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ARTS

National Endowment for the Arts

NEA Challenge America Fast-Track Grants

- Program:** The Challenge America Fast-Track grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. This funding, as an essential component of the Arts Endowment's goal of providing wide access to artistic excellence, supports local projects that can have significant effects within communities. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.
- Funds:** Grant size: \$10,000
- Deadline:** May 27, 2010
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
- Information:** Challenge America Fast-Track Specialists, National Endowment for the Arts, telephone: (202) 682-5700, email: fasttrack@arts.gov link: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/Challenge.html>

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

United States Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- Program:** The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applicants for its fiscal year 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program will increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. BJA will only accept applications that demonstrate that the proposed project will be administered jointly by a unit of government with responsibility for criminal or juvenile justice activities and a mental health agency. The program promotes coordination among criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health, and substance abuse agencies.
- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$50,000 for planning grants; up to \$250,000 for planning and implementation grants; and up to \$200,000 for expansion grants
- Deadline:** April 8, 2010
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

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Information: Rebecca Rose, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, telephone: (202) 514-0726, email: Rebecca.Rose@usdoj.gov, link: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/JMHCprogram.html

**United States Department of Justice
Office of Violence Against Women
Services to Advocate For and Respond to Youth Program**

Program: The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women is seeking concept papers for Services to the Advocate For and Respond to Youth Program. This program serves youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The Office on Violence Against Women will provide funding to community organizations specializing in intervention or prevention services for youth.

Funds: Total funds available: \$4,789,000
Maximum grant size: \$300,000
Number of awards: 50

Deadline: Letter of intent: April 1, 2010
Application: April 22, 2010

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

Information: Office of Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, telephone: (202) 307-6026, email: ovw.youthservices@usdoj.gov, link: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/youth-services-solicitation.pdf>

**United States Department of Justice
Office of Violence Against Women
Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions and Sexual Assault Services to State Coalitions Program**

Program: The Office on Violence Against Women seeks applications for Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions and Sexual Assault Services to State Coalitions Program. This program furthers the mission of advancing the goals of the Violence Against Women Act by supporting state coalitions to serve as a collective voice to end violence against women through collaboration with federal, state, and local organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations, and through the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of state sexual assault coalitions.

Funds: Range of grants: \$82,965 to \$195,930
Number of awards: 56

Deadline: May 5, 2010

Eligible: State sexual assault coalitions, state domestic violence coalitions, and dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions

Information: The Office on Violence Against Women, Attention: State Coalitions Unit, 800 K Street

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NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20530, telephone: (202) 307-6026, email: OVW.StateCoalitions@usdoj.gov, link: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/state-coalitions-solicitation.pdf>

EDUCATION

Target Stores

Art and Early Childhood Reading Program Grants

Program: Target stores provide grants to elementary and secondary schools and nonprofit organizations to bring arts and cultural experiences to schools and provide early childhood reading programs. Target funds in school arts programs that enhance students' classroom curriculum by bringing the arts and cultural experiences to schools, such as in-school performances, artist in residency programs, and workshops in schools. In addition, Target funds programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library story times and family reading nights.

Funds: Grant size: \$2,000

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, libraries, and public agencies

Information: email: Community.Relations@target.com, link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

U.S. Department of Education

Investing in Innovation (i3) Grants

Program: The Department of Education has announced the priorities and application process for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Grants. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has released the final grant priorities and application for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund, a \$650 million federal stimulus grant program to support and expand innovative approaches to education and student success. The fund is intended to provide incentives for "fresh ideas, expand promising programs, and scale up what works in an effort to dramatically improve our nation's schools." The purpose of this program is to provide competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates. Applicants are encouraged to address one or more of the following priorities: improving outcomes for young children, expanding students' access to college and preparing them for college success,

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addressing the unique needs of students with disabilities and of English Language Learners, and serving schools in rural areas. The Department of Education will award three types of grants: “development” grants of up to \$5 million will be awarded to innovative proposals that are relatively untested, “validation” grants of up to \$30 million for proposals with moderate evidence of a positive impact on student achievement and growth, and “scale-up” grants of up to \$50 million to scale up projects or initiatives with the strongest evidence.

- Funds:** Total funds available: \$650 million
Grant size: up to \$5 million for development grants; up to \$30 million for validation grants; and up to \$50 million for scale-up grants
- Deadline:** May 11, 2010
- Eligible:** Local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations in partnership with one or more local educational agencies, and consortia of schools
- Information:** Margo Anderson, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4W302, Washington, DC 20202-5900, telephone: (202) 453-7122, email: i3@ed.gov, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-5139.htm>
- CFDA:** 84.396B, 84.396C

ELECTIONS

Access Strategies Fund

The Movement Building Fund for Electoral and Structural Reform

Program: The Access Strategies Fund will provide funding and opportunities for strategic movement building and action that network communities together to transform and reform the electoral system and structures of government to rebuild democracy for underserved communities. The goal is to provide greater access to democracy by supporting a strategy where communities change the rules of government, instead of operating under them, to improve conditions for all. The Fund will support efforts focusing on any or a combination of the following five areas:

1. Corporate Control of Government
2. Electoral and Voting Reforms
3. Civic Reform Education
4. Participatory and Accountability Structures
5. Money and Government

Organizations may use the grants for visioning, strategy planning and consensus building, research, organizing, public education, advocacy, direct action, communications systems, litigation, training, messaging, social networking, media strategies, and technology to promote reforms of government and the electoral system.

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Funds: Range of grants: \$10,000 to \$25,000 over two years
Deadline: April 9, 2010
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations in Massachusetts
Information: Kelly Bates, Access Strategies Fund, 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 903, Cambridge, MA 02131, telephone: (617) 494-0715, fax: (617) 494-0718, email: info@accessstrategies.org, link: www.accessstrategies.org/funding/what-we-fund

HEALTH

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships Program

Program: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program forges relationships between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. Projects must be new, innovative, collaborative and community-based, while significant program expansions also may be considered. A local grantmaker must nominate a project and commit to participating as one of the funding partners. Local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period. These funders may include independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies. Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project and may not include in-kind services.

Funds: Total funds available: \$5 million
Range of grants: \$200,000 to \$500,000
Number of awards: 12

Deadline: June 30, 2010

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

Information: Leticia Peguero, Deputy Director, Local Funding Partnerships program, telephone: (609) 275-4128, email: lpeguero@localfundingpartnerships.org, link: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21021>

LITERACY

U.S. Department of Education Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program

Program: The Department of Education will administer funding to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials.

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Funds: Total funds available: \$18,570,000
Maximum grant size: \$600,000
Number of awards: 53

Deadline: April 20, 2010

Eligible: Local educational agencies

Information: Pilla Parker, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3E244, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 260-3710, email: pilla.parker@ed.gov, link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-3164.htm>

MENTORING

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs

Program: The U.S. Department of Justice has announced that it is seeking applications for funding for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention FY 10 Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs. This program furthers the Department's mission by supporting evidence-based enhancements to improve the services that mentoring programs offer youth at risk for delinquency or becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. The purpose of this program is to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of established mentoring programs by: (1) augmenting the involvement of and services for the mentoring participants' parents; (2) expanding structured activities and opportunities for the mentors and mentoring participant(s); and (3) increasing the availability of ongoing mentor training and support.

Funds: Range of grants: \$200,000 to \$500,000 per award for a project period of 18 to 36 months

Deadline: April 14, 2010

Eligible: Public agencies, public school systems, not-for-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education

Information: Jennifer Tyson, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, telephone: (202) 305-1598, email: Jennifer.Tyson@usdoj.gov, link: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SEMP.pdf>

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Mentoring Program

Program: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is seeking applications for funding under its fiscal year 2010 National Mentoring Programs. Applicants are limited to national organizations, defined as having an active program or programs with a financial relationship with affiliates in at least 45 states. Applicants should

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propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs providing mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services. This program supports mentoring programs to reduce juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, truancy, and other problem and high-risk behaviors.

- Funds:** Grant size: organizations are required to subaward 90% of the federal grant funds to at least 75% of states; with individual subaward amounts up to \$500,000
- Deadline:** April 22, 2010
- Eligible:** National nonprofit mentoring organizations
- Information:** Eric Stansbury, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, telephone: (202) 305-1826, email: eric.stansbury@usdoj.gov, link: <http://ojidp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/NationalMentoring.pdf>

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Bank of America Charitable Foundation Neighborhood Excellence Program

- Program:** The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for its Neighborhood Excellence Program, including the Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes initiatives. Under Neighborhood Builders, two nonprofits in each Bank of America market will receive \$200,000 operating grants and executive trainings to support their work to create vibrant communities; groups must have a focus that reflects local priorities. The Local Heroes project recognizes five community leaders in each area for work that “made a special and significant impact on individuals, families, or the community at large; inspired others to community service; or been a catalyst for new visions, understanding, and change in a community.” Winners will receive \$5,000 each to donate to an eligible nonprofit.
- Funds:** Grant size: \$200,000 for the Neighborhood Builders and \$5,000 for the Local Heroes initiative
Number of awards: two per market area for Neighborhood Builders and five for Local Heroes
- Deadline:** June 1, 2010
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
- Information:** Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Neighborhood Excellence Program, link: http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

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NUTRITION

Got Breakfast Foundation Silent Hero Grant Program

- Program:** The mission of the got breakfast? Foundation is to ensure that all children, regardless of background, start the school day with a nutritious breakfast in order to learn, grow, and develop to their fullest potential. got breakfast? aims to increase access to breakfast programs to help fight obesity, raise test scores, and improve overall health. The got breakfast? Silent Hero Grant program was launched to encourage schools and non-profit organizations to expand the reach of underutilized child nutrition programs. The program celebrates unsung heroes that have made a difference, such as food banks, agencies, school food service administrations, and others on the front lines ensuring children receive a nutritious meal. The Silent Hero Grant Program will award grants to create, support, and expand child nutrition programs.
- Funds:** Range of grants: \$2,500 to \$10,000
Number of awards: eight
- Deadline:** April 1, 2010
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and schools
- Information:** got breakfast? Foundation, Post Office Box 981, Syosset, NY 11791, telephone: (866) 786-9028, fax: (516) 480-0881 telephone: (), fax: () 680-1401, email: info@gotbreakfast.org, link: www.gotbreakfast.org/grants.php

SPORTS

Good Sports Equipment Grants for Baseball and Softball Organizations

- Program:** Good Sports is now reviewing applications from baseball and softball organizations. Good Sports does not have a set list of equipment, and encourages organizations to apply for what they need in order to make their programs more accessible to all youth. Good Sports only accepts online applications. Good Sports is a non-profit whose mission is to increase youth participation in sports, recreation, and fitness activities. Good Sports provides sports equipment, apparel, and footwear to youth organizations offering sports, fitness, and recreational programs to youth in need. Eligible programs directly serve youth ages five to 18 who live in disadvantaged areas. Programs must demonstrate that an equipment grant would impact the organization in one of the following ways:
- help to develop a new program;
 - increase the number of participants in an existing program;
 - decrease the overall cost of the program for youth and families;

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- enhance the experience to retain youth in program.

Funds: Grant size: equipment
Deadline: rolling; organizations should consider applying eight weeks prior to start of program
Eligible: Organized sports, fitness, and recreation programs that are structured, have coaching, and meet on a consistent basis
Information: Davin Lencz, Community Partnerships Manager, Good Sports, telephone: (617) 282-6125, extension 133, email: dlencz@goodsports.org, link: <http://goodsports.org/equipmentgrants.shtml>

YOUTH

Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Grants for Youth Programs

Program: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. The foundation seeks to harness the collective power of the interactive entertainment industry to create positive social impact in its communities. The foundation supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American boys and girls of all races and religions. Applicant must seek funding for a specific project or program that:

- is or will be implemented or available nationwide or at a minimum in two or more states in the United States;
- serves American youth between the ages of 7 and 18; and
- provides programs and services that use technology or computer and video games to educate youth and young adults.

Funds: Grant size: up to \$50,000
Deadline: April 15, 2010 for projects to be implemented in 2011
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: Entertainment Software Association, 575 7th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004, email: esafinfo@theEsa.com, link: www.theesa.com/foundation/application.asp

FOUNDATION PROFILES

Citizens Bank

Champions in Action

Program: Each quarter, Citizens Bank focuses 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:

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- coverage from NECN, including public service announcements and television 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.

Funds: Grant size: \$25,000
Number of awards: one per quarter, per region

Deadline: April 9, 2010 for applications in environmental impact; July 16, 2010 for applications in community health care

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 telephone: (), fax: () 680-1401, email: link: <http://www.citizensbank.com/community/champions/default.aspx>

Lawrence Foundation

Grants to Solve Environmental, Educational, Human Services, and Other Issues

Program: The Lawrence Foundation is focused on making grants to support environmental, education, human services, and other causes. The foundation makes both program and operating grants and does not have any geographic restrictions.

Funds: Average grant size: \$5,000
Number of awards: approximately 30 per year

Deadline: April 30 and October 31, 2010

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

Information: Lori Mitchell, Executive Director, The Lawrence Foundation, 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 207, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone: (310) 451-1567, fax: (310) 451-7580, email: info@thelawrencefoundation.org, link: www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php

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