

FUNDING \$ UPDATE

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CHILDREN

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Grants to Support the Betterment of All Children

Program: The priority of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation. The foundation accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that meet one of two basic purposes:

- 1) to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations or their programs designed to benefit youth; and
- 2) to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Funds: Average grant size: \$32,000
Range of grants: \$1,500 to \$70,000

Deadline: July 1, 2007

Eligible: nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations

Information: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., Post Office Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206, telephone: (317) 630-1202, tax: (317) 630-1369, website: www.cwf-inc.org/docs/?section=grantseekers

EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Education Early Reading First Program

Program: The Early Reading First program supports local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families and families whose first language is not English, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.

Funds: Total funds available: \$102,087,000
Number of awards: 23

Deadline: May 29, 2007

Eligible:

- 1) one or more local educational agencies
- 2) one or more public or private organizations or agencies, including faith-based organizations, located in a community served by an eligible local educational agency with one or more programs that serve preschool-age children; and
- 3) one or more eligible local educational agencies applying in collaboration with one or more eligible organizations or agencies.

Information: Pilla Parker, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland

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CFDA: 84.359 A and B

**Staples Foundation for Learning
Grants for Education and Job Skills Programs**

Program: The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Interested organizations must align with the mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning and have a focus on job skills and education.

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

Deadline: August 3, 2007 and December 7, 2007

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

Information: E-mail: foundationinfo@staples.com, Link: www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html

LIBRARIES

**Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund
Request for Proposals for Community Partnerships at the Dudley Public Library**

Program: The Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund has issued a request for proposals for community partnerships supporting youth engagement, adult education, family literacy, and public discourse. The Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund will provide grants to support the Dudley Branch Library and the Dudley Literacy Center in their mission to provide a variety of literary services and learning experiences for the Roxbury community and resource for services that seek to address the pressing needs of Roxbury's children, youth, and families. The Fellowes Advisory Committee is interested in funding programs that foster collaboration with the Dudley Branch Library and Dudley Literacy Center. These programs should be designed to provide specific services to youth, adults, and families in the Roxbury community from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Services may be delivered through an existing program; or as a special project, such as a speaker series; or through scheduled events such as an informational workshop on a particular topic. The Fund's service priorities are youth engagement; library career awareness and support for diversity in the profession; adult education; family literacy; and lecture and discussion series. The fund's consultant will offer a technical assistance session on May 11 at 1:00 pm and on May 14 at 6:00 at the Dudley Library.

Funds: Range of grants: \$2,000 to \$20,000

Deadline: June 8, 2007

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status with experience providing effective services to Roxbury residents.

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READING

National Endowment for the Arts

The Big Read Project

Program: The National Endowment for the Arts' The Big Read seeks to provide citizens with the chance to read and discuss a single book within their communities. Communities are encouraged to apply for one of approximately 400 grants that will be awarded in 2008; 200 for programming occurring between January and June, and an additional 200 for programming occurring between September and December of 2008. In addition to a grant, communities will receive a library of resources, including reader's and teacher's guides and audio guides with commentary from artists, educators, and public figures, as well as publicity materials. For 2008, communities will choose from 19 books, with the list available on the National Endowment for the Arts' website.

Funds: Range of grants: \$2,500 to \$20,000
Number of awards: 400

Deadline: Intent to apply: June 29, 2007
Application: July 31, 2007 for programming between January and June of 2008

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

Information: Jennifer Lehmkuhl, Arts Midwest, 2908 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55408, telephone: (612) 341-0755, extension 54, e-mail: jennifer@artsmidwest.org, website: www.neabigread.org/

SUMMER PROGRAMS

City of Boston

Boston Community Grants

Program: The goal of the Boston Community Grants program is to increase the number and variety of programs serving youth and increase the number of youth who have access to positive opportunities and safe environments. The initiative will award funds to community-based organizations that will offer youth programming at City of Boston community centers and parks and for programs that focus on arts, education, girls-specific, outdoor, and evening activities. Grants will be awarded to community-based organizations who can demonstrate the ability to serve underserved youth, who are committed to partnering with the city or with other community-based organizations, and who meet program and outreach criteria. Although programs can be drop-in, activities must be structured. The grants program will provide facilities at Boston Centers for Youth and Families community centers, as well as the use of City of Boston parks. All funded activities and programs must serve youth between the ages

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of 8 and 18 and must take place at a City of Boston site, either a community center, park, or field. The program will give preference given to programs proposing to operate on evenings or Saturdays. Programs will operate between June 24, 2007 and September 1, 2007. In addition, programs and activities must address at least three of the following seven learning outcomes:

- Teaches inclusion and respect for diversity;
- Builds team and teamwork;
- Teaches self expression and self awareness;
- Teaches honesty, integrity and respect for leadership and peers;
- Instills an ethic of service to others;
- Builds friendships and resistance to peer pressure; and
- Teaches self discipline and positive decision making choices.

- Funds:** Total funds available: \$300,000
Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$7,500
- Deadline:** Letters of intent: May 14, 2007
Applications: May 23, 2007
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status serving Boston residents
- Information:** Jill O'Brien, Office of Human Services, City of Boston, telephone: (617) 635-4463, fax: (617) 635-4765, e-mail: jill.obrien@cityofboston.gov, website: www.bostonyouthzone.com/summer/

Black Ministerial Alliance and Citizens Bank Summer Enrichment Series Grants

- Program:** On April 19, 2007, the Black Ministerial Alliance and Citizens Bank announced the details of a new initiative aimed at curbing youth violence this summer in Boston neighborhoods. The Summer Enrichment Series, funded with grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation, is a three-part program focused on employment, engagement, and education. On May 8, the BMA will be releasing the Request for Proposals (RFP) focusing on the following areas:
- *Jobs for Youth:* To help young men and women who are struggling to re-enter the mainstream and build a positive life for themselves and their families, at least 50 summer jobs will be created for court involved and at risk youth to earn money and learn valuable life skills. The minimum wage jobs will range from administrative to landscaping at local nonprofits and faith-based institutions throughout the city.
 - *Youth Cafes:* To create a dialogue among people and encourage them to play an active role in decreasing violence in their neighborhoods, the grants will create ten Teen Cafés throughout Boston's most troubled neighborhoods. At the cafés, youth will be provided free food as well as food for thought - in the form of public forums for them to express their concerns and provide their ideas for solving the violence issue as a community. The 10 Teen Cafés will be located in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

The BMA will host a bidders conference to discuss the guidelines at the Twelfth

Baptist Church, located at 165 Warren Street in Roxbury, on May 18 from 9:30 until 11:00 am.

Funds: Size of grants: approximately \$5,000

Deadline: May 30, 2007

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

Information: Deandra Robinson, Administrative Assistant., Boston Capacity Tank, Black Ministerial Alliance, 2326R Washington Street, Floors 3 and 4, Roxbury, MA 02119, telephone: (617) 445-2737, extension 26, e-mail: drobinson@bmaboston.org, website: <http://bmaboston.org/>

Boston After School and Beyond

Summer Youth Arts Initiative Request for Proposals

Program: The purpose of the Summer Youth Arts Initiative is to expand and enhance opportunities available to youth in the City of Boston with summer jobs and expanded arts programming. The initiative is targeted for programs serving youth 13 to 19 years old, with an emphasis on older youth, in the following neighborhoods: Dorchester's Franklin Field and Bowdoin/Geneva areas; Mattapan; Charlestown; Roxbury; and Jamaica Plain's Jackson Square and Egelston Square areas. The goal of this initiative is to support program expansion of community-based organizations that can both recruit and retain adolescent, at-risk youth and provide:

- physically and emotionally safe environments;
- workforce or programmatic experiences that build social skills, art and culture competencies and give a sense of empowerment and achievement to youth; and
- positive adult/youth relationship opportunities for practice and development of self-expression using the arts.

The initiative will give preference to proposals that have the potential to be expanded beyond the summer. Applicants should have the following characteristics:

- 1) A proven track record of providing leadership and youth development to Boston youth.
- 2) The capacity and experience to organize and coordinate program expansion.
- 3) Culturally responsive programming.
- 4) Programming with the potential to be expanded beyond the summer.

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

Deadline: May 25, 2007

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status working with underserved youth population ages 13 to 19 years

Information: Lana Jackson, Arts and Culture Coordinator, Boston After School and Beyond, 89 South Street, Suite 601, Boston, MA 02111, telephone: (617) 345-5322, fax: (617) 812-4693, e-mail: ljackson@bostonbeyond.org, website: <http://arts.bostonbeyond.org/>

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RECENT AWARDS

The Boston Foundation

Program: The Boston Foundation recently announced its semi-annual grant awards, with a focus on projects that address the need for systemic change in sectors critical to the future economic well-being of the region. Those sectors include arts and culture, economic development, education, health and human services, nonprofits, urban environment, and workforce development.

Arts and Culture

- Boston Landmarks Orchestra – \$50,000

Economic Development

- New England Healthcare Institute – \$95,000

Education

- Massachusetts 2020 – \$60,000
- Boston Educational Development Foundation – \$35,000
- Boston Foundation for strengthening area community colleges – \$200,000

Health and Human Services

- Germaine Lawrence, Inc. – \$35,000

Nonprofit Sector

- The Boston Foundation Vision Fund – \$100,000

Out of School Time

- Associated Grant Makers – \$75,000
- Boston Foundation High-Risk Youth Public Policy Initiative – \$105,000

Out of the Blue

- Huntington Theatre Company – \$75,000

President's Initiative Fund Grants and Executive Grants

- Boston Natural Areas Network – \$20,000
- Boston Ten Point Coalition – \$25,000
- Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary – \$25,000
- Friends of Young Achievers Pilot School – \$25,000
- MATCH Charter School Foundation – \$13,000
- Housing Preservation Initiative – \$11,500
- MassINC – \$30,000
- National Consumer Law Foundation – \$25,000

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- New England Council – \$2,500
- University of Massachusetts/Boston – \$23,866

Urban Environment

- Charles River Watershed Association – \$75,000
- East Boston/Chelsea Environmental Fund – \$150,000

Workforce Development

- The Boston Foundation Allied Health Workforce Initiative – \$500,000

Information: Corey Davis, Grants Manager, The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, telephone: (617) 338-1700, e-mail: cld@tbf.org, website: www.tbf.org

FOUNDATION PROFILE

Grand Circle Foundation

Associates' Fund Community Grants Program

Program: Grand Circle Foundation is the corporate foundation of Grand Circle Travel, the nation's largest international tour operator for Americans over 50. Grand Circle Foundation funds nonprofit organizations within the City of Boston that focus on youth education and discovery, as well as elder involvement and education. The Foundation accepts and reviews two-page project proposals on a rolling basis and application guidelines are located on the website.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$5,000

Deadline: Funding decisions are made three times a year in May, August, and December, with deadlines for proposals on March 31, July 31, and November 30.

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

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