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2010 CAPCOG GRANT ALERT – STATE/FEDERAL GRANTS

Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Launches Web-Based Grant Application Toolkit

ETA has launched a [Web-based toolkit on applying for competitive grants](#). The toolkit is an online suite of resources designed to help prospective grant applicants – in particular, smaller entities such as community-based and faith-based groups, as well as organizations that have not previously applied for Federal funding – understand the process for applying for ETA competitive grants and develop high-quality grant applications. The toolkit currently houses the following resources for prospective applicants:

- [Grant Applications 101: A Plain English Guide to ETA Competitive Grants](#): An interactive, self-paced Web guide on ETA’s grant-making process, designed specifically for small community organizations and first-time applicants for ETA funding. The guide addresses ETA’s grant application solicitation and evaluation processes and offers “how-to” guidance on crafting grant applications.
- [Annotated Sample Solicitation for Grant Applications \(SGA\) Tool](#): An annotated version of an SGA that ETA published in 2009. Annotations throughout the document provide readers with information and resources related to general requirements and specific sections of an ETA SGA. The annotations highlight areas of SGAs that can be particularly challenging for first-time applicants, and offer information to support applicants in developing their grant applications. The annotated SGA is available in an interactive format for screen viewing, and in a printer-friendly format.
- [Catalogue of Grant Application Resources](#): A compilation of resources that may help organizations develop their competitive grant applications. The catalogue includes Web-based grant application resources offered by ETA and other entities, as well as sample grant application development documents that organizations can download and customize for their own use.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Announces the Launch of Grants 101

OJP Grants 101 provides an overview of OJP grants and funding opportunities and describes the entire grant process from choosing what type of grant is right for your organization to how a grant is awarded.

Through OJP Grants 101 you will learn-

- How to find grants <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/findfunding.htm>
- What you need to know before getting started <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/findfunding.htm>
- The grant life cycle <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/lifeofgrant.htm>
- Grant writing tips http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/overview_wtp.htm
- The peer review process <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/applicationreview.htm>
- The award process <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/award.htm>

TCEQ Offering Funding To Retrofit School Buses

Deadline: April 30

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is accepting applications for Recovery Act funding to retrofit older school buses to reduce air emissions. The \$1.7 million is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Texas Clean School Bus program provides reimbursement to Texas school districts that install pollution-control devices on diesel school buses. Public school districts and charter schools in air quality nonattainment and near nonattainment areas in Texas that operate one or more diesel-powered school buses, as well as transportation systems provided by countywide districts, are eligible to be reimbursed for costs of approved retrofits.

DOJ National Training and Technical Assistance Support to the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program

Deadline: April 22, 2010

This program provides support for a training and technical assistance provider to coordinate the National G.R.E.A.T. Program activities and meet the needs of G.R.E.A.T. constituents.

Rural Assistance Center for ORHP Cooperative Agreement

Deadline: May 6, 2010

Funding for a cooperative agreement to support a Rural Assistance Center (RAC), a gateway to information on rural health and social services for residents in rural areas of the United States and for all others interested in these issues.

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Targeted Areas of Need - Technology Assisted Care

Deadline: April 27, 2010

Grants to enhance and/or expand the capacity of substance abuse treatment providers to serve clients who have been underserved.

2010 Stand Down Grant Award

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) continues to support local Stand Down events that assist homeless veterans. A Stand Down is an event held in a local community where homeless veterans are provided with a wide variety of social services including employment assistance. Eligible applicants will generally fall into one of the following categories: State and local Workforce Boards, Veteran Service Organizations, local public agencies, and non-profit organizations including community and faith-based organizations. Organizations registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (4) organizations are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

USDA Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Funding to construct, enlarge, or improve essential community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.

[NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants](#)

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education.

[Community-Based Job Training Grants](#)

Deadline: April 29, 2010

Grants to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges.

[Rural Health Workforce Development Program](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Grants to support the development of rural health networks that focus on activities relating to the recruitment and retention of primary and allied health care providers in rural communities.

[North American Wetlands Conservation Act: U.S. Standard Grants Program](#)

Deadline: July 30, 2010

This program provides support to public-private partnerships carrying out projects that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats.

[OJJDP FY 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative](#)

Deadline: April 27, 2010

Department of Justice (DOJ) announces funds to support mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating juvenile offenders into their communities. The grants will be used to mentor juvenile offenders during confinement, through transition back to the community, and post-release; to provide transitional services to assist them in their reintegration into the community; and to support training in offender and victims issues. **Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, private institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. **Funds:** Awards range up to \$625,000. A match is required.

[OVW FY 2010 Services to Advocate For and Respond to Youth Program](#)

Deadline: April 22, 2010

Department of Justice (DOJ) announces funds to support programs serving youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations. **Pre-Concept Paper Conference Calls:** April 6 and April 8, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Funds:** \$4,789,000 is available to fund 50 awards, ranging up to \$300,000.

[Special Improvement Project \(SIP\)](#)

Deadline: May 17, 2010

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces funds to demonstrate strategies which 1) educate and involve both parents in child support enforcement (CSE) processes and 2) coordinate referral of both parents to needed non-CSE services (such as workforce development and employment). **Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, small businesses and community-based organizations. **Funds:** \$400,000 is available to fund 4 awards, ranging up to \$100,000.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

Brookdale Foundation Seeks Proposals for Alzheimer's Disease Group Respite Program

Deadline: July 1, 2010

Two-year grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded to nonprofits working to develop new dementia-specific social model programs that will provide respite to patients, support to caregivers, and help those affected remain in their communities.

Health Care Disparities Grant Program

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Grants to improve the quality of health care delivered to low-income and minority Americans, and to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities.

Academy of General Dentistry Foundation Grants

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Grants to programs that improve the oral health of the public and promote the professional development of the general dentist.

Libri Foundation Grants

Deadline: The Foundation offers grants three times a year. Deadlines for 2010 are: (postmarked by) January 15th, April 15th, and August 15th

The Libri Foundation donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. At least 14 Texas libraries were grant recipients in 2009, and over 275 libraries nationwide received Libri Foundation grants last year. Please review the guidelines carefully as the Foundation has specific requirements regarding library service area and operating budget. The application can be downloaded from the website and submitted online or by mail.

Build-A-Bear Workshop Grants for Literacy

Deadline: on a rolling basis

Grants provide support for children's summer reading programs, early childhood education programs and literacy programs for children with special needs. Averaging \$1,500 per grant, the grants are targeted to 501(c)(3) organizations and colleges or universities with a Build-A-Bear Workshop store nearby, and will support one-time purchases to fulfill a short-term need, such as the purchase of materials or books, or start-up or operational costs for ongoing programs.

Improving Literacy through School Libraries Grants

Deadline: April 20, 2010

The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education of the U.S. Dept. of Education has issued guidelines for the Improving Literacy through School Libraries program, which anticipates providing approximately 53 grants of \$100,000-\$600,000 to local educational agencies (LEAs) where at least 20% of the students are from families living below the poverty line. Per the guidance, the purpose of the program is to improve school reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials;

well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

[Early Childhood Reading Grants](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Grants for programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children (pre-K-3) to read together with their families.

[UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation Medical Assistance Grants](#)

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation is offering support to meet the needs of children across the United States with assistance grants for medical services not fully covered by health insurance. Parents and caretakers across the country will be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for healthcare services that will help improve their children's health and quality of life. Examples of the types of medical services covered by UHCCF grants include speech therapy, physical therapy, and psychotherapy sessions; medical equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids, and eyeglasses; and orthodontia and dental treatments. Eligibility Any child, 16 years old or younger living in any UnitedHealthcare region of the United States in need of financial assistance for health care services will be considered eligible for a grant. The applicant must be covered by a commercial health insurance policy and limits for the requested service are either exceeded, or no coverage is available and/or the copayments are a serious financial burden on the family. Health insurance sponsored by the Federal government (e.g. Medicaid, etc.) does not qualify as a commercial health insurance company.

[CIGNA Foundation Grants](#)

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Funding for programs that enhance the health of individuals and families and the well-being of communities. The CIGNA Foundation defines its activities in terms of four primary impact areas. Potential grantees will be expected to demonstrate how their activities positively impact one of these areas.

- **Promoting Wellness:** Building awareness, helping people manage their health challenges and making health services available and affordable for all.
- **Expanding Opportunities:** Reaching across barriers – be they based on gender, ethnicity or physical condition – to tap the talents of every person.
- **Developing Leaders:** Supporting the type of community service that gives talented individuals the experience to become future leaders.
- **Embracing Communities:** Connecting neighbors to create networks that will address the complex social and environmental challenges we all face.

Eligibility: Please note that while there are no geographic restrictions, preference is given to those locations where CIGNA has a significant presence. All organizations requesting funding must be current 501(c) (3) public charities.

[Support for Programs Addressing Agricultural Issues](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2010

The mission of Farm Foundation is to work as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster a deeper understanding of issues shaping the future for agriculture, food systems, and rural regions throughout the U.S. The Foundation provides small grants of up to \$10,000 that address one of

the Foundation's six program areas: Energy and Agriculture; Food, Agricultural, and Trade Policy; Agricultural and Food System Productivity, Research, and Technology; Agriculture in the Environment; Food Quality, Safety, and Consumer Perceptions; and Viability of Rural Regions. Grants should develop, disseminate, and/or publicly present educational materials or scientific research findings which contribute to informed discussions and foster debate. Examples of potential grant activities include workshops or conferences, support of professional meetings, and objective education work centered on relevant public policy issues.

[Travel Opportunity for Secondary Teachers](#)

Deadline: May 26, 2010

The Toyota International Teacher Program is offering U.S. secondary school educators a unique opportunity to travel to the Galapagos Islands from November 20 through December 4, 2010. The program aims to advance environmental stewardship and global connectedness in U.S. schools and communities through creative, interdisciplinary, and solution-based teaching methods. Full-time grade 6-12 teachers and teacher librarians in the U.S. who have at least three years of teaching experience are encouraged to apply. While in the country, participants will meet with biologists and conservationists, explore the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands, and work on interdisciplinary lesson plans together with educators from the Galapagos Islands.

[National Wildlife Refuge Projects Funded](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2010

The National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, provides seed grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 to innovative proposals that seek to increase the number and effectiveness of organizations interested in assisting the [Refuge System](#) nationwide. The goals of the program are to help Refuge Friends organizations gain experience in developing projects, expand and increase their capacity and skills, meet local refuge challenges, gain community recognition and support for the refuge, and build long-term relationships.

[National Science Foundation: Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#)

Letter of inquiry deadline: April 22, 2010

This program provides support to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels for the high-technology fields that drive the nation's economy, with emphasis on two-year colleges.