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**Massachusetts Cultural Council and MassDevelopment  
Cultural Facilities Fund**

**Program:** The Massachusetts Cultural Council and MassDevelopment have announced a new round of grants from the Cultural Facilities Fund to strengthen nonprofit arts, history, and science organizations across the state. These funds will allow the Massachusetts Cultural Council and MassDevelopment to support capital projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences that create jobs, educate adults, and improve the quality of life in cities and towns. The grant categories for the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund are:

- Feasibility and Technical Assistance Grants for expenses related to planning and feasibility assessment for a proposed eligible project;
- Systems Replacement Plan Grants, a specific type of feasibility and technical assistance grant specifically designed for organizations with deferred maintenance; the systems replacement plan is a 20-year capital needs assessment of the building and its mechanical systems; and
- Capital Grants, for the acquisition, design, construction, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, or other capital improvements or deferred maintenance, including: acquisition, new construction, renovations or repairs to an existing structure, and fixed equipment purchases.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$3 million for new awards

**Deadline:** March 5, 2012 for letters of intent  
April 6, 2012 for full applications

**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations; nonprofit cultural organizations with 501 (c)(3) status that are primarily concerned with the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences, including museums, historic sites, zoos, aquariums, theaters, concert halls, exhibition spaces, classrooms, and auditoriums; municipalities that own cultural facilities; and public and private institutions of higher education that own cultural facilities

**Information:** Jay Paget, Program Director, Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, telephone: (617) 727-3668, extension 263, email: [jay.paget@art.state.ma.us](mailto:jay.paget@art.state.ma.us), link: <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/facilities/facilities.htm>

**New England Foundation for the Arts  
National Dance Project Production Grants**

**Program:** Administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts, the National Dance Project was launched in 1996 to encourage the creation and performance of dance pieces for American audiences. Through grantmaking and other activity, the program supports dance in ways designed to enhance partnerships between artists and presenters with the equally important goals of engaging and expanding audiences for

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dance. Since its launch, the program has distributed more than \$21.2 million in grants. Production grants make possible the creation of new works of genuine imagination and originality by artists with a track record of professional production and touring and recognized skill and accomplishment. Production grants fund the development of new dance work that will tour nationally, generally in the following season. Grants are intended to support costs incurred through the artistic creation of the work.

- Funds:** Range of grants: \$25,000 to \$40,000  
Number of awards: approximately 20
- Deadline:** March 1, 2012 for preliminary applications
- Eligible:** Choreographers, artists, and companies
- Information:** Sara C. Nash, Program Manager, National Dance Project, New England Foundation for the Arts, 145 Tremont Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, telephone: (617) 951-0010, extension 512, email: [snash@nefa.org](mailto:snash@nefa.org), link: [www.nefa.org/grants\\_services/production\\_grants](http://www.nefa.org/grants_services/production_grants)

### **National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Fast-Track Grants**

- Program:** The Challenge America Fast-Track program offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, including those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. This category encourages and supports the following two outcomes:
- Engagement: Engaging the public with diverse and excellent art.
  - Livability: The strengthening of communities through the arts.
- Awards require a 100 percent match.
- Funds:** Grant size: \$10,000
- Deadline:** May 24, 2012
- Eligible:** Public and private colleges and universities, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, and government agencies
- Information:** Challenge America Fast-Track Specialists, National Endowment for the Arts, telephone: (202) 682-5700, email, [fasttrack@arts.gov](mailto:fasttrack@arts.gov), link: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP13/Challenge.html>

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Massachusetts Service Alliance 2012-2013 Commonwealth Corps Host Site Application**

- Program:** The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) has released the 2012-2013

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Commonwealth Corps Host Site Application. The mission of the Commonwealth Corps is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to rebuild communities and address unmet community needs. The Commonwealth Corps provides opportunities for skill building and leadership development and encourages and enhances a lifelong civic vocation for Corps members. Corps members provide direct service, build capacity, and recruit, organize, and mobilize additional volunteers, with a mission of building a grassroots movement of volunteers dedicated to service. Organizations may apply for two to five full-time members, or the part-time or flex-time equivalent.

**Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$12,000 per corps member  
**Deadline:** March 9, 2012 for intent to apply  
March 22, 2012 for applications  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status  
**Information:** Beth McGuinness, Program Director, Massachusetts Service Alliance telephone: (617) 542-2544, extension 217, email: [bmcguinness@mass-service.org](mailto:bmcguinness@mass-service.org), link: [http://www.mass-service.org/resources/funding\\_opportunities/commonwealth\\_corps\\_funding](http://www.mass-service.org/resources/funding_opportunities/commonwealth_corps_funding)

#### **Corporation for National and Community Service**

##### **September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Grants**

**Program:** Through community service programs, grantees honor the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, or who rose in service as a result of the tragedy.  
**Funds:** Total funds available: \$500,000  
Number of awards: 10  
**Deadline:** March 13, 2012  
**Eligible:** Public agencies, private colleges and universities, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations  
**Information:** Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Grants Policy and Operations/September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance Application, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525, telephone: (202) 606-399, email, [sept11@cns.gov](mailto:sept11@cns.gov), link: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/12\\_0206\\_nofa\\_sept11.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/12_0206_nofa_sept11.pdf)

#### **Corporation for National and Community Service**

##### **Social Innovation Fund**

**Program:** The Corporation for National and Community Service will award a limited number of Social Innovation Fund grants to outstanding grantmaking institutions, or intermediaries. The intermediaries will match every federal dollar of the grant award in cash. They will then identify and invest at least 80% of their federal funds, plus identified cash matching funds, in portfolios of promising community-based nonprofit organizations (working in low-income communities in one or more of the following issue areas:

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- 1) Youth Development – Preparing America’s youth for success in school, active citizenship, productive work, and healthy and safe lives.
- 2) Economic Opportunity – Increasing economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals.
- 3) Healthy Futures – Promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the risk factors that can lead to illness.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$10 million  
 Range of grants: \$1 million to \$5 million  
 Number of awards: five

**Deadline:** March 27, 2012

**Eligible:** Existing grant making institutions

**Information:** Social Innovation Fund, Corporation for National and Community Service, telephone: (202) 606-3223, email, [innovation@cns.gov](mailto:innovation@cns.gov), link: [http://www.nationalservice.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_nofa\\_id=95](http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=95)

**CRIME AND JUSTICE**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
 Membership Support Services for Nonprofit Missing Children's Organizations**

**Program:** The Membership Support Services for Nonprofit Missing Children’s Organizations grant will support a membership organization of nonprofit organizations that serve the families of missing and exploited children, provide resources to law enforcement and community agencies that serve missing and exploited children, and improve public awareness and education about child protection.

**Funds:** Grant size: \$225,000  
 Number of awards: one

**Deadline:** March 19, 2012

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

**Information:** Cecilia Duquela, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, telephone: (202) 514-9372, email, [Cecilia.Duquela@usdoj.gov](mailto:Cecilia.Duquela@usdoj.gov) , link: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2012/Membership.pdf>

**U.S. Department of Justice  
 Office of Justice Programs  
 Office for Victims of Crime  
 Wraparound Victim Legal Assistance Network Demonstration**

**Program:** The program will fund demonstration projects to develop holistic models for wraparound pro bono legal assistance networks that provide an array of services for crime victims. Applicants must demonstrate a broad partnership of organizations and

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agencies that meet the wide range of victim legal needs.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$2.4 million  
Maximum grant size: \$400,000  
Number of awards: six

**Deadline:** April 19, 2012

**Eligible:** Public agencies, public and private colleges and universities, and not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

**Information:** Morrow, Attorney Advisor, telephone: (202) 353-0591, email: [Meg.Morrow@usdoj.gov](mailto:Meg.Morrow@usdoj.gov), link: <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppOVC-2012-3190-cfda16.582-instructions.pdf>

## HEALTH

### Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

#### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant

**Program:** To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to continue to advance the strategic priorities of the company's corporate citizenship work, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts invites community stakeholders to apply for one of up to five grants that will advance the health and nutrition of families facing economic hardship. These investments seek to have a long lasting effect on the lives of families most at risk in this economic downturn. Proposals should target families with children under the age of five or school aged youth and focus on the following priorities:

- Healthy development of children through nutrition;
- Access to healthy produce for families at risk of hunger;
- Education and training to support family nutrition and health.

**Funds:** Grant size: \$75,000

Number of awards: up to five

**Deadline:** February 29, 2012 for letters of inquiry

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

**Information:** Yvonne Tang, Senior Manager, Community Investments, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, telephone: (617) 246-3332, email: [yvonne.tang@bcbsma.com](mailto:yvonne.tang@bcbsma.com), link: <http://www.bluecrossma.com/visitor/community-leadership/anniversary.html>

## NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

### Nonprofit Finance Fund

#### Catalyst Fund for Nonprofits

**Program:** The Catalyst Fund for Nonprofits is a five-year fund to support the exploration of

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collaborations and mergers in the Boston area. Launched in September 2010, the fund was created through a partnership among the Boston Foundation, Boston LISC, the Hyams Foundation, and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. The Nonprofit Finance Fund manages the initiative. The Catalyst Fund is a source of financial and technical advisory support as a catalyst for promising voluntary collaborative ventures and mergers among nonprofit organizations. It is a regional and national model, initially focused on support to Boston area nonprofits working in the following areas: arts and culture, community development, human services, and youth development. The Fund's goal is to develop a permanent resource infrastructure and support nonprofit collaborations that are rooted in best practices and data-based outcomes. To begin the application process, organizations should submit a letter of interest of no more than two pages.

**Funds:** Grant size: determined by need  
**Deadline:** rolling  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status  
**Information:** Peter Kramer, Catalyst Fund Manager, Nonprofit Finance Fund, telephone: (617) 204-9772, email: [catalystfund@nffusa.org](mailto:catalystfund@nffusa.org), link: <http://nonprofitfinancefund.org/northeast/new-england-catalyst-fund>

## ORGANIZING

### Episcopal City Mission

#### Burgess Urban Fund

**Program:** The Burgess Urban Fund, a grants program of the Episcopal City Mission, supports grassroots community organizing in response to social injustice in Massachusetts and work to improve the lives of those in need. The fund understands community organizing as a process that develops the power and capacity within a community to improve members' lives. Strong organizing work includes:

- Engaging members of the community in identifying shared concerns and setting goals for social change;
- Developing new leaders, especially among those affected by social inequality, and including them in the leadership of a movement;
- Undertaking projects that are likely to result in concrete results for the core constituency;
- Articulating both the immediate and root causes of the problem;
- Working to change the unequal relationships and social patterns that underlie the issue;
- Collaborating with other organizations, including regional or statewide organizations or initiatives.

**Funds:** Maximum grant size: \$20,000  
**Deadline:** Friday, June 1, 2012 for letters of intent

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**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status  
**Information:** Katie Campbell Simons, Episcopal City Mission, telephone: (617) 482-4826, extension 224, email: [kcsimons@diomass.org](mailto:kcsimons@diomass.org), link: <http://www.episcopalcitymission.org/partnerships-grants/wider-community/burgess-urban-fund/>

## **REENTRY PROGRAMS**

### **U.S. Department of Labor**

#### **Employment and Training Administration**

##### **Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service-Learning**

**Program:** The Employment and Training Administration of U.S. Department of Labor provides the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Training and Service-Learning grants to serve young adult offenders ages 18 through 21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult. Service-learning projects conducted through these grants must integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection that enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and encourage lifelong civic engagement. Training provided through these grants is expected to lead to credentials recognized by in demand industries in the grantee's geographic area to be served. Through service-learning, returning offenders are offered the opportunity to reestablish community-based trust while enhancing their work-based skills and status in their communities.

**Funds:** Total funds available: \$30 million  
Maximum grant size: \$1.5 million for a 30-month period that includes up to four months of planning and a minimum of 26 months of operation.  
Number of awards: 20

**Deadline:** April 17, 2012

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

**Information:** Denise Roach, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, telephone: (202) 693-3820, email: [roach.denise@dol.gov](mailto:roach.denise@dol.gov), link: [www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/training\\_and\\_service\\_learning\\_sga.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/training_and_service_learning_sga.pdf)

## **YOUTH**

### **John Hancock Financial Services**

#### **Grants for Programs Serving Boston Youth and Families**

**Program:** The mission of John Hancock in the community is to provide the greatest level of

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support for Boston youth and families most in need. John Hancock serves the community by providing program grants that directly serve Boston youth and families.

**Funds:** Average grant size: \$20,000  
**Deadline:** Rolling, with quarterly committee reviews  
**Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, with a strong preference for Boston non-profits that serve Boston youth and families  
**Information:** Carol Fulp, Vice President, Community Relations, John Hancock Financial Services, 601 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210 telephone: (), fax: (), email: link: <http://www.johnhancock.com/resources/pdf/ContributionsGuidelines.pdf>

## **FOUNDATION PROFILE**

### **TD Charitable Foundation**

**Program:** The TD Charitable Foundation provides grants to eligible nonprofit organizations for employees to attend classes and courses that will enhance job performance. Organizations must have a mission or a focus that promotes one of the following:

- Affordable housing for low-to-moderate-income individuals;
- Increased economic and small business development;
- Financial literacy for low and moderate-income youth, individuals, and families; and
- After-school and extracurricular programming for low- and moderate-income children.

**Funds:** Total funds available:  
Average grant size:  
Range of grants:  
Number of awards:

**Deadline:** rolling

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

**Information:** telephone: (), fax: (), email: link: <http://www.tdbank.com/community/grants.html>

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