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ARTS & CULTURE

Emily Hall Tremain Foundation

Grants for Contemporary Art and Architecture

Program: Applications for awards from the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation to support thematic exhibitions

of contemporary art or architecture. Explorations of all forms of visual art from 1960 to the present are encouraged, and proposed presentations should put the works in a new or unconventional aesthetic, cultural, historical, or social framework.

- Funds:** Awards of up to \$100,000 are made every other year.
- Deadline:** April 15, 2002.
- Eligible:** Museum curators or other qualified individuals in partnership with a nonprofit exhibition space that has been operating for at least 10 years. Single-artist retrospectives are not eligible.
- Info:** EHTF, 290 Pratt Street, Meriden, Conn. 06450-8600; Phone: (203) 639-5544; Fax (203) 639-5545; Link: <http://www.tremaiefoundation.org> .

EDUCATION

KIPP

Fisher School Leadership Program

- Program:** The Fisher School Leadership Program gives educators the opportunity to develop the leadership skills they need to start and manage their own exemplary schools. The training includes a summer institute, school residencies and a 6-month planning period before opening your school. Coursework and learning objectives focus on staffing, budget & finance, academic leadership, systemic operations and public speaking.
- Funds:** There is a \$45,000 stipend and healthcare benefits for the year.
- Deadline:** December 3, 2001.
- Eligible:** See website for a description of the “ideal candidate.”
- Info:** KIPP, 345 Spear Street, Suite 510, San Francisco, CA 94105, Phone: 415.399.1556, Fax: 415.348.0588, Email: info@kipp.org, Link: <http://www.kipp.org/fisher.html>

Department of Education/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Charter Schools Facilities Financing Demonstration Program

- Program:** This program will provide one-time grants to eligible entities to permit them to demonstrate innovative credit enhancement initiatives that assist charter schools in accessing private sector and other non-Federal capital to address the cost of acquiring, constructing, and renovating facilities. Grant projects awarded under this program will be of a sufficient size, scope, and quality so as to ensure an effective demonstration of the proposed strategies.
- Funds:** Estimated Range of Awards: \$2,500,000-\$10,000,000.
- Deadline:** January 4, 2002.
- Eligible:**
- ✓ A public entity, such as a State or local governmental entity; or
 - ✓ A private nonprofit entity.
- Info:** Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone: 1-877-433- 7827, Fax: (301) 470-1244.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>; or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov. Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-28087-filed

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Commercial Alert

National Ad Slam Contest

Program: The Ad Slam is a nationwide contest to throw advertisers out of our schools during the 2001-2 school year. Commercial Alert will award a \$5,000 prize to the school that makes the best and most creative effort to remove advertising and commercialism from school premises. Other prizes will be given for creativity, media coverage, and teamwork.

Funds: See above.

Deadline: May 15, 2002.

Info: Commercial Alert , 3719 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #281, Portland ,OR 91214 , Phone: 503-235-8012, Fax: 503-235-5073; Email: alert@essental.org, Link: <http://www.commercialalert.org>

Discover Card and The American Association of School Administration

College Scholarship

Program: Nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships are available to high school juniors nationwide. Discover[®] Card, in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), established the Tribute Award[®] Scholarship Program to applaud exemplary accomplishments and to support continued education and training beyond high school. State and national scholarships can be used for any type of post high school education or training—certification, licensing, two or four year trade & technical school or college.

Funds:

- ✓ *State Scholarships:* In each state and the District of Columbia a maximum of to nine scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded.
- ✓ *National Scholarships:* A maximum of nine national scholarships of up to \$25,000 will be awarded.

Deadline: January 11, 2002.

Eligible: Any current high school junior who meets the following qualifications is eligible:

- ✓ Is enrolled in a public or accredited private high school in the United States;
- ✓ Has a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale; and
- ✓ Demonstrates accomplishments in three of the following four areas (Special Talents, Leadership, Community Service and Obstacles Overcome).

Info: AASA, PO Box 9338, Arlington, VA 22219, Phone: (703) 875-0708, Link: <http://www.discovercard.com/discover/data/about/philanthropy/tribute.shtml>

Brown University

Funding for Ten Scholars to Study National Education Projects

Program: Brown University has announced a new project that will allow ten scholars to participate in a

nonresidential postdoctoral fellowship program to study national educational projects. The Advanced Studies Fellowship Program at Brown will center on the theme, "The Nation and Its Schools: Federal and National Strategies for School Reform." Ten fellows will receive funding for nine-month research leaves during academic years 2002-03 or 2003-04 at locations of their choice. The program will also bring the fellows to Brown for two seminars each year and will allow them to develop mentoring relationships with senior faculty at Brown during the three-year period from July 2002 to June 2005.

Deadline: February 15, 2002.

Eligible: Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Applicants must have had their Ph.D., Ed.D. or equivalent research degree conferred between May, 1994 and June, 2002;
- ✓ Applicants trained in history, political science, and policy studies, whether in schools of education, policy schools, or discipline-based departments, are preferred;
- ✓ Employees of The Spencer Foundation and of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation are not eligible to apply;
- ✓ Minority and women scholars are especially encouraged to apply;
- ✓ Applicants must be resident in the United States during the entire program, from June, 2002 to July, 2005.

Info: Brown University, Advanced Studies Fellowship Program/ Department of Education, Box 1938, Providence, RI 02912, Phone: (401) 863-3041, Link:

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Education/Advanced_Studies_Fellowship

ENVIRONMENT

Massachusetts Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, & Environmental Law Enforcement Riverways Small Grants 2002

Program: Proposals should advance some aspect of river, stream and/or adjacent land protection and/or restoration.

Deadline: November 29, 2001.

Funds: Range of grant awards: \$1,000 to \$10,000.
Total funds available: \$100,000.

Eligible: Municipal governments and nonprofits.

Info: Patricia Sheppard, Program Manager, Riverways – DFWELE, 251 Causeway Street Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114, Phone: 617-626-1541, Fax: 617-626-1505, Email: patricia.sheppard@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012296&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Environmental Protection Agency/Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Program: The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to eligible community groups

(i.e., community-based/grassroots organizations, churches, or other nonprofit organizations with a focus on community-based issues) and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues. Preference for awards will be given to community-based/grassroots organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Funds can be used to develop a new activity or substantially improve the quality of existing programs that have a direct impact on affected communities. All awards will be made in the form of a grant not to exceed one year.

Funds: Total estimated funds available. \$1,500,000.
Funds set aside for Superfund projects: \$500,000.

Deadline: February 21, 2002.

Eligible: Nonprofits.

Info: Ronnie Harrington , USEPA Region 1 (SAA), 1 Congress Street-- 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02203-0001, Phone: (617) 918-1703, Email: harrington.veronica@epa.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-27591-filed

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HEALTH

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research; Office of Research on Women's Health; Office of Disease Prevention; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Environmental Approaches to the Prevention of Obesity

Program: This RFA responds to the need for systematic studies of environmental approaches to the prevention of obesity. Although many environmental factors have been cited as contributing to obesity, there have been few controlled studies showing that changes in these factors will prevent weight gain. For the purposes of this RFA, environmental interventions are those that attempt to modify the external surroundings with a goal of effecting behavioral changes such as improvement in diet, increased physical activity, and or decreased sedentary behaviors. The goal of such interventions is to prevent inappropriate weight gain, without exclusive reliance on an individual's knowledge or motivation.

Deadline: Letters of intent: February 14, 2002.
Full applications: March 14, 2002.

Funds: For the initial year of funding, approximately \$4,000,000 will be committed to fund applications submitted in response to this RFA. It is anticipated that 5 to 12 awards will be made. Because the nature and scope of the research proposed may vary, it is anticipated that the size of each award will also vary. Direct costs will be limited to \$500,000 in any year for full-scale ROIs (excluding facilities and administration costs of subcontracts) and \$450,000 over three years (average \$150,000 per year) for pilot studies (excluding facilities and administration costs of subcontracts).

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- Eligible:** Domestic or foreign for-profit and non-profit organizations, public and private, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of State and local governments, and eligible agencies of the Federal government.
- Info:** Robert Kuczmarski, DR.P.H., R.D., Director, Obesity Prevention and Treatment Program Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease, 6707 Democracy Blvd, Room 673, MSC 5450 Bethesda, MD 20892-5450 (20817 for Express Mail), Phone: (301) 451-8354, Fax: (310) 480-8300, Email: rk191r@nih.gov, Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-02-021.html>

A website on the NIDDK homepage containing information pertaining to this RFA is located at: <http://137.187.83.60/fund/crfo/EATO.htm>. Answers to frequently asked questions and other information updates concerning this RFA will be posted on the site as they are developed.

Global Health Council

2002 Gates Award for Global Health

- Program:** Nominations for the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health from the Global Health Council. The award recognizes a group that has made a major and lasting contribution to global health. Nominees must have been in operation for at least 10 years and be in good financial standing. Nominations are limited to entire organizations; individuals and programs are not eligible.
- Funds:** \$1-million prize financed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Deadline:** December 5, 2001.
- Eligible:** Eligible organizations include charitable, non-governmental, and nonprofit organizations, as well as government agencies, private companies, and universities.
- Info:** GHC, 1701 K Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006-1503; Phone: (202) 833-5900; Fax: (202) 833-0075; Link: <http://www.globalhealth.org/awards/GatesIntro.php3>

American Massage Therapy Association

Community Outreach Grants

- Program:** The Foundation Community Outreach grants are awarded to organizations that seek to provide massage therapy to communities or groups who currently have little or no access to such services. This program is designed to promote working partnerships between the massage therapy profession and community-based organizations. It benefits the recipient, the massage therapist, and the sponsoring organization by building stronger relationships between these parties.
- Funds:** Range of grant awards: \$500 to \$5,000.
- Deadline:** April 1, 2002.
- Eligible:** Nonprofits.
- Info:** Marcus Banks, AMTAF, 820 Davis Street, Suite 100, Evanston, Ill. 60201, Phone: (847) 869-5019, ext. 167; Fax: (847) 864-1178; Email: mbanks@amtamassage.org; Link:

http://www.amtamassage.org/foundation/grant_community.htm

Betaseron®

Multiple Sclerosis Champions of CourageSM (BCC)

Program: Funded by a grant from Berlex Laboratories, Betaseron® Multiple Sclerosis Champions of Courage is a grant-giving program that recognizes the achievements of people with MS and provides financial grants to support their inspirational activities

Funds: Recipients are awarded up to \$7,000 (grants are considered taxable income) to be used in reaching their stated goal.

Deadline: Rolling.

Eligible: To apply for a grant, individuals must be taking Betaseron®, demonstrate a commitment to their communities, and outline how they will use a grant to inspire others.

Info: Betaseron® Multiple Sclerosis Champions of Courage, 3306 Stephenson Place, NW Washington, DC 20015, Phone: 1-800-788-1467, Link: <http://www.championsofcourage.org/index.html>

National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institute on Aging

Informal Caregiving Research for Chronic Conditions

Program: The National Institute of Nursing Research and the National Institute on Aging invite applications for research grants to advance the science in informal caregiving in the home for care recipients with chronic illness, disability, or functional impairment requiring partial or full dependency on others. This RFA targets studies of informal caregiving interventions to improve caregiver health and quality of life, caregiving processes, and caregiving effectiveness and health outcomes. A key aspect of this RFA is to encourage research to advance science-based knowledge of informal caregiving, with attention to the caregiver. Clinical research areas appropriate to this RFA include interventions: to improve the quality of informal caregiving at all levels and throughout the caregiving trajectory; to prevent or manage caregiver physical and mental health problems related to caregiving; to reduce the burden of caregiving; and on the effectiveness of advances in caregiving processes, including new technologies.

Deadline: Letter of intent: January 31, 2002.

Full application: February 26, 2002.

Funds: Total funds available FY 2002: \$2.3 million.

Total number of awards expected: 5 to 6.

Maximum yearly grant: \$340,000.

Eligible: Domestic and foreign, for-profit and non-profit organizations, public and private, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of State and local governments, and eligible agencies of the Federal government.

Info: Nell Armstrong, PhD, RN Office of Extramural Programs National Institute of Nursing Research Building 45, Room Number 3AN12, MSC 6300 Bethesda, MD 20892-6300, Phone: (301) 594-5973, Fax: (301) 480-8260, Email: nell_armstrong@nih.gov, Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NR-02-001.html>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health**AIDS Prevention and Education**

Program: The primary goal of AIDS Prevention and Education services is to reduce the number of new HIV infections among Massachusetts residents. Secondary goals are to increase the number of residents who know their HIV status and to improve the health and well being of HIV-infected and high-risk uninfected residents. To accomplish these goals, this procurement seeks to establish an AIDS prevention and education service system that delivers proven effective prevention interventions to identified populations and sub-populations of individuals at high risk of infection. These services are to be fully accessible, well suited to each population's behavioral and other life situations, and that are fully integrated into a comprehensive system of related health services

Deadline: December 19, 2001.

Funds: Number of awards: 100.
Range of awards: \$100,000 to \$180,000.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Barry Callis, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617-624-5316, Fax: 617-624-5399, Email: barry.callis@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012280&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Massachusetts Department of Public Health**HIV Counseling, Testing and Support Services**

Program: DPH is making funds available for HIV counseling and antibody testing and related clinical and non-clinical services to address federally mandated changes in HIV counseling and testing services and to continue the quality improvement and appropriate targeting and provision of these activities. Services funded under this procurement must otherwise be non-reimbursable components of preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic care.

Deadline: December 19, 2001.

Funds: Total yearly funds available: \$3,500,000.
Range of awards: \$80,000-\$180,000.

Eligible: See RFP. (Both clinical and non-clinical providers are eligible.)

Info: Laureen Malatesta, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617-624-5347, Fax: 617-624-5399, Email: laureen.malatesta@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012269&dept_code=&cp_xx=

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and the National Institutes of Health's Office of AIDS Research (OAR)

Computer Grants Program of the 2001/2002 Equal Access Initiative

Program: The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and the National Institutes of Health's Office of AIDS Research (OAR) seek applications from qualified NMAC member organizations in the U.S., its territories and possessions to participate in the Computer Grants Program of the 2001/2002 Equal Access Initiative. The Internet is a vital communications tool, which is constantly growing and changing. Other groups have tapped the Internet's potential to enhance opportunities for learning, collaboration and technical support as well as to improve prevention and treatment education critical to maintaining favorable HIV/AIDS health outcomes. Unfortunately, many minority HIV/AIDS organizations do not yet have the resources and the skills to use the Internet effectively. Internet content designed for these organizations and their clients is rare. The Equal Access Initiative is intended to address this lack of resources and skills by furnishing computer hardware and Internet access to up to 100 minority community-based organizations (CBOs). At the same time, the Equal Access Initiative is designed to benefit CBOs by creating and maintaining online content that specifically addresses the issues of program planning, implementation, evaluation and fiscal contract management concerns for NMAC organizational members, as well as other HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention education and related health outcomes.

Funds: One hundred (100) CBOs will be selected on a non-renewable basis to participate in the Computer Grants Program this year. Each participating CBO will receive:

- ✓ A complete desktop computer system equipped with all necessary hardware, including the computer-processing unit, monitor, modem, keyboard, portable printer and Windows-based software to support Internet connectivity. The computer system will be for use by clients and staff to access treatment and prevention information on the Internet.
- ✓ \$100 to purchase additional software or system upgrades tailored to the specific needs of the CBO (such as database, graphics or virus scan software).
- ✓ 24-hour telephone support for one year for all hardware and software, to be provided by the computer vendor.
- ✓ \$300 for dedicated phone line service specifically for Internet access, including installation costs and monthly fees. Any charges above \$300, including long-distance charges and all phone line fees, will be the responsibility of the CBO.
- ✓ \$300 for Internet access with an Internet Service Provider (ISP) chosen by the CBO. Any charges above \$300 will be the responsibility of the CBO
- ✓ A \$500 grant for Internet training for CBO staff and clients, to pay for an Internet training course selected by the CBO. Any training costs above \$500 will be the responsibility of the CBO.

Deadline: December 3, 2001.

Eligible: Participation in this Program is restricted to organizational members of the National Minority AIDS Council, holding current 501(c)(3) status. In addition, CBOs must:

- ✓ Not have been a 200/2001 recipient of an Equal Access Initiative Computer Grant;
- ✓ Be committed to developing and/or expanding treatment and prevention education programming for their clients;

- ✓ Already have established, or plan to establish, Internet access in some form. This Program is intended to provide your clients and staff greater access to Internet-based treatment and prevention education resources, not to provide general Internet access for your entire CBO;
- ✓ Plan additional activities to help clients benefit from the new system.
The new computer system should be accessible to clients and integrated into your HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs;
- ✓ Agree to participate in a comprehensive evaluation of the Computer Grants Program by NMAC after one year. This evaluation may include requests for direct, confidential interviews with clients and staff concerning the new computer system.

Info: National Minority AIDS Council, 1931 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, Phone: 202-483-6622, Link: http://www.nmac.org/equal_access/eai_info.htm#equipment

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Massachusetts Department of Social Services

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program

Program: The Department of Social Services (DSS) on behalf of the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) are seeking proposals for the provision of comprehensive unaccompanied refugee minor services to meet the long-term placement and case management needs of unaccompanied refugee minors from qualified organizational providers. The provider must be able to provide a continuum of services including but not limited to ensuring the youth's mental health, safety and that their cultural, educational, medical, legal and religious needs are met.

Deadline: November 30, 2001.

Funds: Initial contract estimate: \$388,134 (1/1/02 – 6/30/02)
Annual renewal estimate: \$776,268 (July 1 through June 30)

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Paula Callahan, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210, Phone: 617-748-2000, Email: paula.callahan@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012141&dept_code=&cp_xx=

LITERACY

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; National Institute on Aging; National Institute for Literacy

Research on Adult and Family Literacy

Program: Grant applications are encouraged that develop new knowledge on adult literacy learning and new knowledge relevant to the critical factors that influence the instruction and development of literacy (reading and writing) competencies in adults and in young children (birth through kindergarten entrance) through adult and family literacy program activities, to identify or design the most effective program structures and models of service delivery.

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- Deadline:** Letters of intent: April 15, 2002.
Full applications: May 15, 2002.
- Funds:** The NICHD intends to commit approximately \$1 million and the other cosponsors intend to commit approximately \$2.3 for a total of \$3.3 million in total costs in FY 2002 to fund eight to ten new grants in response to this RFA. An applicant may request a project period of up to five years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$500,000 per year for the R01 and up to two years and \$50,000 per year for the R03.
- Eligible:** Domestic and foreign, for-profit and non-profit organizations, public and private, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories, units of State and local governments, and eligible agencies of the Federal government.
- Info:** Peggy McCardle, Ph.D., MPH Child Development and Behavior Branch National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B05, MSC 7510 Bethesda, MD 20892-7510, Phone: (301) 435-6863, Fax: (301) 480-7773, Email: pm43q@nih.gov, Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-02-004.html>

Boston Connects, Boston's Empowerment Zone English for Speakers of Other Languages

- Program:** Boston Connects, Inc. is once again soliciting proposals to provide ESOL services to residents of Boston's Empowerment Zone. BCI expects to equally divide the funding between Level I and Level II ESOL programs. The scope of work under this RFP includes the following components: Resident Eligibility, Assessment, Curriculum Development, Case Management and Wrap-Around Support Services and information and referral.
- Deadline:** **Notice of intent: November 15, 2001.**
Full proposals: December 3, 2001.
- Funds:** Minimum grant size: \$30,000.
Maximum grant size: \$50,000.
A total of \$400,000 will be awarded in cost-reimbursement contracts. The goal of the RFP is two-fold. \$200,000 is available to meet the goal of providing additional seats to Zone residents at community-based programs in or close proximity to the Empowerment Zone with established ESOL programs. Additionally, \$200,000 is available to meet the second goal of providing ESOL services at publicly subsidized housing developments (including but not limited to public housing, demo-dispo and cooperatives in the zone).
- Eligible:** Nonprofits. Bidders must have experience delivering English as a Second Language services to linguistic and disadvantaged populations.
- Info:** Applications are available at Boston Connects, 20 Hampden Street, Roxbury or at the Office of Jobs and Community Services, 43 Hawkins Street, Floor 3A, Boston. Additionally, applications can be downloaded from <http://www.bostonez.org/>. Individual technical assistance may be requested via e-mail to shirley.carrington.pfd@ci.boston.ma.us or via fax to Shirley Carrington at 617.445.4201.

The National Press Foundation

Evert Clark/Seth Payne Award for Young Science Writers.

Program: The National Press Foundation has issued a call for entries for the Evert Clark/Seth Payne Award for young science writers. The award is intended to encourage young science writers by recognizing outstanding reporting and writing in any field of science.

The award is limited to non-technical print journalism, including articles published in newspapers, magazines, and newsletters on any of the following (but not limited to) subjects: biology; the physical, environmental, computer, or space sciences; technology; mathematics; health; and science policy. Staff writers as well as freelancers are eligible, and entries will be judged on the basis of accuracy, clarity, insightfulness, fairness, resourcefulness, and timeliness.

Funds: The winner will receive \$1,000 and expenses to attend the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Deadline: December 10, 2001.

Eligible: Applicants must be age 30 or younger. The 2001 award will be limited to those applicants whose 31st birthday is December 31, 2001, or later. Articles must have been published between December 1, 2000, and December 1, 2001, but an entire series will be accepted if most of it was published between those dates.

Info: National Press Foundation, Phone: (202) 721-9106, Email: npf@nationalpress.org, Link: <http://www.mindspring.com/~us009848/>

Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation

Metro Region New Providers for Day Supports

Metro Region New Providers for Support Services

Program: Two RFPs are currently open to pre-qualify organizations to provide support services. See *both* links to view information on each program.

Deadline: February 28, 2002.

Funds: Estimated additional funds available for these services: \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: James Donnelly , Contract Specialist, Fernald Center, Metro Region Contract Office, Withington Bldg., 200 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452, Phone: 781-314-7509, Fax: 781-314-7550, Email: james f donnely@state.ma.us, Links: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012159&dept_code=&cp_xx= and http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012160&dept_code=&cp_xx=

Department of Education

Rehabilitation Short-Term Training--National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute

Program: The Short-Term Training program supports special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to the vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs, independent living services programs, and client assistance

programs. This competition provides for the development of a leadership training program that focuses on leadership skills as applied to the unique issues facing the vocational rehabilitation agencies in a peer setting.

Funds: Total funds available: \$250,000.

Deadline: January 9, 2002.

Eligible: Public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training program.

Info: Christine Marschall, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3325, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Phone: (202) 205-2779, Email: Christine.Marschall@ed.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-27939-filed

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PARENTING

Massachusetts Department of Social Services

Foster and Adoptive Parent Support and Membership Services

Program: The Department of Social Services (DSS) is seeking proposals from qualified, experienced organizations to develop a statewide network of support services, such as training, consultation, mediation and problem solving for new and experienced Foster and Adoptive parents. The envisioned Foster and Adoptive Membership Program will encompass multiple ethnic and cultural groups as well as kinship and child-specific and unrestricted Foster parent resources.

Deadline: November 30, 2001.

Funds: Initial contract estimate: \$922,326 (1/1/02 – 6/30/02)
Annual renewal estimate: \$1,844,653 (July 1 through June 30)

Eligible: See RFR.

Info: Judith Howard, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210, Phone: 617-748-2000, Email: judith.howard@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=012150&dept_code=&cp_xx=

POLICY

Piper Fund

Campaign-Finance Reform

Program: Applications for grants from the Piper Fund to support projects aimed at comprehensive state-level campaign-finance reform. The fund also seeks to support groups that more broadly engage the public in political life and to increase access to the political process for people who are not wealthy. Applications should detail the specific conditions and political climate of the group's state, including existing laws and proposals for reform.

Funds: Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 will be given to groups working singly or in partnership

in the areas of public education, research, or advocacy.

Deadline: November 16, 2001.

Eligible: State-based nonprofit organizations or projects sponsored by groups that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Limited funds are also available to groups classified under Section 501(c)(4)

Info: Amy Altwarg, Piper Fund, 264 North Pleasant Street, Second Floor, Amherst, Mass. 01002; Phone: (413) 256-0349; Fax: (413) 256-3536; Email: piper@funder.org; Link: <http://www.funder.org/piper>

TECHNOLOGY

HandsNet

Free Memberships to Qualifying Organizations

Program: HandsNet a national leader in online information and networking for human services professionals, is offering "scholarships" of free memberships to their WebClipper service to qualifying organizations. Membership in WebClipper is \$99 per year. The scholarships are funded by an online auction (on eBay) of celebrity-signed HandsNet mousepads. Interested organizations can sign up for a free 30-day trial membership. From the Welcome page, click on the appropriate link to find out how to apply.

Funds: See above.

Deadline: Rolling.

Eligible: Organizations with budgets under \$200,000 annually may apply for scholarships.

Info: HandsNet, 2 North 2nd Street #375 ,San Jose, CA 95113 Tel: (408) 291-5111, E-mail: kgoldstein@handsnet.org , http://www.handsnet.org/newsletter1447/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=39318

Gateway Foundation

Teach America!

Program: Teach America!, a Gateway Foundation program, seeks to provide teachers with the skills and knowledge they need to enhance student learning through the effective use of technology. Launched in April 2000 as part of President Clinton's New Markets Initiative Tour on Digital Opportunity, Gateway's Teach America! program will positively impact U.S. students by training teachers to realize the full benefits of technology in the classroom. Teach America! intends to offer \$7.6 million in online technology training to up to 75,000 teachers throughout a five-year period, potentially impacting the educational experience of up to 15 million students. Through Teach America!, the Gateway Foundation awards online training subscriptions to schools, school districts, and other educational institutions. Grant recipients will have unlimited access, for 12 months, to more than 250 online instructor-led courses or self-paced tutorials. Courses range from Web publishing and word processing to exploring the Internet.

Funds: See above.

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- Eligible:** Applicants for Teach America! grants must meet the following criteria:
- ✓ Be a non-profit K-12 school, other non-profit educational institution, or a teacher affiliated with one of these institutions;
 - ✓ Demonstrate a need for technology training;
 - ✓ Submit a brief plan for using technology to enhance classroom instruction; and
 - ✓ Complete an online evaluation of Teach America! upon conclusion of the 12-month grant.
- Info:** Link: <http://www.gateway.com/about/coinfo/teachamerica/index.shtml>

New Amber Foundation

Grant Competition for Women Netrepreneurs

- Program:** The Amber Foundation is a nonprofit organization set up to help women of a vision start new online businesses or help an existing one make a needed step forward. Each month, the foundation will award a grant to the best "mini" business plan received. Submissions will be judged in the following three areas: completeness of plan, originality of concept, and long-term prospects for success. The foundation's goal is to become an online incubator for new Internet ventures.
- Funds:** \$500.
- Deadline:** Rolling.
- Eligible:** Applicants must be a member of the WomensNet Network to be eligible (membership is free).
- Info:** http://www.womensnet.net/amber_fs.html

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration

Disability Employment Grant Program

- Program:** The primary purpose of this multi-state Disability Employment Grant award is to implement strategies to improve long term quality employment outcomes, and skills attainment that address the needs of people with disabilities, particularly those with severe disabilities. In this program, the quality of employment outcomes is more important than the number of placements. Of particular importance are skills and employment training that enable individuals to move to unsubsidized employment. Innovation, coordination, and partnerships, non-duplication of existing services, and leveraging of scarce resources are also important factors.
- Funds:** Estimated range of grant awards: \$300,000 to \$500,000.
- Deadline:** December 21, 2001.
- Eligible:** Private non-profit entities, including faith-based organizations, are eligible to receive grant funds under this award. Non-profit disability organizations with national scope and the capacity to administer multi-state training and employment programs are encouraged to apply.
- Info:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Federal Assistance, Attention: Jacquelyn Carter, SGA/DFA 02-100, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-4203, Washington, DC 20210. Phone: 202-693-2879, Link:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-27963-filed

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YOUTH

Parents United for Child Care/Boston School Age Child Care Project and the Child Care Capital Investment Fund

Funding for Facilities

Program: The goal of this Request for Proposal is to provide capital funding to quality, well-designed project which either increase the supply of school-age child care or improve the quality of existing program environments. The funding package available is a combination a combined grant and low-interest loan award. For successful applicants, the financing package will include only those components and amounts that the applicant organization can afford and manage within its operations. Organizations that cannot support loans will be awarded grants only.

1. *Programs Expansion Grants/Loan:*

Application may seek funding for the capital expenses associated with the expansion of existing programs or the start-up of new program(s). To qualify for program expansion funding, the expansion or “start-up” must generate a net increase in total program “slots” (number of total children served)

2. *Improvement Grants/Loan:*

The second category of funding request is for application proposing capital improvement projects including, but not limited, re-designing interior spaces to enhance program quality, replacing or upgrading building systems (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical), creating or upgrading outdoor recreational space, and purchasing quality, durable equipment.

Funds: The grant pool of up to \$425,000 is available through the support of an anonymous foundation. The loan financing up to \$300,000 per capital projects is provided through the revolving loan fund operated by the Child Care Capital Investment Fund.

Deadline: November 20, 2002

Info: Bronia Clifton, Child Care Capital Investment Fund, c/o CEDAC, 18 Tremont, Suite 1020, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: (617) 725-5944. *Please contact the funder before submitting your grant and or loan request.*

Ms. Foundation for Women

Collaborative Fund for Youth-Led Social Change

Program: This Request for Letters of Intent is an invitation to girl-only and mixed-gender community-based youth organizations with a vision and agenda for youth-led social change. The Fund will support and strengthen organizations that combine positive youth development and social change action with a gender-conscious approach.

Deadline: Letters of intent: November 30, 2001.
Full proposals: February 1, 2002.

Funds: Grants of \$35,000 per year for up to three years will be awarded to 10 to 12 organizations.

Eligible: See RFP for details.

Info: Ms. Foundation, 120 Wall Street, 33rd Floor, NY, NY 1005, Phone: 212.742.2300, Fax: 212.742.1653, Link: www.ms.foundation.org

Coca-Cola

Grants for Youth and Education

Program: The Coca-Cola Foundation aims to provide youth with the educational opportunities and support systems they need to become knowledgeable and productive citizens.

Funds: *Most* grants seem to range from \$15,000 to \$250,000.

Deadline: March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

Eligible: See guidelines.

Info: The Coca-Cola Foundation, Grants Administration, P.O. Box 1734, Atlanta, Georgia 30301, Link: http://www2.coca-cola.com/business/community/foundation_guidelines.html