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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hasbro Children's Foundation

Grants for Programs for Disadvantaged Children

Program: The Hasbro Children's Foundation is accepting applications for funding in 2004 for programs that seek to improve the emotional, mental, and physical health of disadvantaged children up to 12 years old. Grants are available for local and national programs that help children who are at risk for child abuse, homelessness, illness, poverty, or other problems.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$35,000

Deadline: Open

Eligible: Not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), organizations

Information: Review Committee, Hasbro Children's Foundation, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020, Telephone: (212) 713-7654, Link: www.hasbro.org

Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund

Healthy Families Massachusetts

Program: The Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund has issued a Request for Response, seeking proposals from community-based non-profit agencies to provide comprehensive Healthy Families Massachusetts home visiting services. The mission of the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund (MCTF) is to lead statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect by supporting parents and strengthening families. MCTF receives and administers funds for Healthy Families Massachusetts services. MCTF provides contract management, program development, program monitoring, technical assistance, Healthy Families Massachusetts staff training, media support, a web-based participant data system, and overall program evaluation. Healthy Families Massachusetts provides voluntary, strength-based, family-centered, home visiting and group-based services universally, for all first-time mothers and fathers, age 20 and under, across Massachusetts. The goals of the Healthy Families Massachusetts program are as follows:

- To prevent child abuse and neglect by supporting positive, effective parenting skills, and nurturing home environments
- To achieve optimal health, growth, and development in infancy and early childhood
- To promote maximum parental educational attainment and economic self-sufficiency
- To prevent repeat teen pregnancies.

The total anticipated contract duration will be from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2010, with the initial duration from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006. MCTF anticipates offering two options to renew, with two years for each option. Funding levels for individual contracts will be determined by the number of projected eligible families in the service area, with a maximum of \$2,400 per family for fiscal year 2005.

Funds: Total funds available: \$10,600,000

Deadline: Notice of Intent to Apply: December 12, 2003 by 4:00 p.m.

Complete Response: January 23, 2004 by 4:00 p.m.

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Eligible: Community-based, not-for-profit agencies
Information: Donna Bushee, Assistant Director of Administration, The Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, 294 Washington Street, Suite 640, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (617) 727-8957, E-mail: HFRFR@MCTF.state.ma.us, Link: www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=015567&dept_code=&cp_xx=

RadioShack Corporation

Neighborhood Answers Grant Program

Program: The Neighborhood Answers Grant Program, sponsored by the RadioShack Corporation, supports programs concerned with child abduction and abuse. Applications and additional information are available on the company's web site.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$500

Deadline: Open

Eligible: Not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), organizations

Information: RadioShack, 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 700B, Fort Worth, TX 76102, Link: www.radioshackcorporation.com

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Family Justice Center Initiative

Program: The Family Justice Center Initiative is a pilot program that will provide funding for planning and development for the establishment of comprehensive domestic violence victim service and support centers. Family Justice Centers are designed to bring together advocates from non-profit, non-governmental domestic violence victim services organizations, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, governmental victim assistants, forensic medical professionals, civil legal attorneys, chaplains, legal advocates, and representatives from community-based organizations into one centralized location. The goal of a comprehensive Family Justice Center is to improve access to services for victims and families. Often victims do not seek help because they must travel from location to location to seek services, telling their story over and over to numerous professionals who are scattered throughout the community. The Family Justice Center concept makes a victim's search for help and justice less burdensome by bringing professionals who provide an array of necessary services together under one roof. The Office on Violence Against Women in the U. S. Department of Justice will administer and manage the overall initiative and will make grant awards through the following programs:

- Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders (Arrest Program);
- Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grants (Rural Program); and
- Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (LAV Program).

Funds: Total funds available: \$20 million

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Deadline: Award size: up to \$1.5 million
Number of awards: 12
Letters of intent: December 12, 2004
Final proposals: February 5, 2004

Eligible: *Arrest Program:*
States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and state and local courts.

Rural Program:
Rural states, Indian tribal governments, local governments of rural states, and public and private entities of rural states, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

Legal Assistance for Victims Program:
Private non-profit entities, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, publicly funded organizations acting in a non-governmental capacity, and Indian Tribal governments.

Eligible applicants under the Arrest and Rural programs may co-apply with a legal assistance provider. Private non-profit entities and publicly funded organizations acting in a non-governmental capacity applying for Legal Assistance for Victims funds must identify a co-applicant who is simultaneously applying for funds to support a Family Justice Center under either the Arrest or Rural Programs.

Information: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, 810 7th Street, NW Washington, DC 20531, Telephone: (800) 421-6770, Link: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Boston Connects, Inc.

Family Opportunity Network

Program: Boston Connects, Inc., the community-based organization working to create and sustain economic self-sufficiency for individuals, families, and communities in Boston's Empowerment Zone, has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Family Opportunity Network to provide a comprehensive array of support services to individuals and families in the Empowerment Zone. A Family Opportunity Network will provide "one-stop shopping" so that an individual or family's barriers to employment can be met in a comprehensive and effective manner. For this initiative, Boston Connects, Inc. seeks a broad-based collaboration between not-for-profit organizations with demonstrated expertise in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, healthcare, child and adolescent development, legal advocacy, job placement, and housing information and referral. Services to be provided will include outreach, intake assessment, and case management services. The Bidders Conference for the RFP will be held on December 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boston Connects, Inc.

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offices.

- Funds:** Total funds available: up to \$1,100,000 over two years
- Deadline:** January 23, 2004 by 5:00 p.m.
- Eligible:** Not-for-profit community-based organizations and experienced agencies located in or in proximity to Boston's Empowerment Zone
- Information:** Shirley Carrington, Deputy Director, Boston Connects, Inc., 2201 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Roxbury, MA 02119, Telephone: (617) 541-2673, E-mail: Shirley.Carrington.bci@ci.boston.ma.us, Link: www.BostonEZ.org

EDUCATION

Nomar 5 Fund

Nomar's Reading Diamond

Program: The Nomar's Reading Diamond program was created in 2002 by the Nomar 5 Fund to promote literacy among children in the Boston community by providing resources and materials that encourage group and independent reading. The beneficiary of Nomar's Reading Diamond will receive new books and furnishings to enhance an existing reading space. Through the partnership with ReadBoston, the school or community-based organization also will receive assistance with literacy training, curriculum development, and other technical support. One school or community-based organization will be chosen annually. The organization must be able to designate a permanent, dedicated space for the project. Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Programs serving Boston youth between the ages 5-12;
- Financial need;
- Need for a literacy program within the community;
- Demonstrated commitment to literacy through innovative programming;
- Ability for the program to sustain itself over time; and
- The ability to provide a designated space for the Reading Diamond.

- Funds:** Award: new books, furnishings, trainings, technical assistance, and curriculum development
- Deadline:** December 12, 2003
- Eligible:** Elementary schools and community-based 501 (c) (3) organizations located in the City of Boston that serves youth between the ages of 5 and 12.
- Information:** Theresa Lynn, Executive Director, ReadBoston, 43 Hawkins Street, Boston, MA 02114, Telephone: (617) 918-5282

HEALTH

Commonwealth Fund

Health Care Quality and Access Grants

- Program:** The Commonwealth Fund supports research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health-care practice and policy. Types of support include program development, program evaluation, and research. Preference is given to projects that:
- Seek to solve problems, especially those affecting vulnerable groups;
 - Analyze the effects of policies and trends on well-defined health issues; and
 - Develop and test practical solutions.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$50,000 to \$450,000
- Deadline:** Open
- Eligible:** Public agencies and not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations.
- Information:** Andrea Landes, Director of Grants Management, Commonwealth Fund, One East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021-2608, Telephone: (212) 606-3800, Fax: (212) 606-3500, E-mail: GMO@cmwf.org, Link: www.cmwf.org

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization Program

- Program:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization program supports research, demonstration, and evaluation projects that examine major changes in health-care financing and their effects on public policy. Proposed projects should focus on:
- The effects of current or proposed mechanisms for financing health services on health-care costs, access, and quality; or
 - The development and testing of new ways to finance care that have the potential to improve access to more-affordable health services.
- Funds:** Average grant size: \$100,000
Range of grants: \$75,000 to \$600,000
- Deadline:** Open
- Eligible:** Public agencies and not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations.
- Information:** AcademyHealth, Attention: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization, 1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 701-L, Washington, DC 20016, Telephone: (202) 292-6700, Fax: (202) 292-2800, E-mail: hcfo@academyhealth.org, Link: www.hcfo.net

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Medicaid Managed Care Program

- Program:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Medicaid Managed Care Program funds projects that improve the delivery and quality of Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program managed-care services.
- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$100,000
- Deadline:** Open for letters of intent
- Eligible:** State Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program agencies, health plans, consumer organizations, health-services researchers, and policy analysts.

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Information: Donna Regler, Grant and Contract Manager, Center for Health Care Strategies, 1009 Lenox Drive, Suite 204, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Telephone: (609) 895-8101, Fax: (609) 895-9648, E-mail: mail@chcs.org, Link: www.chcs.org/apply.html

American Legacy Foundation

Circle of Friends, Women Unite to Be Smoke Free Program

Program: The American Legacy Foundation's Circle of Friends, Women Unite to Be Smoke Free program provides grants to:

- Engage organizations not traditionally involved in tobacco control;
- Help women quit smoking more easily; and
- Study issues and concerns that encourage women to start smoking.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$50,000

Deadline: Open for letters of intent

Eligible: State and local government agencies or units of government and not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations based in the District of Columbia or one of the 46 states or five U.S. territories identified in the Master Settlement Agreement with tobacco-product manufacturers.

Information: American Legacy Foundation's, 1001 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001, Telephone: (202) 454-5555, Fax: (202) 454-5599, E-mail: info@americanlegacy.org, Link: <http://americanlegacy.org>

HOMELESSNESS

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Program: The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the "Per Diem Only" component of the Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Funding applied for under this notice may be used for aid for service centers and supportive housing. Resources are designed to help offset the operating expenses of existing state and local governments, Indian Tribal governments, faith-based, and community-based organizations that are capable of providing supportive housing and supportive service center services for homeless veterans.

Funds: Total funds available: \$15 million annually

Deadline: January 28, 2004

Eligible: State and local governments, faith-based, and community-based organizations

Information: Guy Liedke, Veterans Affairs Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-100, Tampa, FL 33617, Telephone: (877) 332-0334, Link: www.appcl.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3

FR: 11/10/2003 – 63848-63850

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants

Massachusetts Refugee Preventive Health Project

- Program:** The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants has issued a Request for Response seeking to fund regional partnerships of refugee services and health care providers to coordinate preventive health outreach and education to Massachusetts refugees in Lynn, Chelsea, Revere, Boston, especially Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester, the Worcester area, and the Springfield area.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$115,000
- Deadline:** December 8, 2003 by 3:00 p.m.
- Eligible:** Partnerships of refugee services and health care providers.
- Information:** Carol Chandler, Director, Community Building Unit, Massachusetts Office for Refugees & Immigrants, 18 Tremont, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (617) 727-7888 x315, Fax: (617) 727-1822, E-mail: carol.chandler@state.ma.us, Link: www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=015694&dept_code=&cp_xx=

FOUNDATION PROFILE

Sovereign Bank Foundation

- Program:** The Sovereign Bank Foundation makes charitable contributions enhance the quality of life for individuals located in the communities served by the bank. The foundation supports programs designed to meet the needs of communities, particularly low- and moderate-income households, businesses, and neighborhoods. Sovereign also supports efforts to increase the ability of non-profit organizations to serve communities. The foundation focuses its charitable giving in four major areas:
- Youth and education, including programs that enrich a child's educational opportunities, such as after school programs, curriculum development from outside organizations, early childhood development, and special education programs;
 - Community investment and economic development;
 - Human service programs that support low- and moderate-income areas or help to address the social needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and
 - Arts and culture.
- Requests that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and communities receive priority.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$2,500 to \$5,000
- Deadline:** March 15, July 15, and November 15 of each year.
- Eligible:** Nonprofit, 501(c) (3) organizations Sovereign Bank's principal business areas of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Information: Debra Corbett, Foundation Manager, Sovereign Bank Foundation, 75 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, Telephone: (617) 346-7247, Fax: (617) 346-7366, E-mail: dcorbett@sovereignbank.com, Link: www.sovereignbank.com/companyinfo/foundation.asp

RECENT AWARDS

Energy Foundation

Program: *Conservation Law Foundation* – \$70,000 to promote market and sitting rules that aid the development of renewable energy in New England and \$40,000 to influence policy decisions regarding carbon-dioxide trading provisions in Massachusetts’ utility regulations.

National Consumer Law Center – \$10,000 to promote the economic and energy benefits of applying state efficiency standards to low-income communities in the Northeast.

Information: Energy Foundation, 1012 Torney Avenue, No. 1, San Francisco, California 94129, Telephone: (415) 561-6700, Fax: (415) 561-6709, E-mail: energyfund@ef.org, Link: www.ef.org

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations

Program: *USS Constitution Museum* – \$125,000 for a curriculum guide for teachers.

WGHB Public Television – \$200,000 for the children’ series ZOOM.

Information: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, 225 Water Street, Suite 1510, Jacksonville, Florida 32202-5185, Telephone: (904) 359-0670, Link: www.jvm.com/davis

Lumina Foundation for Education

Program: *Emmanuel Gospel Center* – \$75,000 to develop the skills and motivation of underrepresented students in order to help them enter and complete college, through the foundation’s McCabe Fund.

Information: Lumina Foundation for Education, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 700, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3503, Telephone: (317) 951-5300, Fax: (317) 951-5063, Link: www.luminafoundation.org

Public Welfare Foundation

Program: *National Alliance of HUD Tenants* – \$50,000 for general operating support

Information: Public Welfare Foundation, 1200 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, Telephone: (202) 965-1800, Fax: (202) 265-8851, Link: www.publicwelfare.org

Verizon Foundation

Program: The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, has awarded EdLink grants totaling \$400,000 in Massachusetts to foster school-to-career programs for students in grades seven through 12. The EdLink grant program supports initiatives that link classroom instruction and community-based learning opportunities with the workplace.

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Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation – \$16,000 for an EdLink grant;
Bay Cove Human Services – \$16,700 for an EdLink grant;
Boston Children’s Museum – \$20,000 for an EdLink grant;
Odyssey High School – \$14,500 for an EdLink grant;
WriteBoston – \$5,000 for an EdLink grant.

Information: Karen James-Sykes, Regional Director – Public Affairs, Verizon, 185 Franklin Street, Room 1730, Boston, MA 02110, Telephone: (617) 743-8154, E-mail: karen.james-sykes@verizon.com, Link: <http://foundation.verizon.com/index.shtml>