



Congressman John Yarmuth
FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT

April 2008

- **Susan Harwood Training Grant**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor

This grant will fund programs to train employees and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent safety and health hazards in their workplaces. The program emphasizes four areas: 1) Educating employees and employers in small businesses; 2) Training employees and employers about new OSHA standards; 3) Training at-risk employee and employer populations; and 4) Training employees and employers about high risk activities or hazards identified by OSHA through the Department of Labor's Strategic Plan, or as part of an OSHA special emphasis program.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations, state and local government supported institutions of higher education

Deadline: May 23, 2008

Award Amount: Total funding \$6,700,000

Contact: Cynthia Bencheck (847) 297-4810, bencheck.cindy@dol.gov; or Jim Barnes (847) 297-4810, barnes.jim@dol.gov

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

The Corporation for National and Community Service

These funds will be used to plan and carry out projects that bring Americans together to serve in their communities in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The purpose of these grants is to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Federal Holiday as a day of service in communities, to encourage those who serve on this holiday to make a long-term commitment to community service, and to bring people together to focus on service to others. Activities must include projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged youth and engage them in providing service to others.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments, independent school districts, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, public housing authorities, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: April 15, 2008

Award Amount: \$500,000 - \$300,000; 4 awards expected

Contact: Rochelle L. Barry, (404) 331-4646 ext. 2, MLKGrants@cns.gov

- **Learn and Serve America School-Based STEM**

The Corporation for National and Community Service

These funds will be used to provide financial resources, training, and other assistance to implement service-learning projects as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum in grades 6-12. The 2008 School-Based competition is intended to bring service-learning that addresses STEM objectives into high-poverty schools that have little service-learning history. Successful applicants will describe a program design that provides student participants with the opportunity to: Use the knowledge and skills of one or more STEM discipline(s) to identify and address community problems; collaborate with peers and community members to set and achieve goals; and develop skills and attitudes useful for the workplace and for participating in civic affairs.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Grantmaking Entities (GMEs), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: April 30, 2008

Award Amount: \$600,000 - \$800,000; 4 awards expected

Contact: Scott Richardson, (202) 606-7510, srichardson@cns.gov

- **Learn and Serve America 2008 Higher Education College Student Social Media Initiative**

The Corporation for National and Community Service

These funds will be used to support the facilitation of better engagement of college students in service through interactive social media. Successful applicants must demonstrate how their program design can significantly increase the number of college students volunteering.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: May 7, 2008

Award Amount: \$100,000 - \$750,000; 12 awards expected

Contact: Kirsten Breckinridge, (202) 606-7510, lsahighered@cns.gov

- **School Leadership Grant Program**

Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education

These fund will be used to assist high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train, and retain principals (including assistant principals) through such activities as: providing financial incentives to aspiring new principals; providing stipends to principals who

mentor new principals; carrying out professional development programs in instructional leadership and management; and providing incentives that are appropriate for teachers or individuals from other fields who want to become principals and that are effective in retaining new principals.

Eligible Applicants: High-need LEAs, consortia of high-need LEAs, or partnerships that consist of high-need LEAs, and nonprofit organizations (which may be a community- or faith-based organization), or institutions of higher education.

Deadline: May 2, 2008

Award Amount: Total funding \$14,300,000; 24 awards expected

Contact: Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4W210, Washington, DC 20202-5960; (202) 205-5009; SLP@ed.gov

- **Training and Information for Parents of Children With Disabilities**
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education

These funds will be used to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children. There are two competitions for this grant:

- Community Parent Resource Centers
- Technical Assistance for the Parent Centers

Eligible Applicants: Public and Private nonprofit organizations

Deadline: April 18, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$272,500

Contact: Lisa Gorove, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202; (202) 245-7357; Lisa.Gorove@ed.gov

- **Ngwang Choepel Fellows**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

These funds will be used to train and assist Tibetans living in Tibetan communities in China by providing professional experience and exposure to American society and culture through internships, workshops and other learning activities hosted by U.S. institutions. The experiences will also provide Americans the opportunity to learn about Tibetan culture and the social and economic challenges that Tibetans face today. Applicants may propose programming for Tibetans who travel to the United States and/or for Americans who travel to Tibet.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private non-profit organizations

Deadline: May 9, 2008

Award Amount: \$60,000 - \$162,250; 4 awards expected

Contact: Clint Wright, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Room 224, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; (202) 453-8164; WrightHC@state.gov

- **Faith and Community: A Dialogue**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

These funds will be used to develop and implement multi-phased exchanges that bring clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists from countries with significant Muslim populations to the United States to interact with their counterparts and support reciprocal visits by American clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists representing the diversity of the American population.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private non-profit organizations

Deadline: May 12, 2008

Award Amount: up to \$500,000; 6 awards expected

Contact: Thomas Johnston, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Room 216, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; (202) 453-8162; JohnstonTJ@state.gov

- **Youth Exchange and Study Abroad Program**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

This grant will fund exchange programs and relationship building between American high school students and those who have just graduated, and host communities in selected countries with significant Muslim populations. Through these cooperative agreements the Bureau will fund a pilot exchange program for recipients to recruit and select American students, and enroll them in secondary schools for an academic semester or year of study in a foreign country currently participating in the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program, incorporating themes for enhancement activities that promote respect for diversity, civil society, and mutual understanding.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state-controlled institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations

Deadline: May 15, 2008

Award Amount: \$100,000 - \$250,000; 4 awards expected

Contact: Kevin Baker (202) 453-8153 or Astrida Levensteins (202) 453-8149, Youth Programs Division, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Room 220, Washington, DC 20547

- **Challenge Grants**

National Endowment for the Humanities

This grant will fund long-term improvements in and support for humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Activities supported Challenge grants most

commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation, including ongoing humanities-related costs.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; federally recognized Native American tribal governments

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 420, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506; 202-606-8309; challenge@neh.gov

- **Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants**

National Endowment for the Arts

These funds will be used to support small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- 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.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$10,000

Contact: fasttrack@arts.gov, 202/682-5700

- **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth**

National Endowment for the Arts

This grant will fund projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. All projects must include: Experience - Students and their teachers will have the chance to experience exemplary works of art, in live form where possible; Study - Through the guidance of teachers, teaching artists, and cultural organizations, students will study works of art in order to understand the cultural and social context from which they come, and to appreciate the technical and/or aesthetic qualities of each work; Performance - Informed by their experience and study, students will create artwork; Assessment - Students will be assessed according to national or state arts education standards. Projects may be school-based or community-based.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: June 9, 2008

Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$100,000

Contact: Dance, music or opera: brandenburg@arts.gov or 202/682-5044; Literature, media arts, musical theater, theater: daughern@arts.gov or 202/682-5521

▪ **Abandoned Infants Assistance**

Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

These funds will be used to prevent the abandonment in hospitals of infants and young children, particularly those who have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug, those with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or those who have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need. The grant will provide comprehensive support services for families affected by substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS, including: (1) developing and implementing programs of comprehensive community-based support services for the target population; (2) evaluating the implementation and outcomes of these comprehensive support services; and (3) developing these programs as identifiable sites that other states/locales seeking to implement comprehensive support services for this population can look to for guidance, insight, and possible replication.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

Deadline: May 27, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$475,000, 9 awards expected

Contact: ACYF Operations Center, c/o The Dixon Group, Inc., ATTN: Children's Bureau, 118 Q ST., NE., Washington, DC 20002-2132; Patricia Campiglia – 866-796-1591, patricia.campiglia@acf.hhs.gov

▪ **Consequences of Global Change for Water Quality**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

This grant will fund research into the consequences of climate change for U.S. water quality to support human and aquatic life uses. The goal of this solicitation is to assemble modeling systems capable of capturing important linkages between regional climate drivers and terrestrial hydrologic systems, and apply these modeling systems to improve the overall understanding of the sensitivity of key water quality or aquatic ecosystem management targets to the types of climate changes anticipated over the next several decades. In addition to regular awards, this solicitation includes awards for applicants in the early stages of their careers.

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit institutions/organizations; private nonprofit institutions/organizations; public and private institutions of higher education and hospitals; state and local governments.

Deadline: May 8, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$800,000; 5 awards and 2 early career awards expected

Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Peer Review Division (8725F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; William Stelz – 202-343-9802, stelz.william@epa.gov

▪ **Strategies and Tools for Archives and Historical Publishing Projects**

National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will be used to promote the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage. Projects will develop new strategies and tools that can improve the preservation, public discovery, or use of historical records. Projects may also focus on techniques and tools that will improve the professional performance and effectiveness of those who work with such records, such as archivists, documentary editors, and records managers.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; individuals

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$150,000

Contact: National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 106, Washington, DC 20408-0001; David Davis, Grants Workflow and Information Coordinator – 202-357-5022, david.davis@nara.gov

▪ **Electronic Records Projects**

National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will support projects that will lead to sustainable electronic records archives that preserve digital records with enduring historical value. Projects will develop institutional capacity through program evaluation and planning, create institutional capacity with program start-up support, expand the scope of existing programs, or develop electronic records service providers that can offer reliable preservation services to archives. Categories include: Program Planning Projects; Program Start-Up Projects; Program Expansion Projects; and Service Providers Projects.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$50,000 – \$400,000

Contact: National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 106, Washington,

DC 20408-0001; David Davis, Grants Workflow and Information Coordinator – 202-357-5022, david.davis@nara.gov

- **Digitizing Historical Records**

National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will fund cost-effective methods to digitize nationally-significant historical record collections and make the digital versions freely available on the Internet. Project must make use of existing holdings of historical repositories and be made up of entire collections or series.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$150,000

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- **Professional Development Grants for Archives and Historical Publishing**

National Archives and Records Administration

These funds will be used to improve the training and education of professionals in the archival and historical publishing communities. Projects can be for professional education curriculum development, for basic and advanced institutes, or research seminars. Surveys, focus groups, and other activities to understand these professions and their educational and training needs are also eligible.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000

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