National Grant Opportunities for November 2014

Community Needs Worldwide Addressed

The Coca-Cola Foundation

The Coca-Cola Company and its global philanthropic arm, The Coca-Cola Foundation, partner with nonprofit organizations worldwide that address community needs and priorities in a meaningful way. Support is provided for programs that focus on one of the following four categories: Water Stewardship promotes access to clean water and sanitation, watershed protection in water-stressed regions, utilization of water, and water conservation. Healthy and Active Lifestyles supports physical activity and nutritional education programs, programs that motivate behavior modification, and programs that encourage lifestyle and behavioral changes. Community Recycling addresses litter abatement efforts, recovery and reuse, community recycling awareness, and research and innovation. Education focuses on scholarships, school dropout prevention, access to education programs, and other education initiatives. Online applications for grants or sponsorships may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the company’s website to review the community request guidelines and application procedures.

Grants Promote Social Justice Organizing

Resist

Resist offers support to grassroots groups engaged in activist organizing for economic, social, and environmental justice in the United States. General support grants of up to $4,000 are provided to small budget groups who struggle towards a broad vision of social justice, while opposing political and institutional oppression. Resist’s interests include community organizing and anti-racism projects, economic justice, environmental protection, LGBTQ rights, disability issues, labor organizing, and Native American organizing, among others. Requests are reviewed six times per year; the upcoming deadline is December 2, 2014. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Resist website.

Children’s Theatre Initiatives Supported

Children’s Theatre Foundation of America: Aurand Harris Grants and Fellowship Fund

The Children’s Theatre Foundation of America’s grantmaking focus is on theatre for children and youth, the utilization of drama or theatre in education for children grades K-12, and development opportunities for theatre artists working in the area of children’s theatre in the United States. The Foundation’s Aurand Harris Grants and Fellowship Fund supports small and mid-sized nonprofit theatres for premieres of promising new plays for children and youth; the establishment of special production
programs of children's theatre such as a touring program, a children's theatre playwriting program, or a production related symposium for a new work; assistance in securing scripts, supplies, and equipment for the production of premieres of promising new plays for young audiences; and performance expenses of U.S. children's theatres to send new plays to regional, national, or international festivals or conventions. Professional theatre artists working in theatre for young audiences may also apply for support in the development of their artistic excellence. Grants range from $1,000 to $5,000. The deadline for the Request to Submit applications is January 15, 2015. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the Aurand Harris Grants Program.

Funds for Libraries in Rural Texas
Tocker Foundation: Library Grants
The Tocker Foundation is dedicated to the support of rural libraries in Texas. The Foundation’s Library Grants focus on extending public library services to individuals who, by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level, or other disadvantage, are unable to receive the benefits of public library services. The Foundation provides grants to libraries that serve as community information referral centers as well as those that provide literacy programs for adults and school dropouts in cooperation with other organizations. An additional focus is on libraries that wish to extend access through the effective use of technology and the preservation of history through digitization. Public libraries in Texas serving populations of 12,000 or less are eligible to apply. The upcoming application deadline is January 15, 2015. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the Library Grants program.

Grants Protect the Western U.S. Coastline
Coastal CODE Fund
The Coastal CODE (Clean Oceans Depend on Everyone) Fund, developed in partnership with the Ocean Foundation, supports nonprofit organizations that are working to protect the western waters and coastline of the United States. Grants are primarily provided for projects that promote beach, lake, or waterway cleanup activities; water habitat restoration; and ocean and coastal preservation. The maximum grant amount is $10,000. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the next application deadline is December 1, 2014. Visit the Fund’s website to review the grant guidelines and to download the application form.

Support for Breast Cancer Education and Treatment Programs in Minnesota
Susan G. Komen Minnesota: Community Grants
Susan G. Komen Minnesota is dedicated to bettering the lives of those facing breast cancer throughout the state. The Community Grants program provides support for innovative programs in the areas of breast health and breast cancer education, screening, diagnosis, treatment support, survivorship, and healthcare delivery/systems change, especially among those who are disproportionately affected by this disease. Grants of up to $75,000 are available. (Requests for the purchase of breast cancer screening or diagnostic equipment may not exceed $5,000.) Nonprofit organizations, including educational institutions, government agencies, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply. Applying organizations must provide services in the state of Minnesota. The application deadline is January 9, 2015. Visit Komen Minnesota’s website to download the Request for Applications and submit an online application.

Youth Education Initiatives in the Washington, DC, Area Funded
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: Good Neighbor Grants Program
The Good Neighbor Grants Program, an initiative of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, seeks to identify and strengthen ties with youth-serving nonprofit organizations in the metropolitan Washington, DC, region, including the surrounding areas in Maryland and northern Virginia, that are helping students with significant financial need reach their full potential through education.
Applying organizations should focus on K-12 education, college access and completion, or visual and performing arts education. Examples of eligible programs include after-school academic enrichment opportunities, college access advising programs, arts programs, service learning, college STEM recruitment strategies, innovative programs that bridge education and technology, and internship programs. One-time grants of between $10,000 and $35,000 will be provided. The application deadline is January 8, 2015. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the Request for Proposals for the Good Neighbor Grants Program.

Environmental Education Programs Supported

Department of Commerce

The Chesapeake Bay-Watershed Education and Training Program supports K-12 environmental education programs that provide students with meaningful watershed educational experiences related to the Chesapeake Bay. Funding focuses on existing environmental education programs, new programs, and capacity building and partnership development for environmental education programs throughout the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed. The application deadline is January 14, 2015.

Funds Available for Battlefield Preservation

National Park Service

The American Battlefield Protection Program’s Battlefield Planning Grants provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land or historic sites associated with battlefields. The application deadline is January 15, 2015, for applications submitted online, hand delivered, or sent by commercial express delivery service. The postmark deadline is January 2, 2015, for applications submitted by regular mail.

National Healthcare Initiatives Funded

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is to improve the health and healthcare of all Americans. The Foundation works with a diverse group of dedicated people and organizations to address problems at their roots and to help make a difference on the widest scale, particularly for the most vulnerable among us. Grants are awarded for projects in the United States and U.S. territories through Calls for Proposals that target specific health issues. In addition, grants are provided in response to unsolicited proposals that explore the potential of cutting-edge ideas and trends to transform health and healthcare and advance a national culture of health. Unsolicited proposals are reviewed throughout the year; Calls for Proposals have specific deadlines. Visit the Foundation’s website for a list of current Calls for Proposals and detailed information on submitting unsolicited proposals.

Community Health Coalitions in New Jersey Supported

New Jersey Health Initiatives: Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action

The New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, supports innovative approaches to resolve health and healthcare needs in New Jersey. The NJHI Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey – Communities Moving to Action initiative is intended to help communities across New Jersey to make sustainable systems changes and policy-
oriented solutions for healthier living. NJHI will support up to ten existing multi-sector, community-focused coalitions to participate in this four-year initiative. In year one of the initiative, teams from each of the ten coalitions selected will participate in the Boundary Spanning Leadership Institute. Grant funds of up to $50,000 will be provided for expenses associated with the coalitions’ participation in the Institute, as well as activities to support the coalitions as they develop their Blueprints for Action. Examples of eligible applicants include health and human service agencies, educational institutions, hospital systems, faith-based organizations, local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is January 15, 2015. Visit the NJHI website to download the call for proposals.

**Alaska Native Sustainability Programs Funded**

**Alaska Conservation Foundation: Alaska Native Fund**

The purpose of the Alaska Native Fund, a program of the Alaska Conservation Foundation (ACF), is to advance Alaska Native priorities for protecting their land and sustaining their ways of life. The Fund’s grantmaking priorities include the following: Climate Change, Food Security, Sustainable Economies, Energy, and Holistic Wellness. Alaska Native organizations and individuals that address one of these issues are eligible to apply. Grants range up to $20,000 for organizations and up to $10,000 for individuals. (The Fund will also provide grants of up to $5,000 for applicants implementing Youth Organizing strategies.) Letters of inquiry are due December 1, 2014; full proposals must be submitted by March 1, 2015. Visit ACF’s website to learn more about the Fund’s application guidelines.

**Grants Promote Diverse Audiences for California Arts Organizations**

**James Irvine Foundation: Exploring Engagement Fund**

The mission of the James Irvine Foundation is to expand opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful, and inclusive society. The Exploring Engagement Fund, an initiative of the Foundation’s Arts Program, supports nonprofit organizations that are hungry to experiment and discover ways to engage Californians typically underserved by arts organizations. The Fund provides risk capital for organizations with innovative ideas about how to involve new and diverse participants, including people in low-income groups and communities of color. The Fund is open to arts nonprofits throughout California, with preference given to those in the San Joaquin Valley, and Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Applying organizations should have an annual operating budget of at least $100,000. Grants of up to $250,000 per year over two years are offered. Initial applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 28, 2015. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the Exploring Engagement Fund’s guidelines.

**Maryland Environmental Policy Initiatives Supported**

**Town Creek Foundation**

The Town Creek Foundation’s mission is to provide resources to help catalyze, support, and accelerate progressive changes in environmental policy and practice within the state of Maryland. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that address one of the following programs: The Chesapeake Bay program focuses on ensuring that state and local leaders have the support necessary for developing, implementing, and sustaining robust Bay pollution reduction strategies. The Climate Change program works to identify and pursue necessary new laws, policies, and regulations, and to promote strong leadership and bold strategies from office holders, advocates, and citizens. The Sustainability program promotes public dialogue about the systemic challenges that the state faces, and helps leaders better understand and pursue the transformational opportunities facing Maryland in the
21st century. The Foundation reviews letters of inquiry twice each year; the upcoming deadline is November 14, 2014. Guidelines for developing online letters of inquiry are available on the Foundation’s website.

**Funding Available for Youth Prescription Drug Abuse Studies**

*Department of Health and Human Services*

The Interventions for Youth Who Misuse/Abuse Prescription Stimulant Medications in High School and/or College-Attending Youth program is seeking to fund studies to develop and test interventions of high school and college-attending youth who are at risk for prescription stimulant misuse. Optional letters of intent are due October 13, 2014. The application deadline is November 13, 2014.

**Support for Services for the Needy in South Carolina**

*Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina: Caritas Grants*

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina works continually to address the needs of the poor and underserved in South Carolina. The Foundation’s Caritas Grants provide support to nonprofit organizations and faith-based agencies based in South Carolina that provide outreach services in order to meet the basic needs of the poor, including food, clothing, shelter, and free health programs. These awards of up to $5,000 are designed for organizations with annual budgets of less than $600,000 that are dealing with situational poverty or crisis poverty. The final Caritas Grants application deadline for 2014 is October 7th. Visit the Sisters of Charity Foundation’s website to review the application guidelines.

**Funding Available to Develop Digital Literacy Skills**

*National Archives and Records Administration*

The Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records program provides support to explore ways to improve digital literacy and encourage citizen engagement with historical records. The program supports projects that will result in archives reaching audiences through digital literacy programs and workshops, new tools and applications, and citizen engagement in archival processes. Optional draft applications are due October 1, 2014. The application deadline is December 4, 2014.

**International Travel Subsidies for U.S. Arts Presenters**

*Association of Performing Arts Presenters: Cultural Exchange Fund*

The Cultural Exchange Fund, an initiative of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, is a travel subsidy program that assists U.S.-based presenters in building partnerships with international touring artists, companies, and their collaborators. The focus of the program is on increasing presenters’ knowledge of international performing artists based outside the U.S. and the cultural context for these artists’ work. In promoting cross-cultural arts programming, travel to the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and Africa is strongly encouraged. The maximum amount awarded per individual organization or artist is $2,000. Group travel subsidies of three or more presenters are also available, with a maximum award of $10,000. All applicants must be members of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters. The Round Three deadline has been extended to September 30, 2014. Applications must be submitted online through the Association of Performing Arts Presenters website.

**Support Available for Historical Documentaries**

*National Archives and Records Administration*

The Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions program supports projects that promote access to America’s
historical records, which tell the American story by encouraging understanding of our democracy, history, and culture. Optional draft applications are due October 1, 2014. The application deadline is December 4, 2014.

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