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**Institute of Museum and Library Sciences
21st Century Museum Professionals**

- Program:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. The purpose of the 21st Century Museum Professionals program is to increase the capacity of museums to connect people to information and ideas by improving the knowledge and skills of museum staff in multiple institutions. Applicants must match the federal award. Furthermore, IMLS encourages partnerships with community, faith-based, and youth groups.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$2.5 million
Range of grants: \$15,000 to \$250,000 for up to three years
Number of awards: up to 10
- Deadline:** March 15, 2012
- Eligible:** Museums, nonprofit organizations, and colleges
- Information:** Twinet Kimbrough, Institute of Museum and Library Services, telephone: (202) 653-4703, email, tkimbrough@imls.gov, Mark Isaksen, telephone: (202) 653-4667, email, misaksen@imls.gov, link: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=1>

**Massachusetts Cultural Council
Adams Arts Program**

- Program:** The Adams Arts Program is a grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council that seeks to promote economic and community development through the arts, sciences, and humanities in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Legislature created the Adams Arts Program in 2004 to fund projects that create jobs and income, revitalize downtowns, and draw cultural tourists. Projects leverage the assets of the creative sector – artists, cultural organizations, and arts-related businesses – inherent in Massachusetts' communities to generate income and more fully realize these assets for the benefit of both residents and visitors. The Adams Arts Program funds planning and implementation grants. Grants require a match.
- Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$5,000 for planning and \$50,000 for implementation grants
Average grant: \$35,000
- Deadline:** March 14, 2012 for intent to apply
April 19, 2012 for final applications
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and public sector entities
- Information:** Kylie Sullivan, Program Coordinator, Adams Arts Program, Massachusetts Cultural

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Council, 10 St. James Avenue, 3rd Floor, Boston MA 02116, telephone: (617) 727-3668, extension 269, email: kylie.sullivan@art.state.ma.us, link: <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/applications/adamsapp.asp>

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Cummings Foundation

OneWorld Boston Grants Program

Program: OneWorld Boston aims to improve inter-cultural understanding and cooperation. This new affiliate of Cummings Foundation will support programs in Boston, as well as Essex and Middlesex Counties, working to confront and correct societal conditions that underpin racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Islam, homophobia, other prejudices, and injustice of any kind. Additionally, OneWorld Boston will assist programs in Holocaust and genocide education, both locally and in more distant areas. Its first step toward this end was its 2011 grant of \$170,000 to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Greater Boston organizations promoting service learning, medical help to underserved people, and enlightened community policing also may receive special consideration. Additionally, grants will be available to support other very worthy programs that are totally based in Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties in eastern Massachusetts.

Funds: Total funds available: \$5 million
Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$100,000

Deadline: April 15, 2012

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

Information: Joel B. Swets, Executive Director, OneWorld Boston, 200 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801, telephone: (781) 932-7004, email: jbs@cummings.com, link: www.cummingsfoundation.org/oneworldboston/grant_applications.htm

EDUCATION

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation/ EDUCAUSE Next Generation Learning Challenges

Program: Under the management of EDUCAUSE, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation have launched the third round of Next Generation Learning Challenges grants to assist schools in expanding the reach of their education technology initiatives. The grants focus on the development of new blended learning models. Programs must offer promising technology tools and applications that can be used by entire schools or whole degree programs in postsecondary institutions. This funding cycle will issue two separate requests for

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proposals, with one directed at the postsecondary level and one at the secondary level. Schools serving students in middle school, high school, grades six to 12, and kindergarten to grade eight are eligible.

- Funds:** Total funds available: \$3 million
Range of grants: \$150,000 to \$300,000
- Deadline:** June 8, 2012
- Eligible:** Public and private colleges and universities, school districts and charter schools
- Information:** Nancy Millichap, Next Generation Learning Challenges Program Officer, EDUCAUSE, 4772 Walnut Street, Suite 206, Boulder, CO 80301, email: nmillichap@educause.edu, link: <http://nextgenlearning.com>

McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation

Academic Enrichment Grants

Program: The mission of the McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation is to serve as a catalyst in maximizing the skills and creativity of educators at the elementary and secondary school levels and in cultivating pioneering approaches to teaching that result in dynamic student learning. The foundation sponsors proposals that enhance student learning and educational quality, paying particular attention to those that best serve the at-risk and under-funded. The foundation funds academic enrichment grants for maximizing innovation and results in classrooms and education departments and teacher development grants for increasing the effectiveness of individual educators and small teams of teachers.

- Funds:** Grant size: \$10,000
- Deadline:** April 15, 2012
- Eligible:** Teachers for grades pre-kindergarten through 12
- Information:** McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation, 610 East South Temple Street, Suite 110, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102, telephone: (801) 578-1260, email: info@mccartheydressman.org, link: <http://www.mccartheydressman.org/>

GARDENING

National Gardening Association's KidsGardening and Jamba Juice

It's All About the Fruits and Veggies Grant Program

- Program:** Jamba Juice and the National Gardening Association's KidsGardening are offering the It's All About the Fruits and Veggies grant program to provide schools with gardening supplies, curriculum materials, and plants to help create engaging nutrition and gardening experiences. The program is designed to provide students with opportunities to observe and explore fruit and vegetable production and obtain a deeper understanding and appreciation for these foods in their diet.
- Funds:** Award size: \$150 to be used to purchase soil amendments and fruit and vegetable

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plantings and \$350 in gardening supplies, including composter, planters, tools, and a curriculum guide from the Gardening with Kids Shop

Number of awards: 20

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Eligible: schools, community organizations, and nonprofit programs in the United States gardening with at least fifteen children between the ages of three and 18

Information: National Gardening Association, 1100 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403, telephone: (802) 863-5251, link: www.kidsgardening.org/grants/its-all-about-fruit-and-veggies/

Scotts Miracle-Gro

GRO1000 Grassroots Grants

Program: The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company is accepting applications for its GRO1000 Grassroots Grant awards. As part of the GRO1000 program, the company's commitment to build a thousand community gardens and green spaces by 2018, Grassroots Grants will be awarded to organizations across the United States working to create edible gardens, flower gardens, and public green spaces at the neighborhood and community levels. The program will award grants based on community need, scope of project, and long-term sustainability of the project. Key to the GRO1000 initiative are partnerships with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Garden Writers Association, Plant A Row/Grow A Row for the Hungry, the National Gardening Association, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and Communities in Bloom, organizations that are helping to bring community gardens and green spaces to cities across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Funds: Range of grants: \$500 to \$1,500

Deadline: February 24, 2012

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

Information: GRO1000 Grassroots Grant Program, email: GiveBackToGro@Scotts.com, link: www.thescottsmiraclegrocompany.com/corporateresponsibility/community/gro1000.html

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Citizens Bank

Champions in Action

Program: Citizens Bank recently revised its Champions in Action program and will make awards two times per year. Each six months, Citizens and its partners will focus on a specific social concern and chooses a community organization as a Champion in Action. Each Champion in Action receives a grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation, as well as the following:

- coverage from NECN, including public service announcements and television

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profiles;

- volunteer support from Citizens Bank and NECN;
- public relations support;
- promotional support, including advertising in Citizens Bank branches, on Citizens Bank ATMs, on the website, and the NECN website.

In the second half of 2012, Citizens Bank will focus on neighborhood development.

Funds:

Grant size: \$25,000

Number of awards: two per year, per region

Deadline:

March 2, 2012

Eligible:

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

Information:

Champions in Action Program, Citizens Bank, Public Affairs Department, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, link:

<http://www.citizensbank.com/community/champions/default.aspx>

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

New Balance Foundation

Charitable Product Donations

Program:

The New Balance Foundation donates products and gift certificates to youth development and community organizations. The Charitable Product Donation program is based on the idea that the most basic of items, such as pairs of shoes, can make a drastic impact on a young person's quality of life. The shoe company provides its excess inventory to nonprofit and school efforts through this program.

Funds:

Awards: Gift certificates and products

Deadline:

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Eligible:

Nonprofit organizations benefiting communities, youth, education, health, and arts and culture, including shelters, youth sport and enrichment programs, and community centers

Information:

New Balance Foundation, 20 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135, email: newbalancefoundation@newbalance.com, link:

<http://www.newbalance.com/responsible-leadership/#/pci/foundation/>

PUBLIC SAFETY

MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Community-Police Partnership Awards Program

Program:

MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are partnering for the eleventh year on the Community-Police Partnership Awards Program to recognize, sustain, and share the work of innovative partnerships

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between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization.

- Funds:** Range of grants: \$15,000 to \$30,000
Deadline: March 11, 2012
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: Community Safety Initiative, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, telephone: (212) 455-9357, email: csi@lisc.org, link: <http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/safety/awards>

SUMMER PROGRAMS

John Hancock

MLK Summer Scholars Program

Program: John Hancock Financial is inviting community-based nonprofits in Boston to apply for the MLK Summer Scholars program. The seven-week program, which will run between July 9 and August 24, 2012, is designed to provide city teens between the ages of 16 and 19 with meaningful summer employment, job readiness, and life-skills training. Selected organizations will receive \$1,500 for each MLK Scholar position awarded to enable them to hire teens to work for their organizations. The program will fund over six hundred and fifty youth jobs this summer. In addition to offering important work experience, the program provides a unique series of job readiness and life-skills workshops for all scholars in the John Hancock Student Village at Boston University. The weekly workshops include business and community leaders discussing topics ranging from leadership to financial literacy. Organizations are given the flexibility to hire young people of their choosing so long as they meet the program's general requirements. The scholars program is open to teens who are full-time residents of the City of Boston and preferably within the target age range of 16 to 19 years.

- Funds:** Grant size: \$1,500 per student
Number of awards: 650
Deadline: February 10, 2012
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: Mauryanne Remondini, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility, John Hancock Financial Services, telephone: (617) 663-4763, email: mremondini@jhancock.com, link: <http://www.mlksummerscholars.com/>

RECENT AWARDS

National Grid Foundation

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Program: The National Grid Foundation, created in 1998, aims to enhance the quality of life in areas where National Grid provides services. In connection with a community challenge issued last month by United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley, the foundation recently awarded \$75,000 to seven Boston area nonprofits that are providing heating assistance to families in need. National Grid Foundation reported that its annual support of United Way's funding of a collective of basic needs services grew by 25 percent this year in response to the increasing need of the region's residents, a result of high unemployment, the elimination of a key rental assistance benefit, and federal funding reductions. The following organizations received awards:

- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Boston – \$12,500
- Cambridge Family & Children's Service, Cambridge – \$10,000
- City Mission Society, Boston – \$10,000
- Community Teamwork, Lowell – \$10,000
- Ecumenical Social Action Committee, Inc., Jamaica Plain – \$12,500
- Newton Community Service Center, Newton – \$10,000
- Quincy Community Action Program, Inc., Quincy – \$10,000

Information: National Grid Foundation, link: www.nationalgridus.com/commitment/d3-6_giving.asp

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