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National Grant Opportunities for March 2015

Support for Local Initiatives to Reduce Jail Incarceration

[John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation: Safety and Justice Challenge](#)

The Safety and Justice Challenge, an initiative of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, will support a network of competitively selected local jurisdictions committed to finding ways to safely reduce jail incarceration. Through the Challenge, the Foundation will make an initial five-year \$75 million investment in local reform, research, experimentation, and communications in an effort to create national demand for local justice reform as a means of reducing over-incarceration in America. Up to 20 jurisdictions will be chosen to receive a grant of \$150,000 and expert consulting help during a six-month collaborative planning period. Beginning in 2016, as many as ten of these jurisdictions will be selected for a second round of funding, between \$500,000 and \$2 million annually, to support implementation of their plans over two years, with an option to extend if substantial progress is made. The competition is open to any jurisdiction with governing authority over a local jail or jail system that has no fewer than 50 beds. This includes states, cities, counties, judicial districts, and tribes. Online applications must be submitted by March 31, 2015. Visit the Challenge's website to review the request for proposals.

Performing Arts Audience Development Partnerships Funded

[Doris Duke Charitable Foundation: Building Demand for the Arts](#)

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Building Demand for the Arts program supports organizations and artists in joint efforts to develop audience demand for jazz, theatre, and/or contemporary dance. Organizations and artists are encouraged to think creatively about how to increase this demand and to engage communities in new ways, which may include, but are not limited to, the traditional artist-audience dynamic. In the current funding round, the following two grant initiatives will be offered: Exploration Grants of either \$20,000 or \$40,000 will support hosted visits for artists during which artists and organizations begin to imagine and plan ways to build demand. Implementation Grants of \$55,000 or \$110,000 will support organizations hosting artists on-site to execute and evaluate demand building programs or activities. Applying artists and organizations must have a prior history of working together. Building Demand for the Arts grants will support at least 50 partnerships in this funding cycle. Intent to Apply forms for both grant initiatives must be submitted by April 24, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the program and the application process.

Grants Promote Native Tradition Programs for Youth

First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture Fund

The First Nations Development Institute is a Native American-run nonprofit with a mission to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. The First Nations' Native Youth and Culture Fund provides grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for projects that focus on youth and incorporate Native culture and tradition to address issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health, and other social issues. Funded projects should address one or more of the following priority areas: preserving cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs, and values; engaging both youth and elders in activities that demonstrate methods for documenting traditional knowledge, practices, and/or beliefs; increasing youth's capacity to lead through integrated educational or mentoring programs; and increasing access to cultural customs and beliefs through the use of appropriate technologies as a means of preserving tribal language, arts, history, etc. Online Phase One proposals must be submitted by March 12, 2015. Visit the First Nations' website to review the funding guidelines.

Programs Working with Military Families Recognized

Newman's Own Awards Program

The purpose of the Newman's Own Awards Program is to recognize volunteer and nonprofit organizations supporting our nation's military families. Eligible applicants must be comprised primarily of volunteers or be a nonprofit organization, and be working with the families of Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve units and/or veterans. Applying organizations will be evaluated on their innovative plans for improving the quality of life for members of the military and their families. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. The application deadline for 2015 is April 29. Visit the program's website to submit an online application.

Funds for Drinking Water Protection Projects in Pennsylvania

Water Resources Education Network: Source Water Protection Collaborative Grants

The Water Resources Education Network (WREN) is a nonpartisan collaboration among organizations and public officials working for the protection and management of Pennsylvania's water resources, both surface and ground water, through grassroots education and informed policymaking. For 2015, WREN is offering Source Water Protection Collaborative Grants, which are intended to raise awareness about threats to Pennsylvania's drinking water supplies and to encourage solutions to those problems. Grants support collaborations of water utilities and their partners throughout the state that seek to prevent pollution before it starts, to protect natural areas surrounding water supplies, or to educate citizens and officials on steps they can take to protect their drinking water. Grants of up to \$3,000 for Local Projects, \$5,000 for Expanded Local Projects, and \$8,000 for County Projects will be provided. Proposals must be postmarked by March 20, 2015. Visit the WREN website to download the application instructions and forms.

Public Health Initiatives in 24 States Supported

Anthem Foundation

The Anthem Foundation supports the company's commitment to enhance the health and well-being of individuals and families in communities that Anthem serves in 24 states. The Foundation seeks to promote healthy behaviors, health-risk prevention, and

healthy environments by supporting public health-related issues that impact key health conditions and systems. The focus is on organizations that address the following five areas: cardiac mortality, cancer prevention and smoking cessation, maternal and newborn health, diabetes prevention and management, and childhood and elderly obesity. Nonprofit organizations that serve company communities are eligible to apply. The application deadlines for 2015 are March 6 and August 28. Visit the Anthem website to access the online application system.

Disaster Relief Grants for School Libraries in Company Communities

American Association of School Librarians: Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Fund

Beyond Words: The Dollar General School Library Relief Fund, administered by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), supports public school libraries in the communities served by Dollar General. The Fund provides grants of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to pre-K-12 public schools whose school library programs have been affected by a natural disaster, fire, or an act of terrorism. Schools that have absorbed a significant number of displaced/evacuee students are also eligible to apply. Grants are intended to help replace or supplement books, media, or library equipment. Eligible applicants must be located within 20 miles of a [Dollar General store, distribution center, or corporate office](#). Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and are reviewed monthly. Visit the AASL website to submit an online application.

Funds for Conservation Efforts in the Pacific Northwest

The Brainerd Foundation

The Brainerd Foundation's mission is to protect the environmental quality of the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia) and to build broad citizen support for environmental protection. The Foundation accepts applications from nonprofit organizations in the targeted regions through the following five programs: The Conservation Policy Program invests in state- and provincial-level policy priorities that build a track record of success and demonstrate the benefits of pro-conservation policies to public officials. The Conservation Capacity Program supports efforts to improve the ability of conservationists to communicate effectively, advance legal strategies, and strengthen overall organizational capacity. The Place-Based Conservation Program encourages landscape and wildlife protection efforts in specific critical landscapes in the Northwest. The Opportunity Fund provides grants to protect critical ecosystems, impact significant conservation policy debates, or address critical organizational needs. The Grassroots Fund supports small Northwest conservation organizations confronting critical challenges in their communities. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the website listed above for detailed information on each of the Foundation's grantmaking programs.

Support for Humanities Institutions

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

The NEH Office of Challenge Grants program works to advance knowledge and understanding in the humanities by strengthening the institutional base of humanities teaching, scholarly research, public programming, and other humanities activities. The program provides support to build the capacity of humanities institutions and organizations. The application deadline is May 5, 2015.

Justice Systems Research Funded

Department of Justice

The Research and Evaluation on Justice Systems program is seeking proposals for social and behavioral science research on, and evaluation related to, justice systems topics. Topics can include policing, courts, and institutional and community corrections that bear directly and substantially upon federal, state, local, or tribal criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. The application deadline is April 15, 2015.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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