

FUNDING \$ UPDATE

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The Boston Foundation

Arts Service Organization Funding Initiative

Program: The 2005/2006 Arts Service Organization Funding Initiative seeks proposals for work that builds the management capacity of Greater Boston's arts service organizations – those nonprofits that provide services and technical assistance that assist or promote artists and arts organizations but do not themselves produce or present the arts and are not directly or otherwise involved in the creative process. Eligible activities will address the strategic goal of stronger, higher capacity service agencies and may include organizational mergers, alliances, or the sharing of back office systems. Measures of progress towards this goal may include larger scale operations, more or better quality programs, or quantifiable cost savings. Project proposals to provide services and technical assistance to artists or arts organizations will not be considered. The Arts Service Organization Funding Initiative follows the May 2005 report of the Boston Foundation Cultural Task, *Culture is Our Common Wealth: An Action Agenda to Enhance Revenues and Resources for Massachusetts Cultural Organizations*. Among the group's top three priorities was the recommendation that foundations and other donors make investments to support the growth and sustainability of the cultural sector's service organizations.

Funds: Total funds available: \$500,000 over two years, as well as technical assistance and facilitation services.

Deadline: Letters of inquiry: October 14, 2005

Eligible: Not-for-profit arts service organizations in the Greater Boston area

Information: Ann McQueen, Senior Program Officer, The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, Telephone: (617) 338-2773, E-mail: Ann.McQueen@tbf.org, Link: www.tbf.org/fund/fund-L2.asp?id=3177

Golden Foundation for the Arts

Support for Artists Working in Paint

Program: The Sam and Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts is a private foundation whose primary purpose is to support individual artists, working in paint, who demonstrate exceptional creative ability. The foundation awards grants to individual artists and not-for-profit organizations in alternate years. In 2005, grants will be awarded to artists only. In the year 2006, the foundation will award grants to cultural organizations that directly support visual artists working in paint.

Funds: Range of grants: \$500 to \$10,000 for a one-year period

Deadline: October 1, 2005

Eligible: Individual artists

Information: The Sam and Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts, Inc., 188 Bell Road, New Berlin, NY 13411, Telephone: (607) 847-8158, E-mail: info@goldenfoundation.org, Link: www.goldenfoundation.org

CHILDREN

Mattel Children's Foundation

Domestic Grants Program

Program: Through the Domestic Grants Program, Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation support charitable organizations throughout the United States that directly serve children in need. Grant funds depend on program, organization, and individual community need. Funding priority is given to organizations or programs that creatively address a locally defined need directly impacting children in need and that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include health, education, and girls' empowerment. Pilot projects and new organizations may be considered as long as all eligibility criteria are met; however, preference will be given to organizations that have at least two years' experience. The foundation also gives preference to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million and are not affiliated with a national organization. Mattel considers two types of grants:

- 1) Program-specific grants, such as funding for the launch of new programs or the expansion of existing programs; and
- 2) Core operating support, including support for organizations to sustain their programs.

The Mattel Children's Foundation currently accepts grant applications online.

Funds: Total funds available: approximately \$5.9 million annually

Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: September 30, 2005

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

Information: Mattel Children's Foundation, 333 Continental Boulevard, Mail Stop: M1-1418, El Segundo, CA 90245, Telephone: (310) 252-2908, E-mail: foundation@mattel.com, Link:

http://mattel.com/about_us/Comm_Involvement/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Verizon Wireless

HopeLine Program

Program: Verizon Wireless New England has a grant program to make funds available to not-for-profit organizations that work with victims of domestic violence. The funds donated are the direct result of consumers donating their no-longer-used cellular telephones to HopeLine, a national initiative of Verizon Wireless that encourages consumers to recycle wireless products. Not-for-profit organizations that work in some capacity with victims of domestic violence may apply for a grant once per quarter and as often as three times per year. Grants will be awarded to support direct client services, raise public awareness about domestic violence, or train staff and

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volunteers. To receive grant guidelines and an application, organizations must e-mail a request or call to have an application mailed.

- Funds:** Average grant size: \$1,000
Deadline: Open
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine
Information: Telephone: (781) 932-1510, E-mail: Hopeline.NewEngland@VerizonWireless.com,
Link: www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline

EDUCATION

U.S. Department Of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Striving Readers Program

Program: The purpose of the Striving Readers program is to raise the reading achievement levels of middle and high school-aged students in Title I-eligible schools with significant numbers of students reading below grade level. The program supports new comprehensive reading initiatives or expansion of existing initiatives that improve the quality of literacy instruction across the curriculum, provide intensive literacy interventions to struggling adolescent readers, and help to build a strong, scientific research base for identifying and replicating strategies that improve adolescent literacy skills. Eligible local educational agencies may apply individually, with other eligible local educational agencies, or in partnership with one or more of the following entities:

- § State educational agencies,
- § Intermediate service agencies,
- § Public or private institutions of higher education, and
- § Public or private organizations with expertise in adolescent literacy and/or rigorous evaluation.

- Funds:** Total funds available: \$24,000,000
Average grant size: \$3,000,000 over five years
Range of grants: \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 over five years
Number of awards: eight
- Deadline:** Notice of intent to apply: September 14, 2005
Applications: November 14, 2005
- Eligible:** Local educational agencies that have schools that are eligible to receive funds under Title I and serve students in one or more grades in grades six through 12.
- Information:** Kathryn Doherty, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3W309, Washington, DC 20202-6132, Telephone: (202) 205-6272, E-mail: StrivingReaders@ed.gov, Link: www.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders/
- FR:** 8/15 47816-47821

Staples Foundation for Learning

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Funds to Promote Learning

Program: The mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The foundation makes decisions quarterly and organizations must submit applications online.

Funds: Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: September 27, 2005

Eligible: Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status

Information: Staples Foundation for Learning, 500 Staples Drive Four West, Framingham, MA 01702, E-mail: foundationinfo@staples.com, Link: www.staplesfoundation.org/

Best Buy Children's Foundation Teach Program

Program: Best Buy Children's Foundation is accepting applications for the annual Teach program. Best Buy will award gift cards to 1,200 schools nationwide in recognition of curricular programs that have creatively integrated technology into the classroom. Furthermore, 36 schools will each receive an additional \$15,000 prize, and one school will receive the National Teach School District Award of \$250,000.

Funds: Award size: \$2,500 Best Buy gift card
Number of awards: 1,200

Award size: \$15,000
Number of awards: 36

Award size: \$250,00
Number of awards: one

Deadline: September 30, 2005

Eligible: Nonprofit public, private, and parochial schools located within 25 miles of a Best Buy store

Information: Best Buy Children's Foundation, Post Office Box 9448, Minneapolis, MN 55440, E-mail: CommunityRelations@BestBuy.com, Link: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp>

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Boston Connects, Inc.

Funding for Employment and Re-Integration Services for Male Ex-Offenders

Program: Boston Connects, Inc., the community-based organization working to create economic self-sufficiency for individuals, families, and communities in Boston's Empowerment Zone, will issue a request for proposals on Thursday, September 1, 2005 for organizations to provide employment and re-integration services for male ex-offenders. Boston Connects will host a bidders conference on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the office at 2201 Washington Street in Roxbury.

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Funds: Total funds available: \$150,000
Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2005 at noon
Eligible: Not-for-profit community-based organizations and experienced agencies located in or in proximity to Boston's Empowerment Zone.
Information: Evangelene Billy, Boston Connects Inc. 2201 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Roxbury, MA 02119, Telephone: (617) 541-2675, E-mail: Evangelene.Billy.bci@cityofboston.gov, Link: www.BostonEZ.org.

HEALTH

American Psychiatric Foundation Funding for Early Treatment of Mental Illness

Program: The American Psychiatric Foundation, a charitable and educational subsidiary of the American Psychiatric Association, works to advance public awareness of mental illnesses and the fact that they can be effectively treated. As part of this mission, the American Psychiatric Foundation is committed to promoting early recognition and treatment of mental illness and will make grant funds available over the next three years to fund educational, informational, and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. Grants will support a wide variety of activities in this arena. The American Psychiatric Foundation seeks to fund new and innovative ideas and programs that will promote awareness of mental illness and the effectiveness of treatment, the importance of early intervention, access to care, and the need for high-quality services and treatment. Outreach projects may focus on a specific mental disorder, mental illness in general, or target a specific population.

Funds: Total funds available: \$750,000
Deadline: January 6, 2006
Eligible: Local and national not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) charitable status that have been in existence for at least two years
Information: Barbara Matos, American Psychiatric Foundation, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22209-3901, E-mail: apf@psych.org, Link: www.psychfoundation.org/grants/callforproposals.cfm

Tony Cox Community Fund Television Programming and AIDS Education Initiative

Program: Cable Positive's Tony Cox Community Fund is a national grant program that exists to encourage community-based AIDS organizations and cable outlets to partner in joint community outreach efforts, such as World AIDS Day (December 1) and National HIV Testing Day (June 27) events, AIDS Rides/Walks, and other joint efforts between AIDS organizations and local cable operators, as well as to produce and distribute new, locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements. Established in 1996, the Tony Cox Community Fund, formerly know as the Tony Cox Fund for Local HIV/AIDS Programming, is named in honor of Winston "Tony" Cox, a founding Honorary Chair of Cable Positive. As Chairman and CEO of Showtime

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Networks Inc., Mr. Cox was a major advocate of original cable television programming and AIDS education.

Funds: Grant size: \$5,000

Deadline: September 9, 2005

Eligible: Community-based non-profit organizations, with special consideration given to AIDS service organizations and cable systems and producers partnering with AIDS service organizations

Information: Cable Positive, 250 West 54th Street #903, New York, NY 10019, Telephone: (212) 459-1547, E-mail: info@cablepositive.org, Link: <http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html>

FOUNDATION PROFILES

Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation

Program: The Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation supports projects and organizations that address one or more of the Foundation's major interests:

§ To strengthen the education, independence, and capabilities of young people, especially girls, and of women and their children;

§ To support the healthy development of girls as the foundation for their adult lives; and

§ To protect and preserve the natural environment.

The Trustees support organizations and programs that offer opportunities and services that lead to independence and self-sufficiency for women, children, and youth. The foundation looks for efforts that stress prevention rather than remediation. It funds programs in education, job training, social services, economic self-sufficiency, and community organizing that will enable women to provide for themselves and for their children. The foundation hopes to fund organizations that can demonstrate through clear program evaluation that they have a significant impact on the lives of women and children in a cost-effective manner. The trustees have a special focus on supporting programs and services for girls, and the foundation is particularly interested in all-girls programs in education, enrichment, mentoring, peer leadership, sports and fitness, civic participation, teen pregnancy prevention, and avoidance of domestic violence. Mixed-gender youth programs that can establish an understanding of, and the ability to meet, girls' needs also will be considered. With the exception of grants to environmental organizations in geographic areas supported by the foundation's benefactor, the trustees strongly prefer to fund environmental projects that also include other priorities of the foundation, such as education or community service opportunities for low-income urban youth. The trustees recognize the importance of advocacy, both as a technique for obtaining services for underserved individuals and groups, and as a means of changing public policy. In general the foundation chooses to fund advocacy when it is a natural outgrowth of direct services, or where it is directly tied to the major interests of the foundation. Awards are normally made for program support, special projects, technical assistance, staff development, and general operating support on the

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basis of clear organizational objectives, including future financial goals.

- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$30,000
Deadline: November 1 and May 1 annually.
Eligible: Not-for-profit organizations in the Boston area and in Northern New Hampshire.
Information: Amy Segal Shorey, Administrator, Anna B. Stearns Charitable Foundation, Inc., c/o Grants Management Associates, 77 Summer Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02110, Telephone: (617) 426 -7080, E-mail: ashorey@grantsmanagement.com, Link: www.grantsmanagement.com/absguide.html

Grand Circle Foundation

- Program:** The Grand Circle Foundation is the corporate foundation of Grand Circle Travel, the nation's largest international tour operator for Americans over age 50. Grand Circle Foundation funds nonprofit organizations within the City of Boston that focus on youth education and discovery or elder involvement and education. The foundation accepts and reviews two-page project proposals via its Associates' Fund (formerly known as Community Service Grants) on a rolling basis three times each year.
- Funds:** Grant size: up to \$5,000
Deadline: November 30, March 31, and June 30
Eligible: Not-for-profit organizations in the City of Boston
Information: Jean Kenney, Project Manager, Grand Circle Foundation, 347 Congress Street, Boston MA 02210, Telephone: (617) 346-6741, Fax: (617) 346-6030, E-mail: foundation@gct.com, Link: www.gct.com/gcc/general/default.aspx?oid=72100

RECENT AWARDS

Clowes Fund

- Program:**
- § *Berklee College of Music* – \$20,000 for the Music Faculty Outreach Initiative.
 - § *Institute of Contemporary Art* –\$15,000 for its education program for teenagers.
 - § *Underground Railway Theater* – \$15,000 for program support.
 - § *Epiphany School* – \$50,000 for its capital campaign.
 - § *Community Change* – \$20,000 for the Civil Rights Internship Program.
 - § *Generations Incorporated* – \$20,000 for classroom literacy instructors.
 - § *Child Care Resource Center* – \$15,000 for the Latino After-School Initiative.
 - § *DotWell/Health Services Partnership of Dorchester* – \$15,000 for the First Generation College Bound Project.
 - § *Women's Theological Center* – \$10,000 for the Spiritual Leadership Development Project.
 - § *Boston Medical Center* – \$20,000 for the Boston Center for Refugee Health.
 - § *Chelsea Neighborhood Housing Services* – \$20,000 for the Financial Fitness Program.
 - § *Community Legal Services and Counseling Center* – \$20,000 for immigration-law and social-work services.

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- § *Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation* – \$20,000 for the Boston Health Care and Research Training Institute.
- § *Dress for Success Boston* – \$15,000 for organizational development.
- § *Families First Parenting Program* – \$15,000, for child-rearing education and support programs.

Information: Clowes Fund, 320 North Meridian Street, Suite 316, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-1722, Telephone: (317) 833-0144, Fax (317) 833-0145, E-mail: staff@clowesfund.org, Link: www.clowesfund.org

Staples Foundation for Learning

Program: § *Wediko Children’s Services* – \$10,000 to provide clinical services in a school that offers individual therapy sessions to help students with academic, behavioral, and personal problems.

Information: Staples Foundation for Learning, 500 Staples Drive Four West, Framingham, MA 01702, E-mail: foundationinfo@staples.com, Link: www.staplesfoundation.org/