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## **National Grant Opportunities for January 2015**

### **After-School Arts Programs Honored Nationwide**

#### **National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards**

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, sponsored by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, recognize excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. These programs offer high-quality and intensive instruction on weekends, afternoons, and summer vacations, providing a safe and productive space for young people in the hours when they are often the most vulnerable. Twelve winners will receive a \$10,000 award and an invitation to accept their award at a White House ceremony. Programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, schools and universities, arts centers, community service organizations, and government agencies are encouraged to apply. Eligible programs must have been in operation for a minimum of five years. The 2015 application deadline is February 2nd. Visit the program's website to submit an online application.

### **Support for Community Partnerships to Conserve Natural Resources**

#### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program**

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations. Support is provided to local partnerships throughout the United States for wetland, riparian, forest, and coastal habitat restoration; urban wildlife conservation; and stormwater management. (Grants for this program are available nationwide, but additional funding is available for specific geographic priorities.) Funded projects should focus on water quality, watersheds, and the habitats they support. Partnerships should include at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success. Matching grants will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with an average of \$30,000. The application deadline is February 3, 2015. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website to review the Request for Proposals.

### **Projects Serving People with SCI/D Funded in the U.S. and Canada**

#### **Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America is dedicated to veterans service, medical research, and civil rights for people with disabilities. The Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation supports educational projects that serve individuals with

spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D), as well as their families and caregivers. The Foundation's five grantmaking categories include the following: Consumer, Caregiver, and Community Education; Professional Development and Education; Research Utilization and Dissemination; Assistive Technology; and Conferences and Symposia. Members of academic institutions, healthcare providers and organizations, and consumer advocates and organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada are eligible to apply. The application deadline is February 1, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application.

## **Grants Promote Shakespeare Performances in Middle and High Schools**

### **Shakespeare in American Communities**

Shakespeare in American Communities, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, aims to reach middle and high school students in underserved schools throughout the United States with high quality, professional productions of Shakespeare's plays. This program supports Shakespeare productions of artistic excellence and merit that give students exposure to a live performance. These performances may be held in the theater company's facility, a school, or a community venue, but must be conducted in partnership with schools or school districts. Matching grants of \$25,000 will be awarded to up to 40 theater companies to support performances and related educational activities for middle and high school students from a minimum of ten schools. Optional intent to apply emails will be accepted through January 28, 2015; the application deadline is February 25, 2015. Visit the Shakespeare in American Communities website to review the Request for Proposals.

## **Local Organizations in Bank Communities Supported**

### **Bank of America Charitable Foundation**

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation works to create economically vibrant communities that are better places in which to live and do business. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations that serve specific [metropolitan areas](#) in the states of Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington, as well as organizations that serve Washington, DC. In 2015, the Foundation will issue three requests for proposals that address the following focus areas: Jobs: Workforce Development and Education applications will be accepted from January 20 through February 13, 2015. Housing: Community Development applications will be accepted from April 20 through May 8, 2015. Hunger: Basic Human Services applications will be accepted from July 20 through August 7, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding priorities and application procedure.

## **Funds for Programs Assisting Youth in Maryland and Washington, DC**

### **Commonweal Foundation: Community Assistance Program**

The Commonweal Foundation is dedicated to supporting educational programs assisting disadvantaged children and youth in Montgomery and Prince George's counties and Baltimore City in Maryland and Washington, DC. The Foundation's Community Assistance Program provides grants of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations that provide children and youth residing in low-income communities with quality out-of-school-time programs. Priority is given to comprehensive, year-long programs that demonstrate continuity in the way they provide services to underserved youth as well as programs that provide unique services for particularly vulnerable children and youth in the poorest neighborhoods where few, if any, other similar programs exist. The upcoming application deadline is February 2, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website in mid-January to access the online application.

## **Grants Address Social Justice Issues in Minnesota**

### **Headwaters Foundation for Justice: Social Change Fund**

The Headwaters Foundation for Justice supports grassroots communities in Minnesota that are addressing the root causes of injustice. The Foundation's Social Change Fund supports nonprofit organizations throughout Minnesota that are committed to the inclusive advancement of disenfranchised constituencies, including low-income people, women, people of color, LGBT, people with disabilities, immigrants, etc. The Fund's current areas of interest include racial, economic, environmental, and social justice. Planning grants of up to \$5,000 and implementation grants of up to \$10,000 are available. The application deadline is February 2, 2015. Visit the Headwaters Foundation for Justice website to learn more about the Social Change Fund.

## **Support for Senior Programs in Seven States**

### **Retirement Research Foundation: Responsive Grants Program**

The Retirement Research Foundation is committed to supporting programs that improve the quality of life for older Americans. Through the Responsive Grants Program, the Foundation awards Direct Service grants to nonprofit organizations located in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, or Wisconsin. The focus is on community programs designed to maintain older persons in their homes, supportive services to older persons in residential settings, improving the quality of nursing home care, acute- and long-term care for older persons with chronic conditions, and opportunities for older adults to engage in meaningful roles in society such as employment and volunteerism. Grants are provided for developing, testing, and implementing direct service programs or expanding existing programs. The proposal deadlines are February 1, May 1, and August 1, annually. Visit the Foundation's Responsive Grants webpage and select "Direct Service" to learn more about the funding guidelines and application procedure.

## **Mobile Health Technology Studies Funded**

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

The Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low and Middle Income Countries program is funding research for the use of mobile technology to improve clinical outcomes and public health. The program encourages exploratory/developmental research applications that propose to study the development or adaptation of innovative mobile health technology specifically suited for low and middle income countries and the health-related outcomes associated with implementation of the technology. The deadline for optional letters of intent is January 19, 2015, and the application deadline is February 19, 2015.

## **Support for Youth Summer Exchange Programs**

### **Department of State**

The Jovenes en Accion (Youth in Action) Program provides funding for four-week summer exchange programs in the United States for Mexican high school students, focusing on civic education, community service, and youth leadership development. The program also supports the implementation of service projects in the students' home communities. The application deadline is January 16, 2015.

## **Support for Creative Climate Change Initiatives**

### **Robert Rauschenberg Foundation: Climate Change Solutions Fund**

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation fosters the legacy of the artist's life, work, and philosophy that art can change the world. The Foundation's Climate Change Solutions Fund supports nonprofit organizations tackling the root causes of global warming in ways that both engage a broad public and recognize the catalytic roles culture and creativity can play in these endeavors. The purpose of the grant is to provide resources for organizations working to either mitigate the causes of climate change or adapt to the new physical and social environments it generates. Specifically, the Foundation is interested in mitigation and adaptation projects that combine climate-related work with civic engagement and culture. Applicants may request grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000 over one or two years. Initial letters of interest must be submitted by December 22, 2014. Full proposals are due March 5, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Climate Change Solutions Fund grant guidelines and online application instructions.

## **Programs Addressing Health Challenges Funded**

### **The Cigna Foundation: World of Difference Grants**

The Cigna Foundation, through its World of Difference Grants, provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the country, with preference given to communities where Cigna has a significant presence. World of Difference Grants focus on the following health areas: children's wellness, women's health, senior care, and health equity. The Foundation is interested in supporting projects that focus on a specific health challenge or related group of challenges, offer opportunities for volunteer involvement by the Cigna team, and have the potential to expand to additional geographic areas. Online requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website for more information about the World of Difference Grants initiative.

## **Capacity Building Grants Bolster the National Performing Arts Field**

### **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation: Fund for National Projects**

The Fund for National Projects, an initiative of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports projects that strengthen the national infrastructure of the professional nonprofit dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theatre fields. In addition, the Fund works to improve conditions for the national community of performing artists in the targeted fields. Grants of \$60,000 to \$200,000 are provided for projects that engage a broad national constituency, occur once (or periodically) rather than annually, and have the potential to significantly impact a field. Examples of eligible projects include research initiatives assessing the national health of arts groups or of individual artists, national convenings for performing arts fields (beyond traditional national annual conferences), and special projects that address unique circumstances that affect an entire professional nonprofit field. Projects by single performing arts entities are not supported. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is February 27, 2015. Visit the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's website for program details.

## **Professional Development Fellowships for Teachers**

### **Fund for Teachers**

The Fund for Teachers awards fellowships to pre-K-12 classroom teachers throughout the United States so that they may participate in training and enriching activities that will improve their skills as teachers. Educators should propose a summer activity and explain how the endeavor will make the applicant a better teacher, how the applicant will implement his or her new improved skills in the classroom, and how these improved skills will benefit students, curricula, and the school. Teachers must

have a minimum of three years experience and be full-time teachers spending at least 50% of their time in the classroom. Eligible teachers may apply as individuals (funding limit of \$5,000) or as a team (funding limit of \$10,000). The application deadline is January 29, 2015. Visit the Fund's website for detailed fellowship guidelines for each state.

## **California Initiatives Addressing the Social Determinants of Health Supported**

### **The California Wellness Foundation: Advancing Wellness Grants Program**

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education, and disease prevention. The Foundation's Advancing Wellness Grants Program is dedicated to helping level the playing field so that all Californians have access to good-paying jobs, safe neighborhoods, and quality healthcare services. The program provides support through the following four grant making portfolios: Bridging the Gaps in Access and Quality Care, Promoting Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods, Expanding Education and Employment Pathways, and the Opportunity Fund. Letters of interest may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Advancing Wellness Grants Program funding guidelines.

## **Funds for Organizations Working to Enhance Company Communities**

### **Chesapeake Energy Corporate Giving Program**

The Chesapeake Energy Corporate Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life and stimulate the economy in the company's operating areas in Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Support is provided in the following areas of interest: community development, education, health and medical issues, and social services. Grant and sponsorship requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed on a rolling basis. Visit the company's website to submit an online application.

## **Grants Strengthen Families, the Environment, and Peacemaking in Oregon**

### **Jubitz Family Foundation**

The Jubitz Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Oregon that strive to strengthen families, respect the natural environment, and foster peace. The Foundation's specific areas of interest include early childhood development and education, with an emphasis on children at-risk; environmental stewardship, with an emphasis on rivers and their watershed ecosystems; and peacemaking activities, with an emphasis on teaching peace and conflict resolution. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. The deadlines for letters of inquiry are January 1 and July 1, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application process.

## **Health Initiatives in Tennessee Supported**

### **BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation**

The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the people of Tennessee. Grants are provided for high-impact initiatives across the state which promote healthy lifestyle choices and help control healthcare costs for all Tennessee residents. The current funding focus areas include the following: healthcare workforce needs; health disparities and at-risk populations, specifically addressing the problems of infant mortality; childhood obesity; and improving patient safety and quality. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the company's website for more information about the funding guidelines and application procedures.

## **Funding Available for Reading Programs**

### **[National Endowment for the Arts](#)**

The Big Read program supports organizations across the country in developing community-wide reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. Funded programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, panel discussions, lectures, art exhibits, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, and other events and activities related to one of 37 available reading choices. The application deadline is January 28, 2015.

## **Marine Training and Education Projects Supported**

### **[Department of Commerce](#)**

The 2015 Pacific Islands Region Marine Education and Training Mini-Grant Program is funding projects to improve communication, education, and training on marine resource issues throughout the region and increase scientific education for marine-related professions among coastal community residents, including indigenous Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, and other underrepresented groups in the region. The application deadline is February 2, 2015.

## **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.

## **.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.

## **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.

## **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

### **[AAUW Community Action Grant](#)**

AAUW advances equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. AAUW is a nationwide network of more than 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 local branches, and 800 college and university partners. AAUW is one of the nation's largest sources of private funding exclusively for educational programs that directly benefit women and girls. Every year AAUW awards fellowships and grants to more than 200 women. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class. Community Action Grants provide funds that address issues related to the needs of women and girls or that provide information to educate and benefit the public on those issues. AAUW encourages proposals for projects that: Use innovative approaches to address local community needs or build linkages among community partners, and build partnerships between schools and community organizations. **Special consideration is given to** projects focused on K-14 (including 2-year colleges) girls' achievement in math, science and/or technology, and projects that seek community partners. Community partners might include local schools or school districts, businesses and other community-based organizations. The deadline for online submission of an application and supporting documents is January 15, 2015.

### **[Captain Planet Foundation](#)**

The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Grants are made for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation which is: To



give the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live. Their unique program of funding and supporting hands-on environmental projects is designed to encourage innovative initiatives that inspire and empower children and youth around the world as they work individually and collectively creating environmental solutions in their homes, schools and communities. Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools; have real environmental outcomes; and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. Captain Planet Foundation will accept small grant requests for amounts between \$500 – \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. (Projects with matching funds or in-kind support are given priority because external funding is a good indicator of the potential for long-term sustainability of the activities.) Captain Planet Foundation may choose to fund a portion of the project budget that best fits within the foundation guidelines or contact an applicant for further discussion. Deadlines are September 30 (typically for spring and summer projects) and January 31 (typically for fall and winter projects).

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