



Congressman John Yarmuth
FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT

May 2008

- **Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals Program**

Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

These funds will be used to create jobs to be filled by low-income individuals to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. Applicants provide technical and/or financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for individuals receiving TANF and other low-income individuals. In order to create these sustainable employment and other opportunities, funded projects should focus on one of the following three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: 11 awards of up to \$475,000

Contact: Rafael J. Elizalde, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, OCS Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209; 800-281-9519; ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov

- **Help America Vote Act Training and Technical Assistance to Assist Protection and Advocacy Systems to Establish or Improve Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

These funds will be used to provide training and technical assistance to protection and advocacy systems in their promotion of full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities; and demonstrating and evaluating the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: 4 awards of \$91,980 to \$367,920

Contact: Melvenia Wright, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447; 202-690-5557; melvenia.wright@acf.hhs.gov

- **Community Economic Development Program Operational Projects**
Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

This grant will fund Community Development Corporations that are experienced in implementing economic development projects for the purpose of job creation and business projects for low-income individuals, as a strategy to address broader objectives such as reducing financial dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in both urban and rural areas.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations

Deadline: June 25, 2007

Award Amount: 45 awards of up to \$700,000

Contact: Rafael J. Elizalde, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209; 1-800-281-9519; OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov

- **Family Support 360 for Military Families**
Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

This grant will fund programs to enhance the capabilities of families in assisting children with developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential; support the increasing ability of children with developmental disabilities to exercise greater choice and self-determination and to engage in leadership activities in their communities; and ensure the protection of children with developmental disabilities' legal and human rights. Successful applicants will plan and implement Family Support 360 Centers for military families of children with developmental disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: State, county or city governments, independent school districts, public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, public housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, small businesses

Deadline: June 24, 2008

Award Amount: 3 awards of \$200,000

Contact: Ophelia McLain, Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Developmental

Disabilities, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Washington, DC 20447; 202-690-7025;
ophelia.mclain@acf.hhs.gov

- **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

- **Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program**

Department of Education

These funds will be used to carry out a coordinated program of scientifically based research, demonstration projects, innovative strategies, and similar activities designed to build and enhance the ability of elementary and secondary schools nationwide to meet the special educational needs of gifted and talented students.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations, independent school districts, small businesses, public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, state educational agencies, local educational agencies

Deadline: June 5, 2008

Award Amount: 6 awards, total funding \$2,646,000

Contact: Teresa Cahalan, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5W218, Washington, DC 20202-8343; (202) 401-3947; jacobk.javits@ed.gov

- **Arts Exchanges on International Issues**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

This grant will fund programs that utilize the arts to engage civil society - particularly youth, diverse and underserved populations - and that foster linkages and build partnerships between U.S. and overseas non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and local communities. These international arts exchange projects will encourage democracy building by demonstrating opportunities for freedom of thought and expression and by underscoring the importance of empowerment in an open society. Proposed projects should transform institutional and individual understanding of key international, arts and/or cultural issues, foster dialogue, develop professional expertise and develop leadership capacity.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations

Deadline: May 22, 2008

Award Amount: 4 awards of \$200,000 to \$600,000

Contact: Evangeline Montgomery, Program Officer, Cultural Programs Division, Room 568, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20547; (202)203-7520; montgomeryEJ@state.gov

- **Youth Exchange and Study Program**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

This grant will support exchanges and relationship building between high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations and people of the United States. Successful applications will include proposals to recruit and select students and to carry out projects for an academic year or semester of study in the United States, incorporating themes promoting civil society, leadership, and mutual understanding.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations

Deadline: May 29, 2008

Award Amount: 7 awards of \$150,000 to \$9,000,000

Contact: Kevin Baker, Program Officer, Room 220, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20547; 202-453-8153; BakerKM1@state.gov

- **Timor Leste and South Pacific Scholarship Programs**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

These funds will be used to organize and carry out academic exchange program activities for students from Timor Leste and/or the sovereign island nations of the South Pacific. The recipient will be responsible for all aspects of the programs, including: publicity and recruitment of applicants; merit-based competitive selection; placement of students at an accredited U.S. academic institution; student travel to the U.S.; orientation; up to four years of U.S. degree study at the bachelor's or two years at the master's level; enrichment

programming; advising, monitoring and support; pre-return activities; evaluation; and follow-up with program alumni.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations

Deadline: May 28, 2008

Award Amount: 2 awards of \$440,000

Contact: Victoria Augustine, Program Officer, East Asia and Pacific Programs Branch, Room 208, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20547; (202) 453-8102; augustinevr@state.gov

- **Junior Faculty Development Program**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State

These funds will be used to place visiting faculty in the early stages of their careers from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan at U.S. universities for a one academic semester (five months) program. The recipient organization for this program will also support and oversee the activities of the fellows throughout their stay in the United States. In addition, the recipient organization will recruit and select candidates.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations

Deadline: May 30, 2008

Award Amount: 1 award of \$1,450,000

Contact: Carolina Chavez, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Room 246, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547; 202-453-8524; chavezcc@state.gov

- **Hazardous Materials Instructor Training Grants Program**

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation

These funds will be used to train hazmat instructors who will then train hazmat employees in the proper handling of hazardous materials. Properly planned and maintained training programs are essential to ensuring that hazmat employees receive an initial and continuing understanding of the risks involved in transporting hazardous materials, the relevant requirements that have to be met, and the need for performing their duties in a way that will ensure their safety and the safety of others. Successful applicants will demonstrate expertise in conducting a training program for hazmat employees and the ability to reach a target population of hazmat employees.

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit hazardous materials employee organizations, including labor unions, associations, groups, or similar organizations the members of which are

hazardous materials employees and the stated purpose of which is to represent hazmat employees.

Deadline: July 1, 2008

Award Amount: \$250,000 - \$500,000

Contact: Charles G. Rogoff, HMIT Grants Manager; Office of Hazardous Materials Planning and Analysis; Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; U.S. Department of Transportation; Room E23-301; East Building 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-0001; Charles.Rogoff@dot.gov

- **Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Grants**
Office of Apprenticeship and the Women's Bureau, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

These funds will be used to assist employers and labor unions in the placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. The grant will fund innovative projects to improve the recruitment, selection, training, employment, and retention of women in apprenticeships in the construction industry.

Eligible Applicants: Community-based organization (CBO)/registered apprenticeship program (RAP) consortia, meaning a group consisting of a minimum of: (1) a construction industry RAP sponsor; and (2) a CBO (which may be faith-based) with demonstrated experience in providing job training services (soft skills and some hard skills), placement and support services to women for construction industry jobs.

Deadline: June 6, 2008

Award Amount: 3 awards of \$300,000

Contact: James Stockton, Grant Officer of the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room N-4716, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693-3335; Stockton.James@dol.gov

- **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

▪ **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

▪ **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

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- **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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