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**AGING**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Aging

Performance Measures Outcomes Project

**Program:** As part of the Performance Measures Outcomes Project, the Administration on Aging will provide funds to support the development of new or revised program performance measures for programs funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act. The purpose of this competition is for states to work collaboratively in the development of recipient surveys to:

1) Refine current performance measurement tools for:
   a) home delivered meals/congregate meals programs,
   b) the National Family Caregiver Support Program, and
   c) case management, and

2) Develop new performance measurement tools focusing on clients of senior centers.

**Funds:**
- Grant size: $30,000
- Number of awards: eight to ten

**Deadline:** August 4, 2003

**Eligible:** State departments on Aging

**Information:** Margaret Tolson, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on...
### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

#### Administration of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Care Bureau

**Early Learning Opportunities Act Discretionary Grants**

**Program:** The purposes of the Early Learning Opportunities Act program grants are:

- To increase the availability of voluntary programs, services, and activities that support early childhood development, increase parent effectiveness, and promote the learning readiness of young children so that they enter school ready to learn;
- To support parents, child care providers, and caregivers who want to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of young children;
- To remove barriers to the provision of an accessible system of early childhood learning programs in communities throughout the United States;
- To increase the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation for caregivers and child care providers; and
- To facilitate the development of community-based systems of collaborative service delivery models characterized by resource sharing, linkages between appropriate supports, and local planning for services.

**Funds:**
- Average grant size: $700,000
- Range of grants: $250,000 and $1,000,000
- Number of awards: 50

**Deadline:** August 6, 2003

**Eligible:** Local Councils established or designated by a local government entity to serve as applicant for one or more localities.

**Information:** Carol L. Gage, Federal Project Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Care Bureau, Switzer Building, Room 2046, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Telephone: (202) 690-6243, E-mail: cgage@acf.hhs.gov, Link: [http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16099.htm](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16099.htm)

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### Toy Industry Foundation

**Grants for Organizations Serving Children in Need**

**Program:** The Toy Industry Association created the Toy Industry Foundation to provide support for improving the physical, emotional, and mental well being of children in need. The foundation focuses its grantmaking on organizations that provide goods or services to

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children who are homeless in the U.S. and Canada, specifically targeting organizations that are currently bringing or planning to bring a play or recreational element to their programs. The Toy Industry Foundation’s mission is to bring happiness and comfort to children in need through the experience of toys and play.

**Funds:**
- Grant size: $25,000
- Number of awards: up to 7

**Deadline:**
- August 31, 2003

**Eligible:**
- Not-for-profit organizations

**Information:**
Terri Bartlett, Executive Director, Toy Industry Foundation, 1115 Broadway, Suite 400, New York, New York 10010, Telephone: (212) 675-1141, extension 203, Fax: (212) 633-1429, E-mail: tbartlett@toy-tia.org, Link: [http://www.toy-tia.org/industry/ATI/index.html](http://www.toy-tia.org/industry/ATI/index.html)

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**U. S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Office of Community Services**

**Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program**

**Program:** The goal of the Compassion Capital Fund is to assist faith-based and community organizations in increasing their effectiveness, enhancing their ability to provide social services, expanding their organizations, diversifying their funding sources, and creating collaborations to better serve those most in need. This will be accomplished through the funding of established intermediary organizations in well-defined geographic locations with a proven track record of providing technical assistance to smaller organizations in their communities. These intermediary organizations will serve as a bridge between the federal government and the faith-based and community organizations that this program is designed to assist. Intermediary organizations will provide two services within their communities:

- Technical assistance to a diverse range of faith-based and community organizations; and
- Technical assistance and financial support, through sub-awards, to some subset of the faith-based and community organizations in their communities.

**Funds:**
- Total funds available: $4,200,000
- Number of awards: 4 to 8

**Deadline:**
- July 28, 2003

**Eligible:**
- Organizations or entities with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the provision of technical assistance to a diverse group of faith-based and community organizations, particularly those applicants that propose to work with and have experience working with faith-based and community organizations that have not been well served or supported by governmental funds historically.

**Information:**
Joseph Grogan, Project Officer, Office of Community Services Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22202, Telephone: (202) 401-4830, Fax: (703) 248-8765, E-mail: jgrogan@acf.hhs.gov, Link: [http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16076.htm](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16076.htm)

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Corporation for National and Community Service
Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA Program Grants

Program: AmeriCorps VISTA assigns individuals 18 years and older, on a full-time, yearlong basis, to public and private nonprofit organizations whose goals are in accord with AmeriCorps VISTA’s legislative mission. The purpose of these program grants is to create and expand opportunities for low-income individuals in one of the following broad areas:
- Children and youth;
- Welfare to work;
- Financial asset development;
- Seniors in poverty; and
- Homeland security.

AmeriCorps VISTA projects in these initiatives will focus on (1) local or state organizations working alone or in conjunction with local affiliates that share a vision and common goal of working with low-income communities to achieve long-lasting antipoverty objectives; (2) promotion of partnerships and collaboration between the public and private sectors including businesses, community-based organizations, and other service programs; (3) recruitment, training, and coordination of local volunteers; (4) mobilization of resources needed to support the project; and (5) development of a sustainable capacity in local communities.

Funds: Total funds available: $3,000,000
Deadline: August 15, 2003
Eligible: Nonprofit and public organizations
Information: Kelly Daly, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Stop 9100, Washington, DC 20525, Telephone: (202) 606-5000 ext. 378, E-mail: vista@americorps.org, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16623.htm
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EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities – Projects for Children and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind

Program: This program provides technical assistance and information that:
1) Supports states and local entities in building capacity to improve early intervention, educational, and transitional services and results for children with disabilities and their families; and
2) Addresses goals and priorities for changing state systems that provide early

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intervention, educational, and transitional services for children with disabilities and their families.

**Funds:**
Total funds available: $9.5 million
Range of grants: $30,000--$575,000

**Deadline:**
August 6, 2003

**Eligible:**
State educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, other public agencies, nonprofit private organizations, and for-profit organizations

**Information:**
Education Publications Center, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, Maryland 20794-1398, Telephone: (877) 433-7827, Fax: (301) 470-1244, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16940.htm

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**ENVIRONMENT**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Energy Foundation

**The Climate Program**

**Program:**
The Climate Program is a partnership of The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Energy Foundation. This program, new in 2003, is based on the evidence that states are taking the lead on defining U.S. climate policies. Its mission is to develop and promote U.S. state and regional policies to reduce global warming pollution in order to build models for and momentum toward federal climate policy. Local emerging actions are the elements that will eventually comprise the U.S. response to climate change. States are the laboratories where climate policy experiments will be carried out. Furthermore, activity in the states will build the political base necessary to encourage strong climate policy at the federal level. The policy and education efforts supported by this program are expressly focused on mitigating climate change. Potential areas of work include:

- State and regional carbon cap-and-trade programs;
- State and regional greenhouse gas plans and targets;
- Greenhouse gases reporting and reduction initiatives; and
- Financial mechanisms, like incentives or carbon taxes.

**Funds:**
N/A

**Deadline:**
Proposals are accepted on a continuous basis.

**Eligible:**
Non-profits

**Information:**
Marcus Schneider, Program Officer, Climate Program, The Energy Foundation, 1012 Torrey Avenue #1, San Francisco, CA 94129, Telephone: (415) 561-6700, Fax: 415 - 561-6709, E-mail: energyfund@ef.org, Link: http://www.ef.org/.

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Local Initiative Funding Partners for Health Projects

Program: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is requesting proposals for its Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP), an annual grantmaking program that is a partnership between RWJF and local grantmakers supporting innovation in health and health care for underserved and at-risk populations. RWJF provides matching dollars to selected community-based projects, which are nominated by their local funders. A local grantmaker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF on behalf of a local applicant for grant funds to support a project that is consistent with the Foundations four goals. RWJF is particularly interested in programs that address childhood obesity, racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care, and services for vulnerable populations. Projects may focus on:

- Assuring that all Americans have access to quality health care at reasonable cost;
- Improving the quality of care for people with chronic health conditions;
- Promoting healthy communities and lifestyles; and
- Reducing the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse, tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

Funds: Total funds available: $8 million in 2004
Range of grants: $100,000 to $500,000

Deadline: July 15, 2003

Eligible: Applicants may be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt. Local grantmakers supplying matching funds during the grant period may include corporate or private foundations, local charitable organizations, religious groups, special fund-raising entities, or individual benefactors.

Information: Orrin T. Hardgrove, Deputy Director, Local Initiative Funding Partners Program, c/o Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543-0001, Telephone: (609) 275-4128, E-mail: thardgrove@lifp.org, Link: http://www.lifp.org/

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Cooperative Agreements to Expand the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Community Treatment and Services Centers

Program: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2003 cooperative agreements to expand the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI) Community Treatment and Services Centers. The purpose of the NCTSI is to improve treatment and services for all children and adolescents in the United States who have experienced traumatic events or witnessed such events. A network of centers has been established to promote the development and use of effective treatment and services, to develop resources on trauma for professionals, consumers, and the public, and to develop trauma-focused public education and professional training and other...
field development activities.

**Funds:**
Grant size: $400,000 for each year for up to four years

**Deadline:**
August 7, 2003

**Eligible:**
Community-based and faith-based organizations, out-patient clinics, public or private universities, psychiatric or general hospitals, units of state or local governments, and partnerships of multiple clinical centers, programs, and community service providers applying as a single center

**Information:**
Christine Guthrie, M.P.H., Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress, and Special Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 17C-25, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-0691, E-mail: cguthrie@samhsa.gov, Link:
http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16418.htm

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

Cooperative Agreements to Expand the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Intervention Development and Evaluation Centers

**Program:**
The purpose of the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI) is to improve treatment and services for all children and adolescents in the United States who have experienced traumatic events or witnessed such events. A network of centers has been established to promote the development and use of effective treatment and services, to develop resources on trauma for professionals, consumers, and the public, and to develop trauma-focused public education and professional training and other field development activities.

**Funds:**
Total funds available: $1.8 million
Grant size: up to $600,000
Number of awards: three

**Deadline:**

**Eligible:**
Community-based and faith-based organizations, out-patient clinics, public or private universities, psychiatric or general hospitals, units of state or local governments, and partnerships of multiple clinical centers, programs and community service providers applying as a single center

**Information:**
Malcolm Gordon, Ph.D., Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress, and Special Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 17C-17, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-2957, E-mail: mgordon@samhsa.gov, Link:
http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16621.htm

Complete application kits may be obtained by calling the SAMHSA Mental Health Information Center at (800) 789-2647.

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Technology Translation and Transfer of Effective HIV Prevention Behavioral Interventions

Program: The purpose of the program is to:

(1) Support translation of the protocols for effective HIV prevention interventions, in which the original research was conducted with methodological rigor and which have not been packaged or widely adopted, into a package of materials that state, local, and non-profit prevention providers can use to implement the interventions in their non-research field situations; and

(2) Support development of curricula for training provider agency staff who will implement the intervention on how to deliver the packaged intervention and on technical skills needed to conduct the intervention, and technical assistance guidance manuals for providing technical assistance to future adopters of the intervention.

Funds: Total funds available: $470,000
Average grant size: $215,000
Range of grants: $200,000 to $235,000
Number of awards: two

Deadline: July 31, 2003

Eligible: Public and private nonprofit organizations, for profit organizations, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, community-based organizations, and state and local governments or their bona fide agents

Information: Vincent Falzone, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2700, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16530.htm

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
Nurse Faculty Loan Program

Program: The Nurse Faculty Loan Program will create an agreement with a school of nursing to establish and operate a student loan fund to increase the number of qualified nurse faculty.

Funds: Total funds available: $3,000,000
Range of grants: $15,000-$60,000
Number of awards: 100

Deadline: July 31, 2003

Eligible: Accredited schools of nursing that offer full-time advanced degree programs in nursing and contain an education component to prepare students to serve as nurse faculty

Information: Denise Thompson, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443- 6333, Fax: (301) 443-0791, E-mail: dthompson@hrsa.gov, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16509.htm

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Expanding Existing Surveillance Systems To Include Pfiesteria, Other Harmful Algal Blooms, and Marine Toxins
Program: The purpose of the program is to assist state and local public health departments with expanding surveillance activities for adverse human health outcomes and exposure to waters contaminated with not only Pfiesteria, but also other harmful algae, their toxins, or other marine toxins.
Funds: Total funds available: $3,000,000
Average grant size: $500,000
Range of grants: 250,000 to $750,000
Number of awards: six to eight
Deadline: August 1, 2003
Eligible: State and local governments or their bona fide agents
Information: Sharron Orum, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2716, E-mail: spo2@cdc.gov, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16678.htm
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Public Health Research Accreditation Project
Program: The purpose of the program is to assess the role of accreditation of human research protection programs to enhance protections afforded to persons involved in the full range of public health research programs, such as epidemiologic research, health services research, and social and behavioral intervention research, as well as traditional biomedical research and clinical trials. Voluntary accreditation is one component of a national oversight system for protection of human subjects. The National Bioethics Advisory Commission (2001) and the Institute of Medicine (2001, 2002) recommended that a voluntary system for accreditation of human research protection programs be initiated and evaluated over the next several years.
Funds: Total funds available: $100,000
Number of awards: one
Deadline: August 1, 2003
Eligible: Public, private, for-profit, or non-profit organization that is currently actively engaged in the process of accrediting human research protection programs that represent the full range of activities, which are applicable to state, and local public health departments.
Information: James Masone, Contracts Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2736, E-mail: zft2@cdc.gov, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16680.htm
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**HOUSING**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program  
*Program:* The purpose of the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program is to assist areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs in undertaking programs for abatement, inspections, risk assessments, temporary relocations, and interim control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned, single family housing units, and multifamily buildings that are occupied by low-income families.  
*Funds:* Total funds available: $49,675,000  
*Deadline:* July 31, 2003  
*Eligible:* Cities, counties, or similar units of local government; states may apply on behalf of units of local government within their jurisdiction, if the local government designates the state as their applicant.  
*Information:* Matthew E. Ammon, Director, Lead Hazard Control Grants Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410-0001, Telephone: (202) 755-1785, extension 158, Link: [http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16593.htm](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16593.htm)  
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**NONPROFITS**

National Business Plan Competition for Nonprofit Organizations  
The Partnership on Nonprofit Ventures  
*Program:* The Yale School of Management, The Goldman Sachs Foundation, and The Pew Charitable Trusts have joined together to form The Partnership on Nonprofit Ventures. As a signature event, The Partnership runs the National Business Plan Competition for Nonprofit Organizations, open to nonprofits seeking to start or expand successful profit-making ventures with substantial cash prizes and technical assistance offered to the winners. The Competition takes place over the course of one year and includes several rounds of evaluation. All entrants receive comprehensive feedback from the team of evaluators and management consultants. In May 2004, the final twenty entrants will attend the Second Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony where a panel of judges will select four grand-prize winners and four semi-finalists. In addition to cash awards, the winners will receive hundreds of hours of technical business planning consultations to assist their organizations to move their ventures forward.  
*Funds:* Grant size: $100,000 to finalists and $25,000 to semi-finalists  
Number of awards: four finalists and four semi-finalists  
*Deadline:* August 1, 2003  
*Eligible:* Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and headquarters in the U.S. Applicant organizations must be in the planning stages of establishing an earned-income business.
venture, or have an earned-income venture that has been in operation for no more than twenty-four months as of August 1, 2003.

Information: Yale School of Management – The Goldman Sachs Foundation, Partnership on Nonprofit Ventures, 560 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, Telephone: (201) 894-8950, E-mail: venturesinfo@yale.edu, Link: www.ventures.yale.edu/aboutcompetition.asp.

TRANSPORTATION

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
Research Projects and Technology Advancements Under the Next Generation High-Speed Rail Program

Program: The Federal Railroad Administration is soliciting proposal concept papers for various research projects, technology advancements, and demonstrations, which can enhance the deployment of high-speed rail service in the United States. Technologies most likely to help facilitate the deployment of high-speed rail service are those which will (a) enhance the revenue-generating capability of high-speed operations through attracting greater ridership by reducing trip times, upgrading customer service quality, increasing reliability, or improving on time performance; (b) bring about capital cost reductions and economy in producing equipment and facilities; (c) reduce operating costs of high-speed rail service by providing more efficient operations; (d) improve the reliability of equipment and infrastructure components by reducing failures and reducing false failure detections; (e) improve safety by reducing human and technology failures; and (f) enhance the social benefits and environmental aspects of high-speed rail.

Funds: Total funds available: $6.5 million
Deadline: Concept papers accepted from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
Eligible: States or local governments, or organizations of state or local governments, universities or institutions of higher education, hospitals, non-profit organizations, private individuals, corporations, businesses or commercial organizations

Information: Mr. Robert McCown, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Telephone: (202) 493-6350, Fax: (202) 493-6333, Link: http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16459.htm
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FOUNDATION PROFILE

A.C. Ratshesky Foundation
Grants to Community Organizations

Program: The A.C. Ratshesky Foundation is committed to fostering economic and social justice for low- and moderate-income families residing in Boston and its surrounding communities. Within these broad interests, the Foundation has decided to focus on the

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fields of childcare, education and training, and arts and culture. Support for programs that serve disadvantaged Jewish populations is also of special interest.

- Child care grants will support community-based efforts that enhance the well being of low-income families. Priority will be given to programs that improve the capacity of organizations to serve children and enable childcare providers to offer high quality, accessible programming.
- Education and training grants are made to help young people and adults learn skills, gain experience, and develop the self-confidence required to become active leaders and engaged citizens of their community. Priority will be given to programs that lead to economic self-sufficiency for immigrants, refugees, and underserved populations.
- Arts and culture grants will support efforts involving low-income communities. The foundation will give preference for projects seeking to provide arts-based academic enrichment programs for youth and increase access to performances and events.

Preference is given to small and medium-sized organizations. The Foundation makes grants for operating support, start-up and seed money, programs, and organizational capacity building or technical assistance.

**Funds:**
Range of grants: $3,000 to $10,000

**Deadline:**
The foundation has three deadlines per year: March 1, September 1, and December 1.

**Eligible:**
Not-for-profit community organizations serving Metro Boston communities within Route 128 in Massachusetts.

**Information:**
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