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OPPORTUNITIES and POSSIBILITIES LIST

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This e-letter is intended help organizations to access funding and other resources for the benefit of Utahns. Please forward to others who can use it. You can reach us at uofbci@utah.gov.

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Note: Please be advised that: Information is gathered from a number of sources, and organized here to aid in research and in accessing opportunities and funding. UOFBCI does not, in any manner express or implied, verify or guarantee the information nor the possibility of gaining any awards or funding, nor is any program or competition hereby endorsed, referred or sponsored. This list is certainly not inclusive; grant seekers are urged to consult many sources. This list and its elements may or may not be of value to your particular organization. Information is summarized. Please contact grantors and funders directly for complete information. Always verify and evaluate for yourself.

Notice: You may register to continue receiving this newsletter, for free, and at the same time will be able to tell us what issues you hope we will address (and what kind of grants you would like to see listed) by simply checking a box or writing a line. Go to (or just click for the link): <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/subscribe.html>

A. TIPS

There are some great opportunities for training listed in this issue, in section F—at the end of the newsletter. Space is limited, so if it looks like what you need, **register right away!** These are quality trainings, some at subsidized cost, some for free. Yes, free.

ECONOMY for your ORGANIZATION

Tech Soup and the Foundation Center have teamed up to offer articles on technology for faith-based and community organizations and other not-for-profit groups. As Utah settles in to problem-solving mode on commuting and supply buying, this article on saving money by going green in the office, “Is Your Non-profit a Hummer?” is timely. Read the whole thing at

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/techsoup/ts_item.jhtml?id=220900005

Visit the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for a **grants catalog** with important tips, and another grants list:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html>



Website for Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Visit our new site at <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/index.html>

Be sure to click on Related Links

<http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/links.html> for helpful information from others.

B. NEWS



Governor Huntsman Announces Working 4 Utah initiative

For more information, click the link above or go to <http://community.utah.gov/working4utah.html>

Most Utah **State government** offices will be on an extended day, to be more available to the public Monday through Thursday, and will be **closed on Fridays**, to help save energy formerly consumed by utilities costs and commuting costs. The new hours will be: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This schedule will begin August 4, 2008 for the Department of Community and Culture, where the Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is housed—so call us earlier in the week. Because we do not have a large staff, just like before we might not always be here, but will return messages as promptly as we can.

CONTEST: See “Taglines” in the Awards section of this eletter. Be sure to leave contact information with your entry.

GOOD NEWS for RECRUITING PROFESSIONAL HELP

The Wall Street Journal reports that more young college grads may be in the market for volunteer and nonprofit sector jobs this year, as altruism collides with a soft job market.



See the full story at <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121503662915324339.html> .

USDA

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer has announced the "**Fight Hunger Initiative,**" an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an **online toolkit** that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs.



Secretary Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit www.usda.gov/secretary <<http://www.usda.gov/secretary>> .

For more information on USDA's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, please visit www.usda.gov/fbci <<http://www.usda.gov/fbci>>

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Digital TV Transition and Converter Box Coupon Program

Help your community be prepared for the day that antennas and rabbit ears no longer work without a converter box. Many people still do not know that they can get up to two \$40 coupons toward the needed boxes just by applying for them.

During the summer and fall, NTIA is encouraging **organizations to host** Coupon Application **Events** focused on providing times when consumers can come to a specific location and get assistance in applying online, via phone or completing a paper application. “Complete It. Connect It.” is NTIA’s second partner rallying point and the focus is on urging consumers who want converter boxes to apply for coupons NOW!

Free Event Resources: NTIA appreciates your work to educate the community and can offer valuable assistance that should reduce staff workload. If you secure an event location and encourage your constituents and community partners to attend the event, NTIA can assist with the following event resources at no cost to you:

- Speaker and/or individual to conduct a converter box demonstration
- Loaner converter box
- Connection to local certified retailers that may want to participate in the event
- Local media pitching to encourage journalists to promote and cover the event (event must be open to the public, with capacity for at least 100 attendees)



Ready to Host an Event? NTIA encourages you to use the resources above to help your community take action and prepare for the digital TV transition. Please contact D'Neisha Simmons Jendayi at dneisha.simmonsjendayi@ketchum.com or 202.835.9473 if you would like NTIA's help in facilitating an event in your community.

Visit the **US Census** website www.census.gov/2010census to find out about jobs for the upcoming US Census 2010. Even if you are not looking for a job for yourself or others, you can help everyone in your community be counted. Many people are reluctant to give full information because they do not realize that the information that is collected is 1) confidential and 2) can help communities get the resources they deserve.

C. FUNDING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

JOB SKILLS / EDUCATION

The [Staples Foundation for Learning](#) will provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. To be eligible for funding, applicant organizations **must have nonprofit tax-exempt classification under 501(c)(3)** of the Internal Revenue Code.

Grant decisions are made three times a year. For the upcoming January 2009 foundation meeting date, proposals must be submitted between October 10 and October 24, 2008.



Visit the Staples Foundation for Learning Web site for complete program information, funding limitations, and list of former grant recipients.

Deadline: October 24, 2008

Contact: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>

MUSEUMS

BRICK AND MORTAR / HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, NATURAL SITES



Tourism Cares' Worldwide Grant Program distributes charitable grants to worthy tourism-related non-profit organizations nationally and worldwide for capital improvements or programs as outlined below. Typical grants are \$10,000; However, based on availability of funds, grants up to \$100,000 will be considered.

The program's primary consideration is to fund projects and programs whose goal is capital ("brick-and-mortar") improvements that serve to protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; or the education of local host communities and the traveling public about the conservation and preservation of sites of exceptional cultural, historical, or natural significance.

Deadline: October 1, 2008 (Letters of Inquiry)

Contact: http://www.tourismcares.org/RelId/606053/ISvars/default/Worldwide_Grant_Program.htm

YOUTH / COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Nestle Very Best in Youth Program, sponsored by Nestlé USA, honors young people (ages 13 to 18) who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place.

Nestle will donate \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. Nestle also awards the winner a trip with a parent or guardian to Los Angeles for the Nestle Very Best In Youth awards ceremony.

The trip includes round trip coach air travel, hotel accommodations for three nights, and spending money. Winners are featured in a special publication, and receive a certificate of achievement from Nestle along with samples of Nestle products.

Deadline: November 20, 2008

Contact: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/AboutVBINY.aspx>



YOUTH AND CHILDREN



[National Gardening Association](http://www.nationalgardeningassociation.org) will award 36 Hooked on Hydroponics grant packages to elementary, middle, and high schools and youth organizations in the United States. The grant program is designed to help young people (at least 15 in each group) learn how to grow plants hydroponically (without soil)

and to explore related topics in botany and environmental science.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible for National Gardening Association and Home Depot Youth Garden grants. 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 2008, you can apply again in 2010) and have significantly expanded their garden programs.

Deadline: November 1, 2008

Contact: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/YGG.asp>



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES / CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Shade Structures



501(c)(3) organizations that serve children and teenagers, ages 18 and younger may apply for \$8,000 to construct a shade structure that will promote sun safety. Applicants must seek the support of an American Academy of Dermatology member, and include a letter of support from that member. The website below will link you to someone in your region. Structures must be constructed by May 3, 2010.

<http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>



CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE COSTS

The [UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation](#) has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF grants help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 each for child for medical services and equipment by completing an online application at the UHCCF Web site. There is a lifetime limit of \$7,500 per child.

To be eligible for grants, children must be 16 years of age or younger. Families must meet economic guidelines, reside in the United States, and be covered by a commercial health benefit plan.

Contact: <http://www.uhccf.org/apply.html>

HEALTH CARE / MS

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation's Brighter Tomorrow grants provide individuals with MS with goods or services (valued at up to **\$1,000** per recipient) to improve their quality of life by enhancing safety, self-sufficiency, comfort, or well-being. Recipients have received car repairs, ramps, wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses, computers, appliances,

televisions, furniture, therapeutic equipment, hobby supplies, retreats, and various home modifications.

Deadline: October 1, 2008

Contact: http://www.msfocus.org/programs_grants_bwmq.php

HEALTH CARE / VISION

The National Eye Institute (NEI), through The Healthy Vision Community Awards Program provides awards of up to \$10,000 each to stimulate collaborative initiatives that support the vision objectives in Healthy People 2010. The objectives address examinations and prevention, eye diseases, injury and safety, and vision rehabilitation. The 2009 Healthy Vision Community Awards will support the objectives listed below:



1. Increase the proportion of preschool children aged 5 years and under who receive vision screening.
2. Reduce uncorrected visual impairment due to refractive errors.
3. Reduce blindness and visual impairment in children and adolescents aged 17 years and under.
4. Reduce visual impairment due to diabetic retinopathy.
5. Reduce visual impairment due to glaucoma.
6. Reduce visual impairment due to cataract.
7. Reduce occupational eye injury.
8. Increase the use of appropriate personal protective eyewear in recreational activities and hazardous situations around the home.
9. Increase vision rehabilitation.

The application is short and straightforward.

Deadline: August 29, 2008

Contact: <http://www.healthyvision2010.org/news/hvca/>

WILDLIFE / WILDLAND PROTECTION

Wilburforce Foundation

Grants will be awarded to wildlife and wildland protection programs in priority regions, including the Southwest Crescent (which reaches into parts of Utah), and for programs related to regional conservation science.

Deadline: August 29, 2008. Decision date is November 7, 2008.

Some smaller grants (under \$25,000) may be considered in the interim, with decisions within about 2 months of time of application.

Contact: http://www.wilburforce.org/about_us/index.html

MUSIC EDUCATION

The [Mockingbird Foundation, Inc.](http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org) offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to support music education for children.

Deadline: Twice a year, next round August 1, 2008

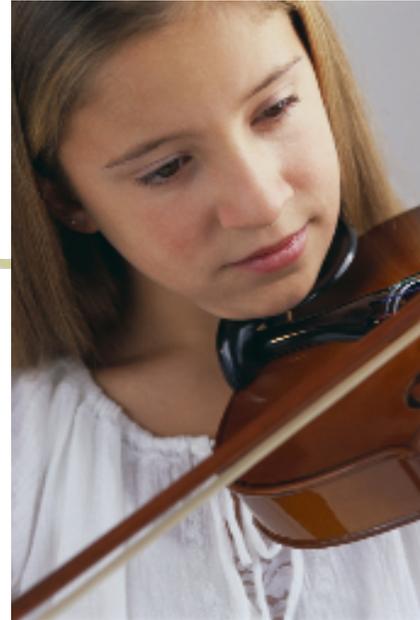
Contact:

<http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html>

MUSIC EDUCATION

The National String Project offers grant support for colleges and universities to address the critical shortage of string teachers in the U.S.—and thereby increase the number of **children playing stringed instruments**. If you are interested in music education, have a college or university nearby with a music education program, and live in an area that might eventually support more than 100 students, check this out.

Contact: <http://www.stringprojects.org/index.asp>



D. AWARDS & HONORS

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE / CAREGIVERS

Three awards of \$20,000 each will be awarded to nonprofit organizations, government agencies or universities responding to a community need with a program or project which focuses primarily on family caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. One award will be granted in each of these categories:

1. **Creative Expression:** This award will go to programs or projects that use imaginative and creative approaches in supporting informal caregivers or persons with dementia. Some examples are programs or projects using art, music, theatre, journaling, multimedia (e.g. film, documentary, radio) or other types of creative expression.
2. **Diverse/Multicultural Communities:** This award will go to programs or projects that provide services, support or other types of outreach to informal caregivers in diverse ethnic, rural, low income and LGBT or other communities.
3. **Policy and Advocacy:** This award will go to programs or projects that advocate for systems change for the benefit of informal caregivers or care recipients with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. These efforts could focus on legislation, executive or administrative changes, advocacy campaigns, or any other action to strengthen the public or private sector's recognition and support of informal caregivers.

Deadline: August 15, 2008

Contact: www.caregiver.org

and http://www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=2188

TAGLINES (AND CONTEST)

Wonder what happened with the national taglines contest? View the 12 best at http://www.gettingattention.org/my_weblog/2008/07/12-nonprofits-h.html and then email us with your own tagline for your organization, or one you admire: uofbci@utah.gov . We'll recognize the best. Be sure to include information on how to reach you.

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES

Utah Population

We have all heard that most of the people in Utah (80%) live on the Wasatch Front, but here is another way to look at it, which may help in the way you present data for grants. Utah is one of America's most rural states, with great expanses of sparsely populated territory, but Utah is also the eighth most urban state in the union. We indeed have diverse challenges.

Many of Utah's cities are snug up against each other, producing the same effect as one large city, but with varying city ordinances, regulations and leadership. The population of Utah's ten largest cities, according to July 1, 2007 US Census estimates is as follows:

1. Salt Lake City	180,651
2. West Valley City	122,374
3. Provo	117,592
4. West Jordan	102,445
5. Sandy	96,074
6. Orem	93,078
7. Ogden	82,702
8. St. George	71,161
9. Layton	64,311
10. Taylorsville	58,620

The total population for just these ten largest cities is 989,008, or 37% of Utah's population.

The U.S. Census estimate of total Utah population for 2007 is 2,645,330. Of this number, 2,107,134 Utahns live on the Wasatch Front.



CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

Research: Using Local Data to Explore the Experiences and Needs of Children of Incarcerated Parents

This study from the Urban Institute, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, analyzes multiple data sets to understand the impact of mothers' incarceration on children and their foster care outcomes.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411698_incarcerated_parents.pdf

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Urban Institute provides an annual analysis of trends in federal spending and tax expenditures on children's programs — such as food stamps, tax credits, and Head Start — and assesses the impact of future budget planning on children. This report is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, First Focus, and the New America Foundation.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411699_kids_share_08_report.pdf



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT / YOUTH, DRUGS, CRIME



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has funded a new study and publication: How to implement a Model to Get Youth Off Drugs and Out of Crime.

In addition to describing the Reclaiming Futures Model of substance abuse treatment for minors in the juvenile justice system, this publication is useful in program development in general, with a useful section (beginning on page 10) on **evaluation and using data** in decision making. Downloadable, for free.

<http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/reclaimingfuturesimplementmodel2008.pdf>

ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has funded a study on access to medical care by Americans, and concludes that it has deteriorated since 2003. The report is a wealth of statistics and current information, if you are engaged in health care, helping customers to find health care, or are writing a grant for health care services.

http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/3319.32191_trackingreport.pdf



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

NON-PROFIT ADMINISTRATION / ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Growing a Stronger Non-Profit is a new course designed to help mission-driven organizations get a handle on their business side, with topics like creating a Board, financial and administrative controls, partnering, and related topics.

It will be held **August 7, 2008** at the Salt Lake County Housing Authority in their lower level training room, 3595 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. The class runs from 8:30 to 4:30 with time off for a quick lunch. Contact Pauline Zvonkovic at 801-524-6076 with questions.

Pauline Zvonkovic is an excellent instructor, and the course is FREE of cost, but you **must pre-register. Do so soon, as space is limited.**

http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventid=1149

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

This FREE workshop will be most useful for organizations newly receiving HUD funding, and needing basic training or a review of the technical requirements for grants administration. It will be held August 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Provo Housing Authority, 650 West 100 North, Provo, Utah.

Topics will include Program & Budget Management, Program and Financial Monitoring, Compliances, Assurances and Ethics, Contracting and Procurement, and Insurance.

Registration is required—space is limited:

http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventID=1145

Further questions may be directed to Pauline Zvonkovic at 801-524-6076 or email at pauline.zvonkovic@hud.gov

LEADERSHIP / SUCCESSION PLANNING

This one-day workshop from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation will discuss and deliver practical solutions to everyday and occasional leadership challenges. Strategies will be presented for cultivating leadership both within and outside of your organization, for effective succession planning, for handling unplanned personnel departures, and for establishing more effective interactions between those in key leadership positions.

Sponsors include the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development, Zions Bank, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, NeighborWorks America, HUD, and the Utah Housing Coalition. It will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **August 27, 2008** at the main downtown office of Zions Bank, 18th floor, One South Main Street, Salt Lake City. The bank's phone number is 801-524-2330. Participants are encouraged to use public transportation to get to the event (UTA and TRAX) but there are parking garages and lots in the area. Parking at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building across the street is \$20 per day, or there is the Regent Street parking one block south for \$8 per day.

For More Information Contact:

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Rural Community Assistance Corporation

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Email: cbakerwo@rcac.org

Jan Bontrager

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Phone: 415-974-3370

Email: jan.bontrager@sf.frb.org

Registration is required, and space is limited, so register soon: online at

www.rcac.org/trainingandevents

or fax completed form (available online) to:

RCAC Attn: Mark Wiseman

Fax: 916.372.5636

Phone: 916.447.9832

GRANT WRITING CLASS

Utah Arts Council and Salt Lake Community College will jointly offer a practical course in grant writing, which offers a chance for guided practice (participants will be able to get help in class to write a grant application). Registration fee is \$300, but participants can get back part of their tuition for completing the course, and more if the grant they wrote in class is funded. New course schedules will be announced soon. Please see http://arts.utah.gov/services/workshops_training/training_programs/grant_writing.html or contact Anna Bouton at (801) 236-7546 or Tiffany Rousculp at SLCC Community Writing Center, Library Square, 210 East 400 South, Ste 8, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; Phone: (801) 957-4992 Web: www.slcc.edu/wc/community Email: cwc@slcc.edu

SAVE THE DATES

The Rocky Mountain Continuum of Care and HMIS Symposium, August 25-26, 2008, State Library Building, Salt Lake City <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>

The Face of Hunger in Utah conference, **September 29-30, 2008**



Working our way back

5th Annual Homeless Summit, October 14-15, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM / Pick up packets at 7:30 AM
Register online at:

http://community.utah.gov/housing_and_community_development/SCSO/index.html

Utah Council on Crime Prevention will hold the 11th Annual Power of Prevention conference, November 5 – 8.

