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ARTS & CULTURE

MediaRights.org

Media That Matters Online Film Festival (MTMOFF)

Program: The Media That Matters Online Film Festival (MTMOFF) will celebrate films and videos that inspire people to speak out and take action for social change. This juried festival will be streamed on MediaRights.org and will be presented at the Human Rights Watch International Film Festival (HRWIFF) at Lincoln Center in New York City from June 15-28, 2001.

Funds: None. Selected work will be streamed on MediaRights.org's Web site and as part of an installation at Lincoln Center in New York City. Selected work will be promoted by ReelPlay.com, Human Rights Watch International Film Festival, TimeOut magazine, SpeakOut.com, the Benton Foundation and Association of Independent Video and Film (AIVF). Selected work will get a free Web site on ReelPlay.com.

Deadline: March 1, 2001.

Eligible: Submissions must be 10 minutes or shorter in length. Submissions must be in one of the

following categories (or a combination thereof): Documentary, Fiction, PSA, or Youth Media.

Info: Nicole Betancourt, Phone: (646) 230-6288, Link: <http://www.mediarights.org/festival/festapp.php>

National Arts Journalism Program

Mid-Career and Senior Fellowships

Program: NAJP Mid-Career Fellowships recognize that many arts and cultural journalists are asked to cover topic areas or disciplines for which previous training may not have prepared them. These fellowships offer critics, reporters, and editors from print, broadcast, and electronic journalism an academic year in which to immerse themselves in a wide range of university courses, in combination with practical involvement in activities on and off campus. NAJP Senior Fellowships provide a select few journalists of recognized distinction with shorter-term support for research and writing projects.

Funds: Ten mid-career fellows will be awarded a stipend of \$40,000 each to spend an academic year at Columbia. Senior fellows are invited for shorter terms (one month to one semester) and receive a stipend of \$10,000 a month.

Deadline: February 6, 2001.

Eligible: Candidates may be full-time staff persons, affiliated freelancers with a significant body of work, or editors for a newspaper, magazine, journal, broadcast media outlet, or new media organization.

Info: National Arts Journalism Program Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University 2950 Broadway, Mail Code 7200, New York, NY 10027, E-mail: najp@columbia.edu, Link: <http://www.najp.org>

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Department of Education

Adult Basic Education Professional Association

Program: Funds will be used to implement a statewide Adult Basic Education (ABE) professional association to provide professional development opportunities including delivery of an annual, two-day statewide ABE conference; develop and disseminate information related to current and emerging policies related to ABE; and work actively to expand membership in the association.

Funds: \$55,000.

Deadline: January 29, 2001.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Judith Pregot, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148 –5023, Phone: 781-338-3801, Email: jpregot@doe.mass.edu, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010247&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Earth System Science Education Alliance

Grants for K-12

Program: The Earth System Science Education Alliance (ESSEA), a partnership between the Institute

for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and the Center for Educational Technologies at Wheeling Jesuit University, in conjunction with the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Earth Science Enterprise program is supporting universities, colleges, and science organizations in offering K-12 Earth system graduate courses that have been developed within the CET at Wheeling Jesuit University for the Earth Science Enterprise program. The courses are delivered over the Internet and feature student-centered, knowledge-building virtual communities.

Funds: IGES intends to award three-year grants, in the range of \$45,000.

Deadline: February 9, 2001

Eligible: United States organizations with a scientific or educational mission are eligible to submit proposals. Universities, colleges, science institutions, and environmental or Earth science education organizations involved in teacher in-service professional development, will be offered the opportunity to participate in the program. Special consideration will be accorded those proposals from institutions that serve minority, underrepresented, and/or disadvantaged populations.

Info: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201, Phone: (703) 875-8634, Fax: (703) 875-8635, E-mail:
essea@strategies.org, RFP Link: <http://www.cet.edu/essea>

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services,
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research;
New Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2001-2002**

Program: One of the purposes of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The priority of this grant program is to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities. See RFR for details of the following two program priorities: National Center on Accessible Education-Based Information Technology and Disability & business Technical Assistance Centers.

Funds: Varies.

Deadline: March 26, 2001.

Eligible: States, public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies, public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Info: Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, room 3414, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2645. Telephone: (202) 205-5880, Email: Donna_Nangle@ed.gov, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/01-85.txt>
For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Switzer Building, 3317, Washington, D.C. 20202, or call (202) 205-8207. The preferred method for requesting information is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

FR: 1/8 1479-1499

**Department of Education
Bilingual Education: Field-Initiated Research Program**

Program: The purpose of this program is to provide grants for field-initiated research activities related to the improvement of bilingual education and special alternative instructional programs for limited English proficient (LEP) children and youth.

Funds: \$1,000,000. (Total funds available.)
\$100,000-\$150,000. (Estimated range of awards.)

Deadline: February 8, 2001.

Eligible: Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, State educational agencies, and local educational agencies that have received grants under subparts 1 or 2 of Part A of title VII of the ESEA within the previous five years.

Info: Socorro Lara, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Room 5090, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-6510, Phone: (202) 205-9730, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/01-559.txt>

FR: 1/9 1773-1794

**National Association for College Admission Counseling/
Multicultural Institute for Advanced Thinking and Practice in Admission
Grants for Scholars**

Program: The National Association for College Admission Counseling's Multicultural Institute for Advanced Thinking and Practice in Admission (MIATPA) promotes research allied with students of color in the areas of college counseling, college access, and student retention. It is the goal of MIATPA, through its research findings, to enhance higher educational opportunities for underrepresented students and to increase the pool of students of color prepared to enter college by transforming institutional and student behavior, influencing policy makers, and redefining academic criteria. Research scholars are appointed to the institute for a one-year period, during which time they work with a mentor to complete a research project that includes the presenting of findings at the association's fall national conference and participation in the spring institute meeting.

Funds: A total of three grants are awarded annually in the amount of \$5,000 each.

Deadline: February 2, 2001.

Eligible: Admission and secondary school counseling professionals.

Info: Zina L. Evans, Director of Research, National Association for College Admission Counseling 1631 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Phone: (703) 836-2222, Link: <http://www.nacac.com/miatpa.html>

**Department of Education/Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education
Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships (LAAP)**

Program: Grants or cooperative agreements should enhance the delivery, quality, and accountability of postsecondary education and career-oriented lifelong learning through asynchronous distance education. Funds awarded to an eligible partnership must be used to conduct one or more of the following activities: (a) Develop and assess model distance learning programs or innovative educational software. (b) Develop methodologies for the identification and measurement of skill competencies. (c) Develop and assess innovative student support services. (d) Support other activities consistent with the statutory purpose of this program. See RFR for invitational priorities.

Funds: \$100,000 to \$500,000 per year. (Estimated range of awards.)
\$333,333 per year. (Estimated size of awards.)
30-40. (Estimated number of awards.)

Deadline: March 15, 2001. (Pre-applications.)
June 15, 2001. (Applications.)

Eligible Partnerships consisting of two or more independent agencies, organizations, or institutions, including institutions of higher education, associations, corporations, community Organizations, and other public and private institutions, agencies, and organizations.
A nonprofit organization must serve as the fiscal agent for a funded partnership.

Info: The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-8544, Phone: (202) 502-7500, Link: <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE/LAAP>. Technical assistance workshops are being held on February 5, 2001 in Washington, DC, St. Louis, and San Francisco.

FR: 1/16 3557-3558

Department of Education/Office of Post-secondary Education

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs--GEAR UP

Program: The purpose of this program is to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in college. Through improved academic preparation and early awareness activities, eligible students are provided comprehensive mentoring, counseling, outreach and supportive services, including information to students and their parents about the benefits of postsecondary education and the availability of Federal financial assistance to attend college. Through the scholarship component, which is mandatory for State grants and recommended for Partnership grants, eligible students may receive scholarships for higher education.

Funds: \$35,500,000. (Total funds available for Partnership grants.)
\$23,000,000. (Total funds available for State grants.)

Deadline: March 30, 2001.

Eligible 1. For Partnership grants, eligible applicants include at least one institution of higher education and one local educational agency (school district) on behalf of one or more schools with a 7th grade and the high school(s) that the students at these middle schools would normally attend.
2. For State grants, eligible applicants are State Agencies as designated by the State's Governor, one per State.

Info: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, 1990 K Street, NW, Room 6252, Washington, DC 20006-8524, Phone: 202-502-7676, Fax: (202) 502-7675, Email: gearup@ed.gov. Link: <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg/grantann/q101/011801b.txt>

FR: 1/18 4799-4800

Department of Education

Emergency Immigrant Education Program

Program: This program provides grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) that experience unexpectedly large increases in their student

population due to immigration. These grants are to be used to provide high-quality instruction to immigrant children and youth and to help those children and youth make the transition into American society and meet the same challenging State performance standards expected of all children and youth.

Funds: \$150 million.

Deadline: March 16, 2001.

Eligible: State educational agencies.

Info: Ki Lee, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5632, Switzer Building, Washington DC 20202-6510, Phone: (202) 205-8730, Link: <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg/grantann/q101/011001c.txt>

FR: 1/10 1963-1964

ELDERLY

Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs

The Pharmacy Outreach and Education Program

Program: The Pharmacy Outreach and Education Program will consist of two main components and functions: the Patient Assistance Component and the Medication Education and Intervention Resource Center Component. Applicants should demonstrate a complete understanding of the free or reduced price medication assistance programs operated by pharmaceutical manufacturers; have the ability to facilitate communication among that program, patients, and licensed physicians; and be capable of staffing and operating a toll free call center to address questions concerning both prescription and nonprescription medication function, interaction and abuse, as well as an understanding of the Massachusetts elder and disabled advocacy network.

Funds: \$1,250,000. (Approximate total funds available.)
\$250,000. (Approximate funds available per fiscal year.)

Deadline: February 2, 2001.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Paul Bolger, One Ashburton Place, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617-727-7750, Fax: 617-727-9368, Email: paul.bolger@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010232&dept_code=&cp_xx=

ENVIRONMENT

National Park Service

Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program

Program: The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program aims to develop the next generation of scientists working in the fields of conservation, environmental science, and park management. The program annually awards dissertation scholarships to support student research in national parks. Awards are made in four broadly defined areas: biological sciences, physical sciences, social sciences, and cultural sciences. In 2001, two Canon National Parks Science Scholars and one Honorable Mention will be selected in each of the four disciplines.

Funds: Each of the two winners will be awarded a scholarship worth \$25,000 a year, up to a maximum of three years and \$75,000, to complete their research. Each Honorable Mention winner will receive a one-time scholarship of \$2,000.

Deadline: June 1, 2001 .

Eligible: Graduate students.

Info: Dr. Gary E. Machlis, Program Coordinator, Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, 1849 C Street, NW (MIB 3127) Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-5391, Email: gmachlis@uidaho.edu
Link: <http://www.nps.gov/socialscience/waso/acts.htm#Canon>

HEALTH

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

Program: The Dept. of Mental Health Metro Boston Area seeks to contract for the provision of Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services in the Metro Boston Area for the clients in the Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center and the Massachusetts Mental Health Center service areas. PACT services are based on multi-disciplinary team approach to providing acute, active, ongoing and long-term community based psychiatric treatment, assertive outreach, rehabilitation and support to people with serious mental illness. With the help of PACT team members, clients will determine goals and work toward better integration in the community. In addition to receiving support and treatment for their mental illness, individuals receiving PACT services can also work on issues of homelessness, substance abuse, or court involvement issues the program is designed to address.

Funds: \$550,000. (Total annual funds available)

Deadline: March 16, 2001.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Jeanette Yeary , Contracts Manager, Dept. of Mental Health, Metro Boston Area Office, 85 East Newton Street, Boston, MA 02118, Phone: (617) 626-9243, Fax: (617) 626-9216, Email: Jeanette.Yeary@dmh.state.ma.us

Cancer Research Foundation of America Grants and Fellowships

Program: The Cancer Research Foundation of America works toward the prevention of cancer through scientific research and education. The foundation is accepting applications for both grant and fellowship programs. Grant and fellowship proposals will be considered for basic, clinical, translational, and applied research projects; education programs in cancer prevention; and early detection projects.

Funds: Grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded for one year, with an opportunity for renewal up to two years based on resubmission.

Deadline: March 1, 2001; September 15, 2001

Eligible: Grant funds will generally be granted to nonprofit institutions or organizations. Funding for

Info: CRFA fellowships will be given at the post- doctoral level
Cancer Research Foundation of America, 1600 Duke Street Suite 110, Alexandria, VA 22314, Phone: (800) 227-CRFA, Link: <http://www.preventcancer.org/grantscrfa.cfm>

**Department Of Health and Human Services /Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Partnerships for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention with a Focus on
Business and Labor, Youth-at-High Risk, and Migrant Workers**

Program: The purpose of the program is to develop local, regional, State, and national leadership and support for HIV prevention programs and policies, and to provide technical assistance and service delivery in support of capacity building and skills development for community-based organizations (CBOs), State and local health departments, and other organizations conducting HIV prevention activities at the local, regional, state, and national levels. This announcement is intended to help address gaps in leadership and technical assistance in the development and delivery of HIV prevention services.

Funds: Approximately \$2.2 million is available in FY 2001 to fund approximately 9 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$225,000 ranging from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Deadline: February 23, 2001.

Eligible Applicants must be (1) a tax-exempt, non-profit national business or labor related, youth related, or migrant worker related organization; or (2) an academic institution working in a contractual relationship with a community-based partners.

Info: Julia L. Valentine, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Phone: 770-488-2732, Email: jxv1@cdc.gov, Link: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/01-1468.txt>.

FR: 1/18 4830-4837

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

**Massachusetts Department of Social Services
Supported Teen Parent Employment Program (STEP)**

Program: The Department of Social Services in collaboration with The Department of Transitional Assistance is seeking to expand the existing statewide Network of residential Teen Living Programs (TLPs). The purpose of this procurement is to establish one additional TLP with a goal of helping pregnant and/or parenting teens who receive TAFDC to access existing community based services which will help them to become economically self-sufficient. Residents of this new TLP, the Supported Teen Parent Employment Program (STEP) will be required to enroll and participate in existing short-term continuing education programs or employment related programs offered through DTA's Employment Services Program and the Department's Young Parenting Program (YPP) when appropriate. The staffing and services to be offered through this new TLP are designed around the need to facilitate and support residents as they progress toward self-sufficiency and independent living.

Funds: \$163,175.

Deadline: February 12, 2001.

Eligible: Bidders must be part of the existing Network of 21 Teen Living Programs to respond to this

RFR.

Info: Paula Callahan , Assist. Drctr./Special Pgrms, 24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210, Phone: 617 748-2305, Fax: 617 261-7658, Email:
paula.callahan@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010219&dept_code=&cp_xx=
A bidder's conference will be held on January 22, 2001, 11:00am, Room 1C, Department of Social Services, Central Office, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210.

HUNGER

National 4-H Council and Kraft Foods

Grants for Hunger Relief

Program: National 4-H Council in partnership with Kraft Foods, Inc., offers local grants to teams promoting youth/adult involvement in local food banking, outreach, and public awareness efforts. Larger grants are available to engage interest and action on a statewide or multi-county level.

Funds: \$500-\$3,000. (Local grants.)
\$1,500-\$5,000 (Statewide or multi-county grants.)

Deadline: February 5, 2001.

Eligible: Non-profit organizations with youth involvement.

Info: Doris Parent, Program Coordinator II, National 4-H Council , Feeding the Hungry Grant
7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Phone: 301-961-2864, Email:
parent@fourhcouncil.edu.

NONPROFITS & SOCIAL CHANGE

American Express Foundation

Grants for Community Service, Cultural Heritage, and Economic Independence

Program: Grants are made under the following three program: Community Service, Cultural Heritage and Economic Independence. Community Service funding primarily reinforces the volunteer efforts of thousands of American Express employees and advisors in their local communities, and continues the company's long-standing support to local United Way organizations across the United States. Cultural Heritage grantmaking emphasizes public awareness of the importance of historic and environmental preservation, preservation and management of major tourism sites, direct support for important cultural institutions and major projects in the visual and performing arts that are representative of national, regional and local cultures and access to the arts and assistance to organizations in developing new audiences. Economic Independence funding supports initiatives that encourage, develop and sustain economic self-reliance through programs that serve youth, emphasizing school to career and other career readiness programs in partnership with the retail, travel and hospitality industries; build awareness about career and employment options for individuals

facing significant barriers to employment; and provide education, training and workplace experiences so they may actively pursue these options; provide education in the fundamentals of business and economics, the importance of savings, the basics of personal financial management and related consumer issues; and promote entrepreneurship and small business development.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Eligible: Non-profits.

Info: American Express Philanthropic Program, American Express Company
World Financial Center, New York, NY 10285-4803, Link:
<http://home3.americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy/default.asp>

Haymarket People's Fund (HPF)

Grants for Social Change

Program: Haymarket People's Fund (HPF) is an activist-controlled foundation committed to radical social change. Founded in 1974, Haymarket envisions a democratic system based on collective ownership and control of our society's resources and an equitable distribution of wealth and power within and beyond our national borders; the end of all economic, political, and social exploitation of one human being by another; respect for an protection of the environment; an affirmation of cultural diversity, respect for the dignity and inherent value of all individuals, freedom from all forms of discrimination and oppression including those based on class, race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, age, and disability; and a dedication to equality, solidarity, internationalism, and peace. Haymarket funds groups that organize or provide resources for organizing around a wide spectrum of issues, and who reflect in their action as well as their vision the principles Haymarket upholds. Groups must engage in grassroots organizing or provide resources for grassroots organizing efforts.

Funds: \$10,000 (Average grant size.)

Deadline: March 15 and September 15, 2001.

Eligible: Both incorporated organizations (with or without established 501(c)(3) status) and unincorporated organizations may apply. Applicants must conduct work within New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont).

Info: Haymarket People's Fund, 42 Seaverns Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, Phone: (617) 522-7676, Fax: (617) 522-9580, Link: <http://www.haymarket.org/index.html>

TECHNOLOGY

Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)

Program: TOP provides matching grants for model projects that demonstrate innovative uses of digital network technologies in underserved communities. TOP projects address specific challenges and realize opportunities in such areas as lifelong learning, community and economic development, government and public services, safety, health, and the arts.

Funds: Approximately \$42.5 million. (Total funds available.)
\$500,000. (Expected average award.)

Deadline: March 22, 20001.
Eligible: All non-profit entities (including, but not limited to, non-profit community-based organizations, non-profit health care providers, public health institutions, schools, libraries, museums, colleges, universities, public safety providers) and state, local governments are eligible to apply. Although individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply, they are encouraged to participate as project partners.
Info: Stephen J. Downs, Director of the Technology Opportunities Program, Phone: 202-482-2048; Fax: 202-501-5136; Email: top@ntia.doc.gov, Link: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/index.html>
FR: 1/11 2743-2749

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Office of Jobs and Community Services Welfare to Work GED Programs

Program: The purpose of this program is to fund GED services for former welfare recipients who have transitioned to jobs. Program services will be funded by the US Department of Labor, under Welfare to Work eligibility guidelines.

Deadline: January 31, 2001 (Letter of intent to bid.)
February 21, 2001 (Full proposals.)

Eligible: Bidders must have experience in delivering adult literacy and supportive services to economically disadvantaged populations either in neighborhood settings or at a workplace.

Info: Jack Clark, Office of Jobs and Community Services, 43 Hawkins Street, Floor 3A, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Fax: 617-918-5227, Email: jack.clark.jcs@ci.boston.ma.us.
A Bidders' Conference will be held January 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the BRA Board Room, 9th floor, City Hall. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend this interactive technical assistance session. Individual technical assistance may be requested via e-mail or via fax (see above).

YOUTH

Massachusetts Department of Education After-School & Out-of-School Time Program Evaluation

Program: The Department of Education seeks an individual or organization with local and national expertise in the area of evaluation of after-school and out-of-school time programs to support the development and quality enhancement of the Department's After-School and Other Out-of-School Time grant Programs. The contractor will provide training and technical assistance as well as develop materials and tools that support grantees in targeted topics identified through the evaluation of after school programs in school districts and communities around the state.

Funds: \$40,000.
Deadline: February 8, 2001.
Eligible: See above.
Info: Karyl Resnick, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148–5023, Phone: 781-338-3515, Email: kresnick@doe.mass.edu, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010243&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Massachusetts Service Alliance

After-School Community Service-Learning Programs

Program: Funds are available for the following: 1) involve after-school participants in volunteering to meet a defined community need, 2) include educational, skill building, and training components that prepare participants to serve, and 3) provide structured time for reflection about the issue being addresses and the community in which the service is taking place.

Funds: \$20,000-\$40,000. (Average grant size.)

Deadline: April 4, 2001.

Eligible: Non-profits and community centers.

Info: Massachusetts Service Alliance, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, Phone: (617) 542-2544 ext. 256 or 1-888-710-8099 ext. 256, Link: <http://www.msalliance.org>.
A free technical assistance sessions will be held in Boston on March 1, 2001.

Do Something

Brick Award for Community Service

Program: The awards are sponsored by Do Something, a national nonprofit group that encourages people in their 20's to become involved in community service. Brick Awards are given to 10 young Americans who are successfully building their communities "brick by brick" and whose work is structured to have a lasting influence.

Funds: The first-place winner will receive a \$100,000 grant; nine additional winners will each receive a \$10,000 grant.

Deadline: TBA. (See website for more information.)

Eligible: Individuals under the age of 30.

Info: Do Something, 423 West 55th Street, Eighth Floor, New York, NY 10019; Phone: (212) 523-1175; Fax (212) 582-1307; Email: brick@dosomething.org; Link: <http://www.dosomething.org>

The Office of Community Partnership

3rd Annual Michael Griffin Humanitarian Award

Program: The Office of Community Partnerships is proud to announce that it will be awarding the 3rd Annual Michael Griffin Humanitarian Award. This award is made, “for excellence and commitment in service to youth,” in the name of Michael Griffin, whose work in a number of city departments over 15 years reflected a deep commitment to all children in Boston. This award recognizes Boston residents for their exemplary dedication to working with youth. Awards will be presented in the following two categories:

- ✗ An individual who has been working on behalf of Boston's youth for at least 20 years. At least five (5) of those years must have been spent in direct service. Recipients and their organizations will each be awarded \$1000.
- ✗ An individual in the age range of 18-24, who is working directly with youth, has an established record of accomplishment, and shows promise for continued work with youth. Recipients and their organizations will each be awarded \$500.

Deadline: February 16, 2001.

Eligible: (1) Nominees must be Boston residents. (2) Nominees must be available to receive the award in person if selected. (3) Nominees cannot be employees, or relatives of employees, of the Mayor's Office of Community Partnerships.

Info: Willie Mae Harris, The Office Community Partnerships, 43 Hawkins Street 3B, Boston MA 02114, Phone: (617) 635-3140, Fax: (617) 635-3353.

EVENTS

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

2001 Basic Benefits Training Series: Unlocking the Basics of Benefits Programs

Program: MLRI will present its Basic Benefits Training series for the legal services and social services community over 6 days (9 sessions) between January and April 2001. Legal services staff who have just started doing benefits work within the past year, as well as those who would like a refresher on current issues and changes, are encouraged to attend. Social services and community advocates are also welcome. Enrollment is limited and a preference is given to Legal Services staff.

Cost: For Legal Services staff: \$30 per full-day session or \$15 per half-day session.
For all others: \$40 per full-day session or \$20 per half-day session.

Dates:

- ✓ Thursday, January 25: Senior Health
- ✓ Wednesday, March 7: Welfare "Reform"—The Basics of TAFDC Cash Benefits for Families
- ✓ Monday, March 19: Immigrants and Public Benefits
- ✓ Monday, March 19: Assisting Homeless Families--Emergency Assistance Shelter, Issue Spotting & Changes in the Law
- ✓ Monday, April 2: Health Care Access Programs
- ✓ Monday, April 9: Food Stamps & Nutrition
- ✓ Monday, April 9: Unemployment Compensation
- ✓ Monday, April 23: Welfare Benefits for Persons with Disabilities
- ✓ Monday, April 23: SSI & SSDI Overview & Highlights

Location: Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 10 Winter Place, Boston, MA

Info: Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Phone: (617) 357-0700, Fax: (617) 357-0777, Link: http://www.neighborhoodlaw.org/information_for_attorneys.htm

Massachusetts Geographic Information System

MassGIS Data Showcase

Program: In an effort to increase awareness of GIS and to educate potential users about the wealth of data maintained by MassGIS, the office is embarking on a statewide data showcase and

training program. The sessions will run for about 3 hours and all participants will receive a set of data and a viewing program on CD-ROM for their city/town.

Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to municipal officials, watershed groups and other non-profits such as "friends of" groups. Contingent upon demand, other sessions may be added or in some cases cancelled.

Date: March 8th, 2001.

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Greenfield Community College

Info: Paul Nutting, Phone: (617) 626-1238, E-mail paul.nutting@state.ma.us, Link: <http://www.state.ma.us/mgis/event-training.htm>

RECENT AWARDS

Commonwealth Fund

Program: X For 2001-02 support of the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship Program in Minority Health Policy: \$798,805 to Harvard Medical School;
X To conduct the 2001 International Health Policy Survey: \$367,061 to Harvard University, School of Public Health;
X For 2000-2001 support of the Task Force on Academic Health Centers: \$515,371 to **Massachusetts** General Hospital (Boston, MA).

Info: 1 East 75th Street, New York, New York 10021-2692 , Phone: (212) 535-0400, Link: <http://www.cmwf.org>

Ford Foundation

Program: X To study the concept of racial justice in higher education: \$580,000 over three years to Harvard University;
X To improve professional opportunities available to female faculty members at this and other universities: \$500,000 to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA);
X For national research on "world religions" in America: \$641,000 over 27 months to Harvard University;
X For a regional network on transboundary natural-resources management in southern Africa: \$100,000 to Children's Hospital Medical Center (Boston, MA).

Info: 20 East 43rd Street, New York, New York 10017, Phone: (212) 573-5000, Link: <http://www.fordfound.org>

Nord Family Foundation

Program: X To provide diagnostic and treatment services to high-risk children, teenagers, and families: \$20,000 to Adolescent Consultation Services (Boston, MA);
X For child-rearing education and support programs for low-income parents: \$10,000 to Families First Parenting Program (Boston, MA);
X For the Family and Community Literacy Project: \$17,550 to Cambridge Public Access Corporation (Cambridge, MA).

Info: 347 Midway Boulevard, Suite 312, Elyria, Ohio 44035, Phone: (440) 324-2822, Link: <http://www.nordff.org/>

Pew Charitable Trusts

Program: ✕ For the 2001 class of the Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation, and to cover the administrative expenses of the program: \$1,568,000 over three years and \$1,500,000 over three years, respectively, to New England Aquarium (Boston, MA).

Info: 2005 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-7017, Phone: (215) 575-9050, Link: <http://www.pewtrusts.com>.

Whitaker Foundation

Program: ✕ For Biomedical Engineering Research Grants, which support medical research by selected new investigators: \$239,917 over three years to Massachusetts General Hospital (Charlestown, MA) to support the work of Giorgio Bonmassar; Malkin; \$239,785 over three years to Children's Hospital (Boston, MA) to support the work of Yaotang Wu

Info: 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 2200, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209 (703) 528-2430, <http://www.whitaker.org>.

William H. Donner Foundation

Program: ✕ To send a shipment of new books and other educational materials to Tibetan refugee schools in India: \$20,000 to Sabre Foundation (Cambridge, MA).

Info: 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1230, New York, New York 10110, Phone: (212) 719-9290, Link: <http://www.donner.org>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Program: ✕ For the Scholars in Health Policy Research Program: \$418,773 to Boston University, School of Management (Boston, MA);
✕ To promote early-childhood literacy as a health-intervention method: \$300,000 to Boston University, School of Medicine (Boston, MA);
✕ To develop an economic model of the treatment of depression in primary-care settings: \$65,689 to Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA);
✕ To prepare a book on strategic planning for health-related media campaigns and to increase health-care providers' awareness of cultural barriers to cancer-prevention efforts: \$48,352 and \$43,481, respectively, to Harvard University, School of Public Health (Cambridge, MA);
✕ To strengthen the ability of "safety net" organizations to deliver services to people with chronic illnesses: \$150,000 to Institute for Healthcare Improvement (Boston, MA);
✕ To promote healthy development and to increase insurance coverage and access to primary services through youth sports activities: \$431,140 to Northeastern University (Boston, MA).

Info: Route 1 and College Road East, PO Box 2316, Princeton, New Jersey 08543-2316, Phone: (609) 452-8701, Link: <http://www.rwjf.org>.

William T. Grant Foundation

Program: X To identify patterns of successful child rearing in young men, to analyze the ways in which young men integrate fatherhood into their identity, and to investigate factors that contribute to their success as fathers: \$225,510 over three years to Tufts University (Medford, MA).

Info: 570 Lexington Avenue, 18th Floor, New York, New York 10022-6837, Phone: (212) 752-0071.

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

Program: X For the professional-development component of the Teacher Center: \$100,000 to the Children's Museum (Boston, MA);

X To provide health-care providers and families with educational and outreach services on allergies and asthma: \$180,000 to Boston Medical Center Corporation (Boston, Massachusetts);

X To provide training and technical assistance to YouthBuild program sites in the rural South and Appalachia: \$75,000 to YouthBuild USA (Somerville, MA).;

X To expand its educational programs: \$25,000 to Freedom Trail Foundation (Boston, MA).

Info: 888 Seventh Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10106-0057, Phone: (212) 586-5404, Link: <http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker>.

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Program: X To support graduate and postdoctoral research that combines the physical and biological sciences through the "Interfaces in Sciences" award program: \$1,750,000 to Boston U. (Boston, MA).

Info: 21 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, Phone: (919) 991-5100; Fax: (919) 991-5160, Email: info@bwf.org, Link: <http://www.bwfund.org>

Changemakers

Program: X For general program support of this group of young people seeking creative new ways to use their finances to affect social change: \$10,000 to Resource Generation (North Cambridge, MA).

X To provide technical-assistance programs to women and girls in the Boston area: \$20,000 to Boston Women's Fund (Boston, MA).

Info: Presidio Building 1012, 1st Floor PO Box 29150, San Francisco, Calif. 94129-0150, Phone: (415) 561-2363, Fax: (415) 561-2366, Email: info@changemakersfund.org, Link: <http://www.changemakersfund.org>

Jessie Ball duPont Fund

Program: X For the Police Action Counseling Team Program, which provides crisis-intervention services to children who witness acts of violence: \$65,000 matching grant to Massachusetts General Hospital (Chelsea, MA).

Info: 225 Water Street, Suite 1200, Jacksonville, Fla. 32202-5176, Phone: (904) 353-0890, Link: <http://www.dupontfund.org>

