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Kresge Foundation**Arts and Culture Program Grants**

Program: The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture Program seeks to foster the power of arts and culture to recharge and rebuild communities of all sizes in the United States. The program is accepting preliminary grant applications from nonprofit organizations for its Community Building and Artists' Skills and Resources focus areas. The Arts and Community Building focus area is intended to help develop a systematic way to support arts and culture as a tool for revitalizing communities. To achieve this goal, the program will invest in exemplary efforts and identify and share best practices within the field. At the national level, the foundation wishes to:

- fund exemplary organizations dedicated to integrating arts and community-building activities and identifying new methods as models for the field;
- commission and publish research on efforts to integrate cultural organizations and artists into community-building efforts;
- elevate the visibility of arts and community building; and
- disseminate best practices through meetings, publications, and other means as appropriate.

The foundation is accepting preliminary applications from grantseekers for national-level projects. The Artists' Skills and Resources focus area is based in the belief that community transformation would be more widespread if more communities embraced artists as important contributors to the identity, vitality, and cohesion of the places where they live. The program seeks to boost artists' skills and resources by supporting leading practitioners, as well as efforts to increase the number of live-and-work spaces for artists.

Funds: Grant size: to be determined

Deadline: February 1, 2012

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

Information: Alice L. Carle, Program Director, Arts and Culture Program, Kresge Foundation, 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084 telephone: (248) 643-9630, link: <http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/arts-and-community-building>

National Endowment for the Humanities**America's Media Makers Grants: Development Grants and Production Grants**

Program: America's Media Makers Grants support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs that help deepen understanding of the United States and the world. The program supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that produce reflection on culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways. The grants fund media projects in a range of formats, including interactive digital media and radio and television programs that engage the public in the

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humanities. Development Grants enable media producers to collaborate with scholars to develop humanities content and format and prepare programs for production. Production Grants support the preparation of a program for distribution.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$1 million

Deadline: January 11, 2012

Eligible: Governments, public and private colleges and universities, and nonprofits with 501 (c) (3) status

Information: Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 426
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, telephone: (202) 606-8269,
email: publicpgms@neh.gov, link:
www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AmMediaMakers_development.html

National Endowment for the Humanities

America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants

Program: **America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants** support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs aimed at helping to deepen understanding of the United States and the world. The program supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that produce reflection on culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$75,000 for planning grants and \$1 million for implementation grants

Deadline: January 1, 2012

Eligible: Governments, public and private colleges and universities, and nonprofits with 501 (c)(3) status

Information: Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 426,
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, telephone: (202) 606-
8269, email: publicpgms@neh.gov, link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO.htm

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Innovation Schools Planning Grant Request for Proposals

Program: The Request for Proposals for the Innovation School Planning Grants have been posted on the Department's website. Innovation School Planning Grants are competitive grants intended to support the planning activities associated with the Innovation School planning process. These grants are funded with Massachusetts' Race to the Top award and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Executive Office of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will host a conference call to answer questions potential applicants may have about the Innovation School Planning Grants application process on Monday, November 21,

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from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Funds: Average grant size: \$200,000

Deadline: January 10, 2012

Eligible: Identified in the Innovation Schools statute (M.G.L., Chapter 71, Section 92): (i) parents; (ii) teachers; (iii) parent-teacher organizations; (iv) principals; (v) superintendents; (vi) school committees; (vii) teacher unions; (viii) colleges and universities; (ix) non-profit community-based organizations; (x) non-profit business or corporate entities; (xi) non-profit charter school operators; (xii) non-profit education management organizations; (xiii) educational collaboratives; (xiv) consortia of these groups; and (xv) non-profit entities authorized by the commissioner

Information: Bridget Rodriguez, Executive Office of Education, telephone: (617) 979-8346, email: bridget.rodriguez@state.ma.us, link: http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/grants/grants12/rfp/1_comp_date.html

Fund Codes: 154 and 202

LIBRARIES

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

Book Grants for School Libraries

Program: The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries was founded in 2002 as a fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$7.3 million to 1,433 pre-kindergarten to grade 12 schools in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition to these grants, the foundation also has awarded more than \$5.7 million to school libraries in the Gulf Coast region to rebuild book collections that were lost or destroyed by recent hurricanes and storms. Only schools where a minimum of 50 percent of the student body qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches are eligible to apply for grants, and since research demonstrates a clear relationship between family income and a student's access to books, the foundation gives selection preference to schools in which 90 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced-price lunches and are likely to have the fewest books at home. The foundation awards grants to update, extend, and diversify the book collections of the libraries that receive them. All grants are made to individual schools rather than to school districts, county systems, private organizations, foundations, or other entities.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$6,000

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Eligible: Public, private, parochial, charter, city, state, county, and reservation schools that serve any combination of pre-kindergarten through high school students

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Information: Alicia Reid, Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, telephone: (202) 263-4774, email: laurabushfoundation@cfncr.org, link: <http://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/>

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

JP Morgan Chase

Chase Community Giving Fall 2011

Program: On November 8, Chase started the fourth round of the Chase Community Giving program via Facebook. As in previous rounds, Facebook users will help select the nonprofits that receive more than \$3 million in grants from Chase by casting their votes through the bank's Community Giving application.

Funds: Total funds available: \$3,000,000
Range of grants: \$25,000 to \$250,000
Number of awards: 100

Deadline: November 22, 2011

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and annual operating expenses below \$1 million

Information: Chase Community Giving, <http://www.facebook.com/ChaseCommunityGiving>

SPORTS

U.S. Soccer Foundation

2012 Soccer for Success Social Innovation Fund Sub-Grant

Program: The U.S. Soccer Foundation is offering the opportunity for organizations to apply for the 2012 Soccer for Success Social Innovation Fund (SIF) Sub-Grant. The Foundation is acting as an intermediary for the Social Innovation Fund and in this role, seeks to invest in nonprofit organizations serving economically disadvantaged youth in grades kindergarten to eight. The 2012 Soccer for Success SIF Sub-Grant will support the replication of Soccer for Success, the U.S Soccer Foundation's free after-school youth development soccer program designed as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children in low-income urban communities. The U.S. Soccer Foundation prefers to provide Soccer for Success SIF Sub-Grants to organizations that:

- Have the capacity to reach 1,000 new participants in the first year and have a credible plan for expansion;
- Have low cost structures; and
- Serve boys and girls.

Applicants must provide a dollar for dollar cash match for all awarded funds.

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Funds: Range of grants: \$100,000 to \$300,000
Deadline: December 22, 2011
Eligible: Not-for-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, colleges, and universities
Information: Wylie Chen, U.S. Soccer Foundation, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, telephone: (202) 872-9277, email: wchen@ussoccerfoundation.org, link: http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOvFoG/b.7790191/k.3796/Soccer_for_Success_SIF_SubGrant.htm

RECENT AWARDS

EdVestors

2011 School on the Move Prize

Program: EdVestors announced the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School in Charlestown as the recipient of the sixth annual \$100,000 School on the Move Prize. One of four Extended Learning Time schools in the Boston Public Schools, the Edwards Middle School has used its longer school day effectively to provide targeted academic interventions, as well as a variety of arts and enrichment activities, to all students. As a previous finalist for the 2010 School on the Move Prize, and the first middle school to qualify for the prize, the Edwards has experienced consistent improvement during the review period. From 2006 to 2010, the school's rate of improvement was more than five times greater than the district average in English language arts and double the district average improvement in math, as compared to all district middle schools.

Information: EdVestors, School on the Move Prize, link: <http://www.edvestors.org/>

Verizon Foundation

Domestic Violence Prevention Grants

Program: The Verizon Foundation awarded \$200,000 to 19 Massachusetts nonprofits to support programs that engage men in the prevention of domestic violence, promote healthy relationships among teens and young adults, and use technology to improve the reach of services that help survivors.

- Asian Taskforce Against Domestic Violence, Boston – \$10,000
- Boston Medical Center, Boston – \$5,000
- Casa Myrna Vazquez, Boston – \$10,000
- Community Health Link, Worcester – \$5,000
- DOVE, Inc., Quincy – \$10,000
- Elizabeth Freeman Center, Pittsfield – \$10,000
- Girl's Inc. of Worcester, Worcester – \$10,000
- Healing Abuse Working for Change, Salem – \$10,000
- Impact, Malden – \$10,000

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- Independence House, Hyannis – \$10,000
- Jane Doe, Inc., Boston – \$25,000
- Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Newburyport – \$25,000
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, Cambridge/Lowell – \$10,000
- Reach Beyond Domestic Violence, Waltham – \$10,000
- Respond, Inc., Somerville – \$10,000
- Voices Against Violence, Framingham – \$10,000
- Womanshelter/Compañeras, Holyoke – \$5,000
- YWCA of Haverhill, Haverhill – \$5,000
- YWCA of Western Massachusetts, Springfield – \$10,000

Information: Verizon Foundation, link: <http://foundation.verizon.com/core/domestic.shtml>

Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Healthy Aging Program

Program: The Tufts Health Plan Foundation marked the third year of its healthy aging program with grants to organizations that provide a range of programs and services addressing healthy aging in the areas of caregiver support, fall prevention, intergenerational collaboration, and vibrant lifestyles. The foundation seeks to fund programs that will elevate the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of older adults; enable them to contribute their experiences and knowledge to their communities; and ultimately help older adults live healthier lives. Local organizations that received grants include:

- Action for Boston Community Development, Stay Strong Initiative, \$55,000
- Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association, Support for Informal Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer’s in Massachusetts, \$25,000
- All Out Adventures, Outdoor Recreation for Seniors, \$17,295
- Cambridge Health Alliance, Living Well with Diabetes, \$24,000
- The Carroll Center for the Blind, Project Safe Home, \$50,000
- Community Health Programs Inc., Senior Life History Program, \$10,000
- Education Development Center, Chronic Care Community Corps, \$60,000
- Generations Incorporated, Healthy Aging Initiative, \$40,000
- Hebrew Senior Life, Prevention Through Action: Culturally Inclusive Training and Education for Seniors, \$117,034
- Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Generations Together, \$25,000
- Jewish Family & Children’s Services, Steps for Life, \$45,000
- Jumpstart for Young Children Inc., Jumpstart Massachusetts Community Corps, \$30,000
- Kit Clark Senior Services Inc., Fit-4-Life, \$68,680
- The LGBT Aging Project, Healthy Aging in the LGBT Community, \$30,669
- Massachusetts Association of Older Americans, Moving On: Reengaging Older Caregivers in Community Life, \$55,601
- Massachusetts General Hospital, Community Health Associates, Senior

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Wellness, \$50,000

- Natick Visiting Nurse Association, Balance Matters, \$1,978
- Newton Community Service Center Inc., SOAR 55: Volunteering as a Pathway to Vibrant Aging, \$45,000
- Old Colony Elder Services, It's About Time, \$3,869
- Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston Inc., ABLE Volunteers, \$35,000
- Rogerson Communities, Healthy Rogerson, \$50,000
- Root Cause Institute, Massachusetts Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Business Plan, \$45,000
- Samaritans Inc., Wellness Approach to Senior Suicide Prevention, \$13,000
- VNA Care Network, Fewer Falls, Safer Seniors, \$14,000
- Water Way Arts for Health and Energy Inc., Tai Chi for Healthy Aging, \$25,000
- Whittier Street Health Center Committee Inc., Geriatric Chronic Disease Case Management Program, \$48,000

Information: Tufts Health Plan Foundation, Healthy Aging Program, link: http://www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org/press/august_2011.html

Sun Life Financial Inc.

Rising Star Awards Program

Program: Three youth-oriented, Massachusetts nonprofits each received a \$50,000 grant from Sun Life Financial Inc. in connection with the company's Rising Star Awards program that aims to increase high school graduation rates in large urban school districts. In addition, a student nominated by each organization received a \$5,000 scholarship toward financing a college education.

- Hyde Square Task Force, Jamaica Plain, which serves 1,000 youth ages six to 21 from Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and across Boston through leadership development, college preparation, arts and cultural enrichment, youth-led community organizing, and positive community-building events. The student recipient was Sheila Reyes, Urban Science Academy.
- School on Wheels of Massachusetts, Brockton, which educates children impacted by homelessness by providing academic support and one-on-one mentoring they can reach their full potential. The student recipient was Tayler Lee Sabella, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School.
- Tenacity, Boston, which provides high-quality literacy and tennis programming to build academic skills, improve fitness, and support strong bonds between students and staff. The student recipient was Oluibukon Ekpebor, Gould Academy.

Information: Sun Life Rising Star Awards Program, telephone: (9800) 882-4786, email: risingstar@sunlife.com, link: www.sunliferisingstar.com

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Bank of America

Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Program: Bank of America awarded a \$200,000 grant to each of two Boston nonprofit and \$5,000 to each of five other organizations in connection with its national Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes program. Through Neighborhood Builders, the organizations received unrestricted funding, as well as leadership training for executive directors and managers. Local Heroes, recognized for their commitment to the highest standards in community service, direct a \$5,000 donation from the bank to a nonprofit of their choice.

Neighborhood Builders

- Bridge Over Troubled Waters provides street outreach, counseling, educational, medical, and career services; and
- Hyde Square Task Force offers leadership development for young people, college preparation, and arts and cultural enrichment.

Local Heroes

- Brandon Abbs for 826 Boston, which organizes volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring to more than 2,000 low-income Boston Public School students each school year.
- Daniel McLaughlin for Teen Empowerment, which empowers urban youth to catalyze positive change in themselves.
- Tom McNichol for Charles River Clean Up Boat, based in Framingham, which works to remove floating trash from the Charles River.
- Patricia Pazzaneze for the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest.
- Steve Strug for Rosie's Place in Boston, which provides emergency and long-term assistance to poor and homeless women.

Information: Bank of America, Neighborhood Excellence Initiative,
<http://ahead.bankofamerica.com/supporting-communities/nei/>

Mabel Louise Riley Foundation

2011 Grants

Program: Established in 1972, the Mary Louise Riley Foundation focuses its philanthropy on the needs of children and youth and recently awarded over \$1.1 million to Boston nonprofits.

- Elizabeth Stone House in Roxbury – \$50,000 to support the position of Director of Children's Services, a licensed social worker who will address the mental health needs of the children through the Parent-Child Center.
- Chelsea Education Foundation, Inc., Chelsea – \$50,000 to support an after-school and summer program designed to increase the academic success and career awareness of 120 Chelsea youth in grades seven to ten.
- Franklin Park Coalition, Jamaica Plain – \$75,000 to support summer programming and feasibility planning and development.
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, Boston – \$75,000 to support expansion

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of FaB Factor, which brings Girl Scouting leadership development experience to disadvantaged girls.

- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston – \$50,000 to support the Community Partnership Program, which reaches out to economically and culturally diverse students and their families living in the Roxbury, Dorchester, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, and Fenway neighborhoods.
- Paul Revere Memorial Association, Boston – \$75,000 to support the final phase of expansion of the Paul Revere House historic complex and the creation of an Education and Visitor Center.
- Pine Street Inn, Boston – \$50,000 to support replacement of the roof at The Women’s Inn, located on Albany Street.

Information: Mabel Louise Riley Foundation <http://www.rileyfoundation.com/>

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