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# Free Help for Nonprofits



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1. Just read through, for ways to grow your organization, or make it stronger, or **find more grants**.
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Nope. We try to report as accurately as humanly possible, but can't be responsible for things like information on other websites, and changes, discrepancies, etc. Read the disclaimer at the end of this letter. The object is to save you time on first-sweep research so that you have more time to do good things, and also to assist you in accessing funding for good works.



### ***What is included in the letter?***

It's all based on what not-for-profits say they need. Basically, we are hearing that it is hard for each organization to devote much manpower to writing grants, let alone finding potential grants and researching background information needed to win them. We also hear that not all of you have big bucks for training, but are interested in high quality experiences for little or no registration fees. Tips and news were also requested.

For the specifics of what's in this e-letter, read on.

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**In this issue:** Lending a Hand; Your Sustainability; New Trends

### B. NEWS

The news here is of importance to the nonprofit world, especially in Utah. What are the trends? Who is supporting the work that is important to your organization? What is changing? You can scan items to get a view, and click the link for the whole story.

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### D. AWARDS AND HONORS

Does your organization deserve recognition? How about individuals who have contributed much? Some opportunities listed in this section will also bring cash awards, trips, publicity and/or free consultation services that will feed your cause.

**In this issue:**

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### E. SPECIAL RESOURCES

In this section, you will find reports and data that inform your work, but that also provide the hard data needed in writing winning grant proposals. A quick read here will let you know the gist of the report, and links take you to free downloads. Many nonprofit leaders cut and paste to a word processor file the notes on reports that interest them, for quick access. Or, they simply save the entire pdf.

**In this issue:**

Community Gardening; Entrepreneurial Activity; Early Childhood; Women's Health; High School Graduation/Engaging Youth; CDC site for H1N1 Flu

### F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS for staff and customers

We search for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at [uofbci@utah.gov](mailto:uofbci@utah.gov).

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## Now, the nitty gritty—plus links:

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### **A. TIPS** (*Timely tips, and sometimes mini-lessons*)

#### **LENDING A HAND**

When you scan this newsletter and other sources for nonprofits, do you see things that might interest a colleague or another organization in your community? Rather than wondering if they will see it too, why not forward it to them, with a note to direct them to the item?

#### **YOUR SUSTAINABILITY**

The not-for-profit world has suddenly become more complex. Over the last decade, many universities and other organizations with large endowments have followed investment plans like the “Yale Model,” where a departure from traditional, conservative investment of endowment funds into less liquid, riskier investments like hedge funds meant a sharp upswing in stated endowment value, but real problems in the recession: not only is the portfolio worth somewhat less, but its components, risky investments like hedge funds, are not easily salable. Organizations that were wealthy enough to use “excess” profit for special projects, and that still have millions or even billions on paper, are now having to borrow to cover basic expenses. Big foundations that used to make funds available to smaller nonprofits were not immune.

All too often, smaller nonprofits find themselves in a microcosm of this scenario. Revenues, for whatever reason, are not as simple to get and to manage. Money is not readily available to borrow, and good business sense precludes much borrowing right now anyway. Why? Because so many economists are saying that while things are improving, we have a slow road ahead. Nonprofits encumbered by debt will not be as agile as nonprofits that have found other ways to survive.

Experts are mostly giving similar advice: Partner up, merge if that is smart, barter for resources (e.g. offer office space for free accounting work), make sure your business practices are sound and efficient, eliminate unnecessary or less important expenses, downsize, review what you do and what the community most needs, and make adjustments. But there is another side to the card. Your organization cannot help the community if it has not addressed its own sustainability, including marketing itself. Now, more than ever, it is important to tell your story.

Overall, in 2008, giving was down only 2%—pretty good in a recession. But some segments of the philanthropic world were down an average of 13% (i.e. Social Services), and many individual charities saw much greater loss of income. Competition for every dollar is growing.

Resources in a scarce economy will go to organizations that are perceived to have the best handle on filling the most critical needs. As you work with your marketing plan, are you making clear that you are addressing critical needs in an effective way? Do you focus on measurable outcomes? Are you reporting Return on Investment (ROI) and other hard data? What about the way you report soft data? How do you tell your story? How compelling is it? Does everyone in your organization have an “elevator speech,” a two to three minute, enthusiastic story to use when people ask what it is they do? Are you using social media? Who else can help you tell a more effective story?

And how long has it been since you searched for grant funding? Foundations are conducting their own needs assessments and noticing that some of the people you probably serve are hurting. Some grant giving foundations which had previously halted grant making are stepping up to the plate, as are companies. Beyond your own immediate community and donor list, enlarge your

search. Consult the FAQ page of our website: <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/faqs.html> for additional search ideas.

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## **NEW TRENDS: URBAN CHICKENS / SOLAR COOKING / MORE**

Michelle Obama's new vegetable, herb and fruit garden at the White House is expected to turn many heads toward community gardening in school yards, on city properties, in private backyards and in vacant lots. Seed companies and plant nurseries expect this to spur already burgeoning business. But Utah's own nonprofit Wasatch Community Gardens is now offering more than gardening. If your organization is looking for summer projects, trying to engage youth or seniors, or looking at community involvement, check out their website for a variety of project ideas and classes.

[www.wasatchgardens.org](http://www.wasatchgardens.org)

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**B. NEWS** (Nonprofit news for Utah.) *Click link for whole story*

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## **APPLYING FOR FEDERAL GRANTS:**

Those of you who have applied for federal grants know that a site called Grants.gov is a central system for listing all federal grants, and for accepting and processing applications. Because of the stimulus money, there are a lot more federal grants available, and a lot more people applying for federal grants. This high volume has put a strain on the federal grant portal, [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Be sure to read the new instructions on their main search page, since some agencies will use alternate systems to collect and process applications for some of their grants. Read the funding announcement carefully, to see if you need to send your application in a different way.

The following agencies will be accepting some or all applications outside of Grants.gov:

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)  
Department of Defense (DOD)  
Department of Education (DOED)  
Department of Energy (DOE)  
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Department of Justice (DOJ)  
Department of Treasury  
Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
National Air and Space Administration (NASA)  
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
National Science Foundation (NSF)

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## **THE H1N1 FLU: TEN LESSONS LEARNED (SO FAR)**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Trust for America's Health and the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center have released a new report—*The Pandemic Flu: Lessons from the Frontlines*.

The report looks at 10 early lessons of the recent outbreak, and 10 core ongoing gaps in preparedness that must be addressed to strengthen U.S. preparedness for future health emergencies.

A key lesson featured in the report is that investments in public planning paid off, enabling public health officials to react to the outbreak effectively and keep the public informed. But other lessons were more sobering: public health departments did not have enough resources to carry out plans, parents had to miss days of work and in some cases, wages, when schools shut in response to the outbreak. Concerns about costs and immigration status kept some people from seeking prompt medical care.

Core areas that must be addressed to strengthen U.S. preparedness, according to the new report, include improving the ability of health care providers to manage a massive influx of patients, halting the current layoffs at local and state health departments and recruiting the next generation of public health professionals.

[Learn more, download the report, and view slides and videos:  
http://www.rwjf.org/publichealth/product.jsp?id=43669](http://www.rwjf.org/publichealth/product.jsp?id=43669)

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### **HIRING INITIATIVE / DISABILITIES**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has recently received funding to hire a significant number of employees throughout the country. This hiring initiative offers a unique opportunity for individuals with disabilities who may want to get a job with SSA. These jobs will be at various skill levels including a number of entry-level positions.

<http://www.cessi.net/ttw/SSAHires/index.html>

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### **DATA / CHILDREN—coming soon**

On July 28, 2009, the Annie E. Casey Foundation will release the 20th annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the United States. This year's companion essay outlines a series of action steps to improve the nation's use of data in creating policies that improve outcomes for children and families. Find hundreds of indicators of child well-being for states, cities, and communities in the [KIDS COUNT Data Center](#).

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### **SURVEY RESULTS, CORPORATE GIVING IN 2008**

Despite challenging economic conditions, more than half of U.S. **companies** increased their philanthropy in 2008.

[\*"Over Half of Companies Increase Their Philanthropy in 2008, Despite Economic Decline."\*](#)  
*Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy Press Release 6/02/09.*

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## **C. FUNDING, GRANTS & RESOURCES** *(Annotated list of some currently available grants and resources.)*

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### **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT / PROJECTS BY INDIVIDUALS**

Talk show host and philanthropist Jenny Jones has announced that she will donate an additional \$1 million to continue her Jenny's Heroes community grant program. The Jenny's Heroes program awards grants to individuals who submit the best ideas for tangible, lasting community projects. Through the fifty grant recipients so far, funds have been used to provide items and services such as library books, school computers, firefighting gear, nursing home upgrades, sports equipment, free dental services, wheelchairs, coats for children in domestic violence shelters, and a running track at a women's prison. The program's focus is primarily on smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**Contact:** [http://www.jennysheroes.com/application\\_form.shtml](http://www.jennysheroes.com/application_form.shtml)

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### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Tom's of Maine, a producer of natural personal care products, has issued a nationwide call for proposals, and will grant \$20,000 to five different nonprofits across the country. The website puts it this way:

We've always believed in the collective power of people to do good. Right now we're looking for community projects across the United States that we can support with funding.....And you can help! Our goal is to get every state involved (not just Maine!)

You can help us meet this goal by encouraging your favorite community nonprofit to apply.

Finalists will be selected by a judging panel based on immediate achievability, positive impact in the community, and engagement and mobilization among members of the community. After finalists are selected, online voting by the public will determine which five organizations will receive \$20,000 each.

**Deadline:** August 30, 2009, but early action is recommended; see the website.

**Contact:** <http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/fifty-states.aspx>

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### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / VOLUNTEERS / AT-RISK POPULATIONS

Grants will be awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofits working to provide resources to at-risk populations, support community development, and conduct volunteer projects with Ameriprise employees, advisors, and retirees.

**Award Amounts:** Minimum \$5,000

**Deadline:** September 1, 2009

**Contact:** <http://www.ameriprise.com/about-ameriprise-financial/company-information/ameriprise-community-relations.asp>

**NOTE:** The application page of the website is undergoing changes; it should be ready around June 30, 2009. Until then, review the posted guidelines at the contact address above.

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### INFORMED CITIZENRY / CIVIC ACTION

The [Herb Block Foundation](#) is accepting applications for its Defending Basic Freedoms grant program. While some grants from this foundation are geographically limited, this one is applicable in Utah. The aims of the program are to “safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in America's Bill of Rights, to help eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to assist government agencies to be more accountable to the public.”

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations located in the United States

**Award Amounts:** Approximately \$5,000 to \$25,000, for one year

**Deadline:** Letters of Interest, October 8, 2009

**Contact:**

[http://www.herblockfoundation.org/HerbBlockFoundation/content.aspx?page=2183192&\\_redir=130](http://www.herblockfoundation.org/HerbBlockFoundation/content.aspx?page=2183192&_redir=130)

**NOTE:** On the webpage above, you may find information about last year's round of grants. Click on the list of grant information components (grant cycles, eligibility, etc.) and you will find current information. Be patient; it may load a little slowly.

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### ARTS / LATINO ARTISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture Fund for the Arts is accepting applications for their new grant cycle. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to support the development and work of individual Latino artists and small and mid-sized Latino arts organizations in communities across the United States. Applicants must be members of NALACF.

**Deadline:** July 13, 2009

**Contact:** [http://www.nalac.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=section&id=4&Itemid=31](http://www.nalac.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=4&Itemid=31)

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### HUNGER / MEAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

The Great American Bake Sale helps ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical times when they are out of school and particularly vulnerable to hunger.

Grants will support efforts to increase participation among low-income school-age children in afterschool and summer meal programs. Share Our Strength is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program, National School Lunch Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Two types of grants will be offered:

**Grants for Program Sponsors:**

Grants will be awarded to organizations that directly sponsor USDA-reimbursed afterschool and/or summer meal programs for children. Grants will specifically support projects designed to increase participation in the organization's USDA summer and afterschool meal programs.

**Grants for Advocacy:**

Grants will be awarded to organizations that work to increase participation in USDA-reimbursed afterschool and summer meal programs through outreach and advocacy. Grants will support projects designed to increase participation in afterschool and summer meal programs through advocacy. Organizations engage in advocacy when they work with schools, community organizations, local businesses, and with a range of government officials to increase participation in summer and afterschool meal programs.

**Eligibility:** Grants will only be provided to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, schools with a valid NCES code, or local government entities that work to ensure children have access to after-school and summer meal programs.

**Award Amounts:** \$1,000 to \$10,000

**Deadline:** September 30, 2009

**Contact:** [http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS\\_grants](http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_grants)

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## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS / ENVIRONMENT**

The [Student Conservation Association](#)'s Green Your School Contest is a national competition to stimulate and/or identify conservation service projects designed by high school students that improve, restore, beautify, or conserve their high school environment.

**Award Amount:** There will be one Grand Prize of \$5,000, and two runner-up prizes of \$2,500 each. Prizes will be awarded directly to high schools and not to individuals.

**Deadline:** October 9, 2009

**Contact:** <http://www.thesca.org/green-your-school>

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## **SCHOOL HYDROPONICS**

The program will provide thirty-six schools with equipment and learning materials for hydroponics projects that involve at least fifteen children between the ages of 6 and 18 during the 2010 school year. Applicants must verify that their facility can accommodate the equipment in the award packages available for their age group.

Complete program guidelines and application are available at the NGA KidsGardening Web site.

[2009 Hooked on Hydroponics Awards](#)

**Deadline:** September 18, 2009

**Contact:** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.HOH.asp>

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## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH / GARDENING**

National Gardening Association (NGA) awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- educational focus or curricular/program integration
- nutrition or plant-to-food connections
- environmental awareness/education
- entrepreneurship
- social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

**Who should apply:** Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant

winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year (e.g., if you won in 2009, you can apply again in 2011) and have significantly expanded their garden programs. For the 2010 grant cycle, 100 grants are available. Five programs will each receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA). Ninety-five programs will each receive a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and educational materials from NGA.

#### [2010 Youth Garden Grants](#)

**Deadline: November 2, 2009.**

**Contact:** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH / GARDENING**

#### [2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards](#)

**Deadline: October 17, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

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### **ART EDUCATION**

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for local and regional projects that foster collaboration between K-12 educators and humanities scholars to encourage engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story. The Picturing America School Collaboration Projects grant opportunity is designed to help teachers and librarians whose schools display the Picturing America images form connections with courses in the core curriculum.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$75,000. School districts, government entities and nonprofits are invited to apply.

**Deadline: Oct 07, 2009**

**Contact:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) , CFDA 45.163 or <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>

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### **MIDDLE SCHOOLS / COMMUNITY SERVICE / S.T.E.M.**

Contingent on federal funding, grants of up to \$2,500 each will be given to middle schools working to implement a community service program that also strengthens students' science, technology, and math skills.

"STEMester of Service" engages middle school youth in science and technology-focused service-learning projects that address community problems. Research shows that service-learning connects students to their schools and communities while improving academic achievement. Semester-long service-learning opportunities incorporate youth voice and opportunities for reflection, are connected to educational standards, and demonstrate community impact. With training and preparation occurring in the fall for grantees, school programs will launch on Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2010, and culminate on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010.

The program components include:

- Annual competitive \$5,000 grant for teachers or service-learning coordinators. (\$1,000 of the grant will be applied toward travel for professional development.)
- Additional \$500 to subsidize a stipend for an "ally" located in each school who will support the grantee and help to establish a more sustainable program at their school.
- Training and professional development, including participation at YSA's Youth Service Institute in Washington, D.C, October 2009.
- Resources such as curriculum guides and project ideas aligned to academic standards to help grantees plan and implement STEMester of Service.
- Technical assistance and personalized online support from YSA.
- National recognition and visibility through YSA communications and outreach initiatives.

Grantees will engage up to 75 sixth through eighth-graders in a semester-long service-learning program. With a focus on environmental concerns, STEMester of Service's goals include

addressing community problems, encouraging students to explore STEM careers, and preventing early dropout. Environmental issues addressed can include green space availability, health effects, climate change, and disaster management. The projects should provide students with opportunities to use technology to deepen and demonstrate their learning.

**Deadline: June 30, 2009**

**Contact:**

<http://ysa.org/MyYSA/YSAContent/YSAnews/tabid/219/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/150/STEMesterofServiceGrants.aspx>

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### **ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOLS**

A program of the [National Association of Elementary School Principals](#) and the [MetLife Foundation](#), the Sharing the Dream Grants competition is designed to support elementary and middle school principals in their work to foster and encourage strong school-community relationships.

**Eligibility:** Elementary and middle school principals in the United States and its territories

**Award Amount:** Selected principals will receive a \$3,000 grant to initiate a project designed to actively engage their communities. They will also receive resources focused on engaging families and communities, and a write-up about their school in NAESP publications

**Deadline: July 8, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.naesp.org/resources/1/Pdfs/09SharingtheDreamApp.pdf>

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### **YOUTH / NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a grant for organizations interested in managing summer internships for youth at Fish and Wildlife work sites. During the assignments, individuals or groups are introduced to various real-world conservation and rehabilitation activities such as invasive species management, habitat restoration, wildlife management, and public education and interpretation, mixed with informal and formal training sessions directed by USFWS.

The USFWS invites submission of proposals from all potential sources willing and able to cooperatively administer a program for identifying and recruiting individuals or groups for assignments at various USFWS stations. The grantee would also be responsible for screening applicants, working with USFWS on interviewing and selecting interns (with final selection by USFWS), for transportation, and for payroll services. There is no match required, but applicants are encouraged to offer extra services or supports they could supply outside the grant amount. This would be a five-year cooperative agreement, and funds would be reimbursed to the grantee, so some cash reserve would be required. The cooperative agreement would last 5 years.

**Award Amount: \$1,000 to \$500,000**

**Deadline: September 30, 2009**

**Contact:** Grants.gov CFDA 15.656 or

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=47853>

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### **NSP2 / FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY / HOUSING**

There are special provisions in this second round grant announcement for local government, quasi-governmental organizations and nonprofits and consortiums to apply, but it is absolutely critical that the announcement be read very, very carefully.

**Deadline: July 17, 2009**

**Contact:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), Funding Opportunity Number FR-5321-C-01 or

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/arrfactsheet.cfm>

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## CAPACITY BUILDING

US Department of Health and Human Services is offering two different grants to organizations experienced in capacity building, to be used to build capacity in other nonprofits. There is a 25% match requirement.

**Deadline: July 7, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/scf/>

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## BREAST HEALTH CARE / DIAGNOSTICS

The Avon Foundation will provide funding to support programs that improve access to quality breast diagnostics and access to breast health care for the medically underserved. The amount of funding allowable for each proposal ranges from \$100,000 up to \$500,000 total costs.

**See the website for more information, or if questions are still unanswered,** please email your questions to Carolyn Ricci, Project Manager, Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade, at: [Carolyn.Ricci@avonfoundation.org](mailto:Carolyn.Ricci@avonfoundation.org).

**Deadlines: Letter-of-intent is due September 15, 2009.**

**Contact:** <http://www.avoncompany.com/women/avonfoundation/ga/peop.html>

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## HIV/AIDS / WOMEN PARTNERS OF INCARCERATED OR NEWLY RELEASED MEN

Funds are available for prevention education projects developing a coalition of support/transition services for women partners and their families. There are specifics; please read the announcement carefully.

**Award Amount: \$125,000**

**Deadline: July 17, 2009**

**Contact:** [www07.grants.gov](http://www07.grants.gov), CFDA 93.015 -- HIV Prevention Programs for Women

Need research and data for the grant application? There is a brief on women's health in today's issue, below, under E. Special Resources.

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## HIV PREVENTION / NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

Organizations with a history of serving Native American or Alaska Native rural women, poor women, substance using/recovering women, victims of IPV, and women living with HIV/AIDS or whose lifestyles place them at high risk for HIV/STD infection are invited to apply for federal grants of \$25,000 to \$100,000 for prevention activities.

**Deadline: July 17, 2009**

**Contact:** [www07.grants.gov](http://www07.grants.gov), CFDA 93.015 -- HIV Prevention Programs for Women

For support, see also <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/jsp/login/jaas-login.jsp>

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## D. AWARDS AND HONORS *(Recognition—some with resources.)*

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### PHOTOGRAPHY

Is there someone in your organization that just does a terrific job of photographing the good things you do? Are their photographs inspiring? Inspire them to submit their best to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Energizer Ultimate Photo Contest. Glory and honor might follow, because this is a chance to have their winning photos published in National Geographic—long admired by photographers everywhere as the epitome of inspiring photography. Sure, it will be in a special advertising section, but still. Oh, and the winner also gets a 10-day National Geographic expedition for two to the Galapagos Islands. Make your photographer's day by telling them you think their photos should be entered.

**Deadline: June 30, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/energizer/>

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### **NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHORS**

Six awards of \$10,000 each will be given to Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and American Indian individuals who are winners in the "Native Insight: Thoughts on Recession, Recovery & Opportunity" writing competition. Essays will depict the challenges and opportunities they face in the current political and economic climate.

**Deadline:** September 15, 2009

**Contact:** <http://www.nativeinsight.org/>

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### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH / MASSAGE THERAPY**

[Biotone](#)'s Community Outreach Award program is designed to reward massage therapy schools for helping their community, providing students with unique, hands-on training, and advancing public awareness of the healing value of massage by conducting free massage-related services and activities in their communities. The program will award grants of \$2,500 each to two massage schools.

Recipients of past Biotone Awards include the Academy of Somatics & Massage in Oxnard, California, for providing chair massage to participants in the American Cancer Walk, and the Blue Ridge School of Massage & Yoga in Blacksburg, Virginia, for responding to community needs following the Virginia Tech shootings.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Biotone Web site.

**Contact:** <http://www.biotone.com/?s=awards2>

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### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS / DESIGN AS CENTER OF COMMUNITY**

An award of up to \$5,000 will be given to an elementary or secondary public school in the United States in recognition of how well its school design supports the local community.

The award program is open to all existing elementary and secondary public schools in the United States that serve as centers of community, demonstrate innovative design ideas, and help promote student achievement. The school can be recently constructed, opened, or renovated, and does not have to be new.

**Deadline: July 1, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.richardrileyaward.org/en/Index.html>

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### **CAREGIVING**

The Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Award is presented each year by The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) to recognize an individual for leadership and innovation in caregiving. It is considered to be the highest award given in the caregiving field.

Award Amount: A cash award of \$2,500 along with a statuette executed by the famed sculptor Frank Eliscu. Travel funds to accept the award and deliver the address are provided.

Contact: <http://www.rosalynncarter.org/RCAward1/> or

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## COMMUNITY GARDENING

Always a wonderful resource for your community garden projects, Wasatch Community Gardens is currently reaching out to the new frontier of Urban Chickens. Read about this and check out other gardening and related classes offered.

Wasatch Community Gardens  
345 East 400 South, Suite 204  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 359-2658  
(801) 322-4810 (fax)  
[www.wasatchgardens.org](http://www.wasatchgardens.org)

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## NEW BUSINESSES

The Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity, funded by Pew Charitable Trusts, measures the rate of business creation at the individual owner level. This is important to charitable organizations because it is an indicator of future giving potential from the business sector. The newest report finds increases in Latino/Hispanic, Asian-American, and immigrant business owners and low- and medium-income potential businesses.

**Download:** [http://www.kauffman.org/uploadedFiles/kiea\\_042709.pdf](http://www.kauffman.org/uploadedFiles/kiea_042709.pdf)

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### *Federal Expenditures on Infants and Toddlers in 2007*

**Urban Institute; Brookings Institution**

This new report uses 2007 data but was just released. Valuable for organizations writing grants or reporting the importance of their programs with young children, it estimates how much the federal government spends on children under age three, on which programs and purposes, and in what form. It compares findings with research on the most effective investments, including Early Head Start and childcare assistance.

**Download,** 34 pages; 557 KB

[http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411875\\_federal\\_expenditures.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411875_federal_expenditures.pdf)

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## WOMEN'S HEALTH

"Women at Risk: Why Many Women Are Foregoing Needed Health Care"

Commonwealth Fund has released (May 2009) a brief based on their 2007 Biennial Health Insurance Survey data, comparing women's rates of uninsurance or underinsurance, sources of coverage, out-of-pocket and premium expenses, access to care, medical debt, and unmet needs, with those of men.

**Download:**

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2009/May/Women%20at%20Risk/PDF\\_1262\\_Rustgi\\_women\\_at\\_risk\\_issue\\_brief\\_Final.pdf](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2009/May/Women%20at%20Risk/PDF_1262_Rustgi_women_at_risk_issue_brief_Final.pdf)

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION / ENGAGING YOUTH

"Disconnected Youth and Multiple Pathways to Graduation"

Beautifully presented, with multiple charts and visuals.

Presents findings from a field scan of efforts to help vulnerable youth graduate from high school, what is working, what should be done, and what opportunities exist for Annie E. Casey Foundation's involvement. Explores risk factors and alternative programs. Lists resources.

**Download:**

<http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Topics/Education/Other/ConnectingYouththroughMultiplePathways/Disconnected%20Youth%20Field%20Scan%20by%20Public%20Impact%20for%20AECF%20revised%204%202009.pdf>

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## **CDC WEBSITE ON H1N1 FLU**

Provides facts about H1N1 (Swine Flu), answers common questions relevant to prevention and symptoms, and links to news updates relevant to the Swine Flu. Maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

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## **F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and customers**

*(Free or inexpensive—or scholarships.)*

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### **2009 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUTH**

Still some opportunities available: Utah Department of Workforce Services has information on summer internships for youth ages 18 to 24 who meet income and eligibility requirements. They will run from June 1 to September 30, and are funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds.

**Contact:** 801-468-0000.

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### **ONLINE PANDEMIC FLU TRAINING FOR EMTs and PARAMEDICS**

This training company is offering the two-credit CE online course free, as a public service. Designed to teach emergency responders and other health care professionals about pandemic influenza in a two-part course. Defines the causes, symptoms, and treatment principles associated with pandemic influenza. Addresses planning and preparation principles for emergency response providers.

<http://www.rapidce.com/>

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### **SCHOLARSHIPS / MESSAGE THERAPY**

BIOTONE and [Whitney Lowe](#) will award six scholarships for online continuing education to massage therapists who have a strong commitment, but limited access to continuing education.

**Contact:** <http://www.biotone.com/?s=scholarship&p=lowe>

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### **COLLEGE CLUBS / AGRICULTURE**

The CHS Foundation will provide grants of up to \$1,000 each to innovative leadership and professional development programs with an agriculture focus. Examples include leadership training opportunities, mentorship programs, professional development experiences, and student fundraising efforts. Grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis.

Secondary schools—it appears that this could include outreach from college agricultural-related clubs to potential college students or collaborative programs.

<http://www.chsfoundation.org/scholarshipprog.html#minigrants>

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### **SCHOLARSHIPS / HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE**

Three different programs are offered: see

<http://www.chsfoundation.org/scholarshipprog.html#minigrants> and scroll down to “CHS Foundation Scholarships.”

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### **FELLOWSHIPS / BUSINESS JOURNALISTS**

The [Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting](#) and the [Yale Forum on Climate Change & the Media](#) will sponsor up to eight fellowships for experienced business writers and editors to attend and participate in two special sessions on covering climate change at the [Society](#)

[of Environmental Journalists' 19th Annual Conference](#) in Madison, Wisconsin, on October 9-10, 2009.

The fellowships provide travel and lodging expenses and SEJ Conference registration fees for October 9 and 10, including lodging at the conference headquarters hotel for October 8 and 9. The special program sessions will address the costs of addressing/not addressing climate change through mitigation and adaptation strategies, and the economic forces driving current mass circulation journalism on environmental issues as well as the future of such reporting in an age of media turmoil.

**Deadline: July 10, 2009**

**Contact:** [http://www.metcalfinstitute.org/news/060409\\_fellowship\\_news.htm](http://www.metcalfinstitute.org/news/060409_fellowship_news.htm)

More information about SEJ and the Conference: <http://www.sej.org/initiatives/sej-annual-conferences/AC2009-agenda>



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