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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

Office of Community Services

Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity Building Program

Program: The purpose of the Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity Building program is to help build the capacity of grassroots faith-based and community organizations that address the needs of distressed communities. A “distressed community” is defined as a neighborhood or geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate equal to or greater than the state or national rate. Priority areas of need include:

§ at-risk youth;

§ the homeless;

§ marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages; and

§ social services to those living in rural communities.

The Targeted Capacity Building Program funds capacity-building activities that produce measurable impact resulting in more sustainable organizations. Capacity-building activities ensure that grassroots organizations have the tools to facilitate key changes within their organization. By addressing issues that are critical to the long-term viability of the organization, non-profits are better prepared and positioned to understand and meet the needs of the communities they serve. The Office of Community Services will award grants to grassroots faith-based and community organizations, which must use the funds in one of the four priority areas of need towards their organization’s capacity-building in at least one of these five critical areas:

- 1) leadership development,
- 2) organizational development,
- 3) programs and services,
- 4) funding, and
- 5) community engagement.

Funds: Total funds available: \$15,000,000

Average grant size: \$50,000

Number of awards: 300

Deadline: May 31, 2005.

Eligible: Not-for-profit faith-based and community organizations

Information: Kelly Cowles, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L’Enfant Promenade, SW., Suite 500 West, Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447-0002, Telephone: (800) 281-9519, E-mail: ocs@lcgnet.com, Link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-8607.htm>

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**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Community Services
Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program**

Program: The goal of the Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program is to help grassroots faith-based and community organizations maximize their social impact as they provide services to those most in need including the homeless, prisoners reentering the community, children of prisoners, at-risk youth, addicts, elders in need, families in transition from welfare to work, and couples who seeks assistance in developing the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages. The Demonstration Program provides funding for intermediary organizations in well-defined geographic locations with a proven track record of community involvement and experience in providing training and technical assistance to smaller faith- and community-based organizations in their communities. These intermediary organizations serve as a bridge between the federal government and the grassroots faith-based and community organizations that the Demonstration Program is designed to assist. The Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program does not fund direct social service provision; rather it funds capacity- building activities that produce measurable impact resulting in more sustainable organizations. By addressing issues that are critical to the long-term viability of non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations are better prepared and positioned to understand and meet the needs of their communities.

Funds: Total funds available: \$16,900,000
Average grant size: \$1,000,000
Number of awards: up to 17

Deadline: June 13, 2005

Eligible: State and local governments, public and private institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and faith-based and community organizations.

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Link:
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DISABILITIES AND REHABILITATION

**U.S. Department of Education
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research**

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Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers

- Program:** The purpose of the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For fiscal year 2005, the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The Department of Education will consider only applications that meet one or more of these priorities:
- a) Technologies for Children with Orthopedic Disabilities;
 - b) Low Vision and Blindness; or
 - c) Universal Design and the Built Environment.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$1,900,000
Average grant size: \$947,500
Number of awards: two
- Deadline:** June 24, 2005
- Eligible:** States, public and private agencies and organizations, and institutions of higher education.
- Information:** Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 6030, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 245-7462, E-mail: donna.nangle@ed.gov, Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-8102.htm>
- FR:** 4/25 21284-21288

EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement Teaching American History Grant Program

- Program:** The Teaching American History Grant Program supports projects to raise student achievement by improving teachers' appreciation and understanding of traditional American history. Grant awards assist school districts, in partnership with entities that have extensive content expertise, such as colleges and universities, libraries, and museums, to design, implement, and demonstrate effective, research-based professional development programs.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$117,000,000
Range of grants: \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 over three years
- Deadline:** June 14, 2005
- Eligible:** Public school districts, in partnership with an institution of higher education, a non-profit history or humanities organization, or a library or museum
- Information:** U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant Program, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, FB-6, Room 4W222, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 260-8766, Fax: (202) 401-8466, E-mail: teachingamericanhistory@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/teachinghistory/

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U.S. Department of Education

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities – Television Access

Program: The purpose of this grant program is to:

- 1) improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology,
- 2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and
- 3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Funds: Total funds available: \$7,200,000
Average grant size: \$800,000
Number of awards: nine

Deadline: June 13, 2005.

Eligible: State educational agencies, local educational agencies, public charter schools that are local educational agencies under state law, institutions of higher education, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

Information: Jo Ann McCann, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4067, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2600, Telephone: (202) 245-7434, Link:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-8615.htm>

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U.S. Department of Education

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Smaller Learning Communities Program

Program: The purpose of the Smaller Learning Communities program is to promote academic achievement through the creation or expansion of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large public high schools to help ensure that all students graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to make successful transitions to college and careers.

Funds: Total funds available: \$125,269,000
Range of grants: \$650,000 to \$11,750,000

Deadline: June 7, 2005

Eligible: Local educational agencies, including schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and educational service agencies, applying on behalf of large public high schools

Information: Deborah Williams, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center Plaza, Room 11064, Washington, DC 20202-7241, Telephone: (202) 245-7770, E-mail:
deborah.williams@ed.gov, Link:

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HEALTH

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Closing the Gap on Racial and Ethnic Health Care Disparities

Program: The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation will provide three-year grants to non-profit organizations to support local initiatives that take a comprehensive and innovative approach to improving access and reducing barriers to an array of quality health care and support services for targeted racial and ethnic groups experiencing specific health disparities. For the purpose of this grant program, the Foundation defines access broadly to include more than insurance coverage. The foundation will award grants for one year of program planning and two years of program implementation. The Foundation will consider letters of inquiry from organizations and collaborations provided they are able to:

- § cite a specific health care disparity among a target racial or ethnic population that this grant program would address, supported by data that illustrates the need;
- § show the organizational capacity and sustainability to reduce the stated disparity by improving access to a range of outreach, support services, medical treatment and case management; and
- § demonstrate the ability to conduct ongoing program evaluation throughout the grant period.

Applications are invited from individual health care delivery organizations, or collaborations that include a combination of providers, community-based organizations, health care advocates, and researchers.

Funds: Grant size: year one planning grant for up to \$50,000 and years two and three program implementation grants for up to \$125,000 each year

Deadline: Letters of inquiry: June 3, 2005 by 5:00 p.m.

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations

Information: Landmark Center, 401 Park Drive, Boston, MA 02215, Telephone: (617) 246-3744, E-mail: grantinfo@bcbsmafoundation.org, Link: www.bcbsmafoundation.org

JUSTICE

The Foundations for the Improvement of Justice Awards for Innovation and Improvement

Program: The Foundations for the Improvement of Justice offers prizes to support innovative programs improving the criminal justice system. The foundation's areas of interest include:

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1. Simplification of the law;
2. Crime prevention;
3. Child protection;
4. Speeding the process;
5. Effecting restitution;
6. Crime victims' rights;
7. Alternative sentencing;
8. Reducing recidivism;
9. Lowering the cost;
10. Other significant efforts.

Funds: Award grant size: up to \$ 10,000
Number of awards: up to ten

Deadline: June 1, 2005

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations

Information: Foundations for the Improvement of Justice, 220 Roberts Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024, Telephone: (770) 831-9411, Fax: (770) 831-9896, E-mail: info@justiceawards.com, Link: www.justiceawards.com/awards_program.htm

SUMMER JOBS

Boston Connects, Inc.

Summer Jobs Program

Program: Boston Connects, Inc., the community-based organization working to create economic self-sufficiency for individuals, families, and communities in Boston's Empowerment Zone, has issued a request for qualifications for organizations to provide a six-week summer jobs program for youth ages 14 to 17, as well as for 18 year olds who will be returning to high school in September 2005. Boston Connects is seeking experienced summer jobs providers to create an additional 400 summer jobs for youth living in the Empowerment Zone.

Funds: Total funds available: \$500,000

Deadline: May 18, 2005

Eligible: Not-for-profit community-based organizations and experienced agencies located in or in proximity to Boston's Empowerment Zone.

Information: Shirley Carrington, Director, Boston Connects Inc. 2201 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Roxbury, MA 02119, Telephone: (617) 541-26730, E-mail: Shirley.Carrington.bci@ci.boston.ma.us, Link: www.BostonEZ.org.

WOMEN

WHO Foundation

Grants for Grassroots Charities Serving Women and Children

Program: The WHO (Women Helping Others) Foundation supports grassroots charities around

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the country serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Specific projects and programs addressing health, education, and social service needs are the foundation's priority. The foundation recognizes the value of new programs created to respond to changing needs and will consider funding projects of an original or pioneering nature within an existing organization. Organizations must have been incorporated for a minimum of three years prior to application and preference will be given to organizations with an operating budget of \$2 million or less, those not dependent on government grants, and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs.

Funds: Range of grants: \$1,000 to \$20,000
Deadline: September 13, 2005
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
Information: WHO Foundation, Post Office Box 816029, Dallas, TX 75381-6029, Telephone: (800) 946-4663, E-mail: who@beauticontrol.com, Link: <http://whofoundation.org>

FOUNDATION PROFILE

Foley Hoag Foundation

Program: The Foley Hoag Foundation, established in December of 1980 by the partners of the law firm of Foley Hoag LLP, is a private foundation that seeks to combat racism, especially among youth, in the City of Boston. The foundation awards grants to organizations that work to improve Boston's racial climate by addressing issues of diversity and race. Since 1981, the Foundation has awarded three hundred and forty-three grants totaling \$930,263 to one hundred and seventy-six organizations. Grantee organizations achieve their goals through a variety of means such as art and cultural activities, youth leadership, and recreational programs. Others provide advocacy assistance to enable individuals to confront racism through legal or political action. The age group targeted by grantee organizations also varies. Some organizations work to prepare young children to live in the reality of a multicultural society and others engage teens; a few focus on a primarily adult constituency. The foundation's guidelines emphasize:

- § a preference for leveraging support by awarding conditional or challenge grants that require the grantees to raise matching funds;
- § an emphasis on projects that constructively engage youth of different races in a common effort to eliminate racism;
- § a preference for small or start-up organizations, where a small grant is likely to have a high impact;
- § a preference for projects with a geographic focus on the City of Boston; and
- § a preference for organizations with integrated boards and staff leadership – or with positive plans to do so.

Among the Foley Hoag Foundation's distinguishing features are an annual payout of around twenty percent of its assets, a low administrative budget, a stated interest in leveraging grants, an annual meeting for grantees, and a youth advisory group.

Funds: Total funds available: approximately \$70,000 annually
Average grant size: \$4,000
Range of grants: \$1,000 to \$25,000

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations serving the residents of the City of Boston

Information: Philip Hall, Administrator, Foley Hoag Foundation, c/o Grants Management Associates, 77 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Telephone: (617).426-7080, Link: www.fhe.com/pages.asp?pageID=000322094505

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