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## AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Farm to School Grant Program

- Program:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture will invest in farm to school programs nationwide to help eligible schools improve the health of their students. The Farm to School Grant Program is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. The USDA will provide annual support through grants, technical assistance, and administrative costs related to the farm to school program. The program will fund both planning and implementation grants. For both types of grants, the applicant must provide at least 25 percent of the costs of the grant project. Additional information is available on the Farm to School program website at <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/farm-school-resources-2>.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$3,500,0000  
Range of grants: \$20,000 to \$45,000 for planning grants and \$65,000 to \$100,000 for implementation grants
- Deadline:** May 18, 2012 for letters of intent  
June 15, 2012 for full applications
- Eligible:** Elementary and secondary schools that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs, state and local government agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, and non-profit entities.
- Information:** Gregory Walton, Grants Officer, Grants and Fiscal Policy Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FNS, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 732, Alexandria, VA 22302, email: [Farm2School2013@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Farm2School2013@fns.usda.gov), link: [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/pdf/F2S\\_Grant\\_RFA\\_04172012.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/pdf/F2S_Grant_RFA_04172012.pdf)

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Child Welfare Foundation Program Grants

- Program:** The mission of the Child Welfare Foundation is to assist the children of the nation. The foundation funds programs that meet one of the foundation's two basic purposes:
- to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs designed to benefit youth; and

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- to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

**Funds:** Range of grants: \$14,000 to \$60,000  
Number of awards: ten to 15

**Deadline:** July 15, 2012

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

**Information:** Robert K. Caudell, Executive Secretary, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Post Office Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206, telephone: (317) 630-1202, link: <http://cwf-inc.org/grantseekers/overview>

## **COMMUNITY GARDENS**

### **Nature's Path Organic Foods Gardens for Good Grant Program**

**Program:** Nature's Path Organic Foods has announced the launch of the third annual Gardens for Good grant contest, a program designed to help urban communities increase the amount of acreage dedicated to organic food production, as well as access to healthy, organic food. Community members and organizations are invited to visit Nature's Path's Facebook page to apply between May 1 and 31, 2012, and to vote between June 1 and June 30, 2012. From the nine organizations that receive the most votes, Nature's Path will choose three winners to receive a \$15,000 cash grant, technical design assistance, production mentorship courtesy of Organic Gardening magazine, a free organic breakfast community celebration, and a donation of Nature's Path products for the local food bank.

**Funds:** Grant size: \$15,000 and technical assistance  
Number of awards: three

**Deadline:** May 31, 2012

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

**Information:** Nature's Path Organic Foods, Gardens for Good Grant Program, link: <http://www.naturespath.com/do-good/Gardens4Good>

## **ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

### **U.S. Treasury Department Internal Revenue Service Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program**

**Program:** The Internal Revenue Service funds grants to provide information and resources to

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low-income taxpayers, with a special focus on regions that currently lack such representation.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$6,000,000  
Maximum grant size: \$100,000

**Deadline:** June 15, 2012

**Eligible:** Not-for-profit organizations, public agencies, and some businesses

**Information:** Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Program Office, Internal Revenue Service, telephone: (202) 622-4711, email: [LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov](mailto:LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov), link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-01/html/2012-10453.htm>

## **U.S. Treasury Department**

### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### **Tax Counseling for the Elderly**

**Program:** The Internal Revenue Service offers funding to provide training and technical assistance to volunteers who give free tax counseling and assistance to elderly individuals in the preparation of their federal income tax returns.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$6,000,000  
Maximum grant size: \$100,000

**Deadline:** May 31, 2012

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

**Information:** Internal Revenue Service, Grant Program Office - Tax Counseling for the Elderly, 5000 Ellin Road - NCFB C4-110, SE:W:CAR:SPEC:FO:GPO, Lanham, MD 20706, telephone: (404) 338-7894, fax: (202) 283-2846, email: [TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov](mailto:TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov), link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1101.pdf>

## **U.S. Treasury Department**

### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grant Program**

**Program:** The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant program seeks to:

- 1) extend services that include free federal return preparation to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban;
- 2) increase the capacity to file returns electronically;
- 3) heighten quality control;
- 4) enhance training of volunteers; and
- 5) improve significantly the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites.

**Funds:** \$12 million for multiple awards (a dollar-for-dollar match required);

**Deadline:** May 31, 2012

**Eligible:** Public and private colleges and universities, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations

**Information:** Internal Revenue Service, Grant Program Office, 401 W. Peachtree Street, NW, Stop 420-D, Atlanta, GA 30308, telephone: (404) 338-7894, email: [Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov](mailto:Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov), link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4671.pdf>.

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## EDUCATION

### U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement 2012 Promise Neighborhoods Grants

- Program:** The U.S. Department of Education has released application materials for a new round of grants under the Promise Neighborhoods program. Promise Neighborhoods is an Obama administration initiative inspired by the Harlem Children's Zone. The program provides funds to develop or execute plans that will improve educational and developmental outcomes for students within distressed neighborhoods.
- Funds:** Total funds available: approximately \$30,000,000 for new grants  
Maximum grant size: \$500,000 for planning grants and \$6,000,000 for implementation grants  
Number of awards: 15 planning grants and five to seven implementation grants
- Deadline:** June 8, 2012 for notices of intent to apply  
July 27, 2012 for full applications
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Indian tribes
- Information:** Larkin Tackett, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 4W338, LBJ Building, Washington DC 20202-5970, telephone: (202) 453-6615, email: [promiseneighborhoods@ed.gov](mailto:promiseneighborhoods@ed.gov), link: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/>

## GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

### Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good Program

- Program:** Tom's of Maine, a natural products company focused on oral and personal care, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations in the United States for its "50 States for Good" program that supports community projects. In its fourth year, the 50 States for Good program seeks to uncover grassroots nonprofit groups working to address community needs and engage volunteers. Applicant programs must mobilize community volunteers and have a positive impact on the community in one of three areas — environmental goodness, healthy goodness, and human goodness.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$150,000  
Range of grants: \$20,000 to \$50,000  
Number of awards: six
- Deadline:** June 12, 2012

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- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and operating budgets under \$2 million
- Information:** Tom's of Maine, Consumer Dialogue Department, 302 Lafayette Center, Kennebunk, ME 04043, telephone: (207) 985-2196, link: [www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/living-well/project-sponsorships](http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/living-well/project-sponsorships)

## HEALTH

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration on Children, Youth, and Families  
Children's Bureau**

**Comprehensive Support Services for Families Affected by Substance Abuse or HIV/AIDS**

**Program:** The Children's Bureau will fund grants to increase well-being, improve permanency, and enhance the safety of infants and young children who have been exposed to a dangerous drug or have been exposed to HIV/AIDS, or who are at risk of being placed in out-of-home care as a result of parents' substance abuse or HIV status. The purposes of this funding are:

- to develop and implement programs of comprehensive community-based support services for infants and young children, particularly those who have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug, those with, or who have been perinatally exposed to, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or those who have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need, and their natural families, including older siblings;
- to evaluate the implementation and outcomes of these comprehensive support services; and
- to develop these programs as identifiable sites that other states and localities seeking to implement comprehensive support services for this target population can look to for guidance, insight, and possible replication.

Applicants are encouraged to have a coordinated or collaborative infrastructure in place that can enhance the project's capacity to meet a broad range of needs for families involved in substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS issues. Funds may be used for services that are consistent with the proposed grant proposal and may include, but not be limited to, work with:

- Family-based substance abuse treatment services;
- Early intervention and preventative services;
- Child and family counseling;
- Referrals to mental health services; and
- Parenting skills training.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$5,700,000  
Maximum grant size: \$475,000  
Number of awards: 12

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**Deadline:** June 22, 2012  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public agencies  
**Information:** Patricia Campiglia, Children’s Bureau, Portals Building, 1250 Maryland Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20024, telephone: (202) 205-8060, email: [patricia.campiglia@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:patricia.campiglia@acf.hhs.gov), link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2012-ACF-ACYF-CB-0286>

**CVS Caremark**

**Community Grants Program**

**Program:** An annual philanthropic initiative of CVS Caremark, the CVS Caremark Community Grants program awards funds to nonprofit organizations and schools for programs that help children under the age of 21 with disabilities lead full and independent lives, as well as programs that improve access to quality healthcare for the uninsured and underserved. CVS Caremark provides grants in the following funding areas:

- Children With Disabilities — Support for programs serving children younger than 21 designed to ensure that children with disabilities develop the skills needed to live as independently as possible, including physical and occupational therapies, speech and hearing therapies, assistive technology, and recreational therapies; and physical movement and play programs that include either physical activities or play opportunities for children and should address the specific needs of the population served.
- Public Schools — Support for initiatives designed to include children with disabilities as full participants alongside their typically developing peers in an early childhood, adolescent, or teenage programs.
- Health Care for the Uninsured and Underserved — Support for programs designed to ensure that more uninsured people receive needed care; that the care received is of high quality; and that their healthcare providers participate in accountable community healthcare programs. There is no age limit for programs that create greater access to healthcare services.

**Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$5,000  
**Deadline:** rolling through October 31, 2012  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and public schools located in states with CVS/pharmacy stores  
**Information:** CVS Caremark, Community Grants, link: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/>

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

**City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development  
Office of Business Development  
Partners with Non-Profits Grant Program**

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**Program:** The Partners with Non-Profits Grant program is designed to assist non-profit agencies in making necessary repairs to their facilities.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$400,000  
Average grant size: \$12,500

**Deadline:** May 17, 2012 by 4:00 pm

**Eligible:** Not-for-profit organizations that operate public facilities

**Information:** John Lynch, Office of Business Development, Department of Neighborhood Development, City of Boston, 26 Court Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, telephone: (617) 635-0328, fax: (617) 635-0282, email: [jlynch.dnd@cityofboston.gov](mailto:jlynch.dnd@cityofboston.gov), link: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/dnd/rfp/>

## YOUTH SPORTS

### ING

#### Run for Something Better School Award Program

**Program:** ING Run For Something Better, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, will provide grants to U.S. public elementary and middle schools planning to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. Awards are available to programs with at least twenty-five kindergarten to eighth-grade students who have committed to participate. To be eligible, programs must be at least eight weeks in duration. Programs can take place in physical education class, during recess, before school, after school, or any combination of these, and may be facilitated by a physical education teacher, coach, classroom teacher, or school administrator.

**Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$2,500  
Number of awards: 50

**Deadline:** May 16, 2012

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

**Information:** National Association for Sport and Physical Education, telephone: (703) 476-3410, email: [run@aahperd.org](mailto:run@aahperd.org), link: [www.aahperd.org/naspe/about/announcements/ing\\_grants.cfm](http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/about/announcements/ing_grants.cfm)

### Liberty Mutual

#### Responsible Sports Community Grants

**Program:** Liberty Mutual created the Responsible Sports Community Grants program to help provide financial resources in recognition of local dedication to responsibility in communities across the country. The program has three divisions: large organizations with more than 100 players, small organizations with fewer than 100 players, and School and educational organizations.

**Funds:** Grant size: \$2,500 to \$5,000

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**Deadline:** Number of awards: 20  
May 31 and November 30, 2012  
**Eligible:** Not-for-profit youth sports organization and educational athletic program  
**Information:** Liberty Mutual  
Responsible Sports Community Grants telephone: (), fax: (), email: link:  
[http://www.responsiblesports.com/community\\_grants/community\\_grant\\_details.aspx](http://www.responsiblesports.com/community_grants/community_grant_details.aspx)

### **Tony Hawk Foundation Skateparks Grants**

**Program:** The Tony Hawk Foundation provides grants to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of high-quality public skateparks serving at-risk youth in low-income areas across the United States. The foundation favors grassroots projects that involve skaters in the planning and design of the park and seek to build quality, permanent skateparks that do not require fees or memberships. To be eligible for a grant, skatepark projects must feature cast-in-place concrete or permanent precast concrete designs that do not feature steel transition plates.

**Funds:** Range of grants: \$1,000 to \$25,000  
Number of awards: approximately 12

**Deadline:** July 2, 2012

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and state and local agencies, including public school systems or public projects

**Information:** Tony Hawk Foundation , 1611-A S. Melrose Drive, #360, Vista, CA 92081, telephone: (760) 477-2479, link: [www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/](http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/)

### **FOUNDATION PROFILE**

#### **J. Jill Compassion Fund**

**Program:** J. Jill maintains a donor advised fund at the Boston Foundation. A portion of the net proceeds from the sales of their compassion t-shirts goes to the J. Jill Compassion Fund from which the company has distributed \$3 million to charities that support and empower women in need.

**Funds:** Average grant size: \$10,000

**Deadline:** ongoing, with quarterly reviews

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

**Information:** J. Jill Compassion Fund, The Boston Foundation, link:  
<http://www.jjill.com/jjillonline/compassion/community.aspx>

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## RECENT AWARDS

### Staples Foundation

- Program:** In April the Staples Foundation announced donations totaling \$85,000 to seven Massachusetts nonprofit organizations that provide youth throughout the state with programs focused on academic achievement, workforce development, job skills, and diversity. Organizations receiving grants were:
- *Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston* – \$15,000 to the Local Wilderness Adventures initiative, which teaches urban youth about the natural world through hands-on outdoor activities.
  - *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, Cape Cod* – \$10,000 to the One-to-One Mentoring program that creates relationships between at-risk youth and adult volunteers.
  - *Easter Seals Massachusetts, Boston* – \$10,000 to the Empowering Transition Age Youth with Disabilities program that enables youth with disabilities to increase their self-esteem and educational opportunities through peer mentoring, enrichment workshops, and community service projects and internships.
  - *Everybody Wins Metro Boston* – \$15,000 to Power Lunch, a program that matches volunteers and classrooms each week to promote literacy skills through reading aloud, sharing favorite stories and talking about books with students.
  - *Mission Possible, Holliston* – \$15,000 to the Mission Possible Goodwill Park that provides the Holliston community its first and only playground designed for youth with disabilities. The park will help strengthen their motor, social, emotional, and life skills.
  - *Lisa Najemy Scholarship Fund, Framingham* – \$10,000 to the scholarship fund that provides low-income children with financial assistance allowing them to attend the Staples Child Care Center and receive the educational, physical, and emotional development necessary for academic success.
  - *Perkins School for the Blind, Newton* – \$10,000 to help create a micro-site that will allow teachers to understand the newest assistive devices and educational technology software to increase educational opportunities for youth with disabilities.
- Funds:** Total funds awarded: \$85,200  
Range of grants: \$10,000 to \$15,000  
Number of awards: seven
- Information:** Staples Foundation, link: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/>

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