Fax: (207) 228-8373, E-mail: communitypartnerships@usm.maine.edu, Link: www.partnershipsforolderadults.org

ENVIRONMENT

**Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Education Grants Program**

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Program: The Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting grant proposals to support environmental education projects. This grants program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. This grant program is geared toward providing seed money to initiate new projects or to advance existing projects that are new in some way, such as reaching new audiences or new locations. The grants require non-federal matching funds for at least 25 percent of the total cost of the project. All proposals must satisfy the definition of environmental education as specified in the solicitation and also address one of the following educational priorities: Capacity Building; Education Reform; Community Issues; Health; Teaching Skills; Career Development; or Environmental Justice.

Funds: Total funds available: \$3 million
Average grant size: \$25,000

Deadline: January 6, 2004

Eligible: Not-for-profit education institutions, environmental and educational public agencies, and not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations

Information: Diane Berger, Environmental Education Office, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 1426 North, Washington, DC, Telephone: (202) 564-0451, Link: <http://frwebgate5.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=840751498032+0+0+0&WAISaction=retrieve>

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HOUSING

Fannie Mae Foundation

James A. Johnson Community Development and Affordable Housing Fellowships Program

Program: The James A. Johnson Fellowships Program is designed to honor urban and rural affordable-housing and community-development professionals for their years of service to the field. The program offers recipients an opportunity to pursue personal and professional goals that encourage them to contribute further to the housing and community development fields. Fellows design and pursue development plans that may include research, travel, study, self-designed internships, and other activities that enhance their skills and knowledge. The program's chief goals are to:

- Recognize and reward individual dedication and contribution to the affordable housing and community development fields;
- Increase leadership and professional development of the Fellows, which will positively affect their neighborhoods and communities;
- Foster opportunities for new solutions to affordable housing and community development challenges;
- Inform the affordable housing and community development knowledge base; and Influence long-term strategies in the field.

Funds: Grant size: \$70,000 in grant funding and a stipend of up to \$20,000 for travel and education-related expenses. The nonprofit organization with which each fellow is associated may receive a grant of up to \$25,000 for transitional costs related to the

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temporary absence of the employee or volunteer.

Number of awards: six

Deadline:

December 31, 2003

Eligible:

Individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Have a minimum of eight years in the affordable housing and community development field;
- Have current full-time duties in the field;
- Be employed by or affiliated with a neighborhood or community-based nonprofit organization focused on affordable housing and community development; and
- Possess demonstrated leadership abilities.

Information:

Laura Lucs, Fannie Mae Foundation, 4000 Wisconsin Avenue, North Tower Suite One, Washington, DC 20016-2804, Telephone: (202) 274-8000, Fax: (202) 274-8100, E-mail: llucs@fanniemaefoundation.org, Link: <http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grants/johnson.shtml#overview>

FOUNDATION PROFILE

Clipper Ship Foundation

Program:

Clipper Ship Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1979 by David Weatherhead to provide support for human service organizations to help them in fulfilling their goals and broadening the scope of their services. Priority is given to organizations devoted to helping the homeless, the destitute, the elderly, the disabled, children and youth, and to meeting the special needs of minority, low-income individuals, and families. Grants in support of the arts are limited to programs furnishing exposure to the arts to children or disabled individuals, without charge or at significantly reduced cost. The foundation encourages grants that will match or otherwise stimulate giving by other donors. The Clipper Ship Foundation awards funding in the following categories:

- Aid to People with Disabilities
- Children and Young People
- Community Affairs
- Emergency and Disaster Relief
- Food and Shelter

Funds:

Total funds awarded: \$1.5 million annually

Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline:

Applications may be submitted at any time and all requests will be acknowledged. The Grantmaking Committee and the Board of Directors considers proposals four times per year, in January, April, July, and October.

Eligible:

Federally tax qualified, nonprofit organizations, serving the Greater Boston community or the residents of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Information:

Anna Karlsson, Foundation Assistant, Clipper Ship Foundation, Inc., 77 Summer Street, Eighth Floor, Boston, MA 02110, Telephone: (617) 426-7080, Fax: (617) 426-7087, E-mail: akarlsson@grantsmanagement.com

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