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## National Grant Opportunities for April 2015

### Support for Pet Housing at Domestic Violence Shelters

#### RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing Grants

RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing Grants enable organizations throughout the country that shelter domestic violence victims to create space to house the victims' pets on-site where little to no pet housing was previously available. These grants of up to \$6,000 are intended to bridge a critical gap in funding to help the pet housing project get started. RedRover is working toward the goal of having one pet-friendly domestic violence shelter in each state in 2015. Shelters in the following states are especially encouraged to apply: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and West Virginia. The application deadlines for 2015 are May 15 and October 15. Visit the RedRover website to review the funding guidelines.

### Empowerment Programs for the Disadvantaged Funded

#### Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) participates in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems, want to take charge of their own lives, are organizing to do something about their own conditions, and have decided that what they are going to do will produce long-term changes in their lives or communities. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them. In addition, projects should utilize some combination of the [SDOP core strategies](#) to promote justice, build solidarity, advance human dignity, and advocate for economic equity. Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the SDOP website to review the grant criteria.

### Grants Promote a Sustainable and Just World

#### The Glaser Progress Foundation

The Glaser Progress Foundation aims to build a more just, sustainable, and humane world by supporting nonprofit organizations with a national focus and a strong history of success in targeted program areas. The mission of the Measuring Progress program is to build a better future by improving our understanding and measurement of human progress. The Independent Media program works to strengthen democracy by fostering a strong and diverse community of independent voices. The Animal

Advocacy program, which has a regional focus, partners with animal protection organizations to combat companion animal overpopulation in the Pacific Northwest. Applications may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to review a list of example grants in each program area and download the application guidelines.

## **Mining Watchdog Programs in the U.S. and Canada Supported**

### **Indigenous Environmental Network/Western Mining Action Network: Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program**

The Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program, sponsored by the Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network, provides support to community-based organizations and tribes or tribal programs in the U.S. and Canada. The goal of the program is to support the capacity building efforts of mining-impacted communities to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health of communities. Requests must be project-specific for an immediate need such as legal assistance, organizing and outreach, development of campaign materials, etc. Grants of up to \$3,000 are provided. The next application deadline is June 1, 2015. Visit the Western Mining Action Network website to learn more about the program.

## **Funds for Youth Programs in Pennsylvania and West Virginia**

### **ECA Foundation**

The mission of the ECA Foundation is to maximize the development and potential of youth - academically, physically, and spiritually. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that directly impact communities where Energy Corporation of America (ECA) has operations, including the states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia and the Denver, CO, and Billings, MT, metropolitan areas. The Foundation's grantmaking focus is on education, literacy, college access, outreach to at-risk youth, and fostering careers in energy. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the next application deadline is May 1, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to review the Requirements for Giving.

## **Support for Environmental Initiatives in Colorado and Minnesota**

### **Laura Jane Musser Fund: Next Generation Program**

The Laura Jane Musser Fund's Next Generation Program supports nonprofit organizations that aim to make real change in the environment, the community, and the lives of youth in the states of Colorado and Minnesota. The focus is on environmental projects that demonstrate service to at-risk youth, provide education as it relates to the environment, and work at a local level. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Nonprofit organizations located in the targeted states with an annual budget of \$2 million or less are eligible to apply. Online applications will be accepted from March 13 to April 14, 2015. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the program.

## **Services for Arizona Children and Families Funded**

### **Phoenix Suns Charities**

The Phoenix Suns Charities supports nonprofit organizations throughout Arizona whose programs address the needs of children and families. Through General Grants, support is provided in the following areas of interest: human services, food and clothing, healthcare, education, recreation, and arts. Grants range up to \$15,000. (One Playmaker Award of \$100,000 that can be used for capital or program expenses is also provided each year.) Applying organizations must have had 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for

a minimum of three years. The application deadline is May 29, 2015. Visit the Phoenix Suns' website to review the grant guidelines and to submit an online grant application.

### **Program Supports Asset Building Tools for Refugees**

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

The Refugee Individual Development Accounts Program supports projects to establish and manage individual development accounts for low-income refugee participants. Applicants must have a partnership with a financial institution. The application deadline is May 4, 2015.

### **Funding for Collection Preservation Education**

#### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program supports organizations that offer national or multi-state education and training programs for collection preservation. Programs must help the staff of cultural institutions obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of conservators and preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new

### **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.

## **Support for Interventions Addressing Wildlife Adaptation to Climate Change**

### **Wildlife Conservation Society North America Program: Climate Adaptation Fund**

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) North America Program is dedicated to saving wildlife and wild places in North America. The WCS Climate Adaptation Fund, with funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports projects that demonstrate effective interventions for wildlife adaptation to climate change. Grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 are provided to nonprofit conservation organizations for applied, on-the-ground projects focused on implementing priority conservation actions for climate adaptation at a landscape scale. The Fund prioritizes projects that manage dynamic ecological processes, landscape functionality, and species assemblages, rather than those aimed at maintaining historic conditions or individual species. Grants are provided to U.S.-based nonprofit conservation organizations for projects within the 50 states and six U.S. territories. Pre-proposal application forms are due April 10, 2015. Visit the WCS website to download the Request for Proposals.

## **Health Food Projects in Native Communities Funded**

### **First Nations Development Institute: Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative**

First Nations Development Institute is a Native American-run nonprofit with a mission to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. In 2015, First Nation's Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative will provide up to eight grants, averaging \$26,000, to support projects that address food system control, food insecurity, and food deserts, with an emphasis on serving Native American children and families. Priority will be given to projects that will have a measurable impact on improving a tribal community's efforts to increase access to healthy and fresh foods for vulnerable children, families, and communities. Funded projects should also help increase awareness of where food comes from, expand knowledge of the linkages of food to Native cultures, and/or contribute to tribal economic growth with income from entrepreneurially-related food



ventures. Native American-controlled nonprofit tribal organizations and community-based groups are eligible to apply. Online proposals must be submitted by March 25, 2015. Visit the First Nations website to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

## **Grants Encourage Canine Adoptions**

### **Pedigree Foundation**

The Pedigree Foundation is dedicated to helping dogs in need find loving homes by supporting the good work of nonprofit shelters and dog rescue organizations throughout the country. The Foundation offers Innovation Grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000, for programs that focus specifically on the development and initial implementation of creative programs that increase the number of canine adoptions. Program Development Grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, are provided to implement new programs or support the expansion of current programs that increase their numbers of canine adoptions. The application deadline is May 4, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines.

## **Youth Service-Learning Projects in the U.S. and Canada Supported**

### **State Farm Youth Advisory Board: Service-Learning Grants Program**

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is composed of young adults who demonstrate exemplary work in service-learning, volunteering, and philanthropy in their communities. The Youth Advisory Board's Service-Learning Grants Program funds student-led service-learning projects throughout the United States and in the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Ontario in Canada. Grant requests must fall under one of the following issue areas: community safety and justice, environmental responsibility, access to higher education/closing the achievement gap, health and wellness, economic empowerment and financial literacy, or arts and culture. Public K-12, charter, and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations are also eligible if they are able to demonstrate how they plan to interact with students in public K-12 schools. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Applications must be submitted online by May 1, 2015. Visit the Youth Advisory Board website for application guidelines.

## **Funds for Capital Projects in Selected States**

### **Gladys Brooks Foundation**

The Gladys Brooks Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations located in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on libraries, educational institutions, and hospitals and clinics in the targeted states. Grant applications will be considered only for major expenditures, generally between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Funds are intended to be used for capital projects, including equipment and endowments. Applications must be postmarked by May 29, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to request the application materials online.

## **Grants Promote Healthy Lifestyles in Mississippi**

### **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation**

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation is committed to improving the health and wellness of all Mississippians, with a focus on healthy eating and exercise. The Foundation's priority areas of interest include the following: children's health

and wellness, community health initiatives, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles and choices at every age. Nonprofit organizations and government agencies located in Mississippi that address the Foundation's commitment to a healthier Mississippi are eligible to apply. Online letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to review the eligibility requirements. (The Foundation also offers the Healthy Hometown Awards, which recognize towns in Mississippi for exemplary community health and wellness efforts. The application deadline for this program is April 1, 2015.)

## **Support for Community Programs in Company Service Areas**

### **CSX Corporation Contributions Program**

The CSX Corporation Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that serve the communities where the company is located, primarily in the Eastern, Southern, and Upper Midwest areas of the United States. The Foundation provides assistance to nonprofit organizations that address one of the following categories: Safety, with a focus on railway, public, and personal safety; Environment, with a focus on land, water, and air preservation and restoration; Wellness, with a focus on healthy lifestyles and wellness education; and Community, with a focus on community leadership and service. Preference is given to organizations that have a broad base of funding and CSX employee involvement. Cash grants, sponsorships, volunteer support, and in-kind transportation services are provided. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the CSX website to learn more about the giving guidelines.

## **Quality of Life Programs in Montana Funded**

### **Browning Kimball Foundation**

The Browning Kimball Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the state of Montana. The Foundation's areas of interest include youth and families; health, with an emphasis on prevention; arts and humanities; and sustainable agriculture. Letters of intent must be submitted by May 1, 2015; invited proposals are due August 1, 2015. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Foundation's guidelines and application process.

## **Programs for Crime Reduction Funded**

### **Department of Justice**

The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program supports projects to plan and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address targeted crime issues within a neighborhood. The goal is to reduce crime and improve community safety as part of a comprehensive strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization. The application deadline is April 20, 2015.

## **Assistance for Tribal Court Improvements**

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

The Tribal Court Improvement Program provides grants to tribes and tribal consortia to conduct assessments of how tribal courts handle child welfare proceedings and to make improvements to court processes; implement improvements to provide for the safety and well-being of children; and provide for training of judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel in child welfare cases. The application deadline is April 22, 2015.

### [The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#)

✚ The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited, highly diverse young people from all across America. Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five outstanding young leaders ages eight to eighteen that have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. The top ten winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. The primary goal of the Prize is to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others. Nominees must submit a completed online application (Nomination Packet), available via the Barron Prize website. Nominees can initiate the nomination process, as well as submit their completed packet. **The nomination deadline is April 15, 2015.**

### [The World Hunger Leadership Challenge](#)

The World Hunger Leadership Challenge was created by the USA TODAY Charitable Foundation and the Lift a Life Foundation, with assistance from the Yum! This foundation is to encourage middle and high school students to hone leadership skills by a competitive service learning project that solves hunger issues. In addition, the academic value of this challenge promotes skills like collaboration and teamwork, problem solving, creativity and communication. Many states require civic learning and student volunteer hours for graduation and many school boards have built in “Responsibility to the Community” as part of their academic goals. Any middle or high school classroom in the United States can participate in the Lead2Feed program. The challenge is available for the 2014-2015 school year and teachers can implement it in either the fall or spring semesters. **Final project submissions are due by April 17, 2015.**

### [Carton 2 Garden Contest](#)

Open to grades K-12 in all schools (public, private, or charter in the United States), it's a fun way to teach students about environmental stewardship, recycling, and repurposing materials, and how those concepts can have an impact on the lives of people, other creatures, and our environment. Winners will be based upon their best use of cartons in garden, and must submit photos and an entry form. All will be judged by compliance, quality, sustainability, and creativity. Twenty total awards will be offered. Four schools will receive national prize award packages of \$2,500 each and sixteen schools from eight regions across the United States will receive \$1,000 award packages. **The entries for this contest are due by April 22, 2015.**

### [Newman's Own Awards](#)

✚ Every day, service members, Veterans, and their families rise to the challenge of maintaining a healthy lifestyle while facing the unique trials that come with having dedicated their lives in service to our nation. These families often face long deployments and separation, and many must cope with the long-term effects associated with service. Newman's Own, Fisher House Foundation, and Military Times (Gannett Government Media Corporation) join together in presenting \$200,000 in grants to the most creative military quality of life improvement plans. Complete the online application and tell us about your innovative idea to improve the quality of life for military families, and your organization could be awarded up to \$50,000 in funding. Your organization must be comprised primarily

of volunteers, and/or be a not-for-profit organization as defined in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Any organizations proposing programs that will affect or take place on a Department of Defense installation will be asked to present documentation that their programs are approved for operation on a Department of Defense installation by the installation commander or the commander's designee. The project or program must improve the quality of life for Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard, Veterans and their families, and cannot be used to pay salary or wages. **The deadline to submit for this award is April 29, 2015.**

#### [EcoTech Grants](#)

✚ EcoTech grants are back! Sixteen (16) \$2,500 grants will be awarded to schools or non-profits organizations for the purpose of engaging children in inquiry-based projects in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) that use innovation, biomimicry / nature-based design, or new uses for technology to address environmental problems in their communities. For this grant round, the Captain Planet Foundation will only award grants to schools and organizations based in the United States, which are exempt from federal taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501. This includes most schools, as well as nonprofit organizations exempt under section 501(c)3. Grant awards are conditional upon the Project Leader being employed at the same school or organization for the duration of the proposed project. **The deadline for this grant is April 30, 2015.**

#### **MAY 2015**

#### [State Farm Service-Learning Grants](#)

✚ The Youth Advisory Board is currently funding service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to higher education/closing the achievement gap, economic empowerment/financial literacy, community safety and justice, health and wellness, environmental responsibility, as well as, arts and culture. All non-profit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) or another tax-exempt portion of the IRS code are eligible for funding to the extent that they collaborate with and engage K-12 public school curriculum and achievement as part of the grant. Eligible projects MUST be implemented in the 50 U.S. states, or the 3 Canadian provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, or Ontario. Additionally, all monetary benefits should stay in the U.S. or 3 Canadian provinces. **The deadline to apply for this grant is May 1, 2015.**

#### [School In-Service Training Grants for Grades 9–12 Teachers](#)

The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to secondary schools for in-service education in mathematics. For 2015–2016, grants of a maximum of \$4,000 each will be awarded to secondary schools. Costs may include honoraria and expenses for consultants, materials, substitute time, and conference or workshop registrations. No funds may be used for staff travel or equipment. While this grant does not fund the purchase of technology, proposals including professional development involving the use of technology to enhance student learning are encouraged. Proposals must address the following: need, mathematics content, scope of the plan, other contributing sources of funding, number of teachers and students impacted, distribution of costs, urban-rural isolation, and multi-ethnic student body

and its impact on performance. Only schools with at least one current (on or before April 24, 2015) Full Individual or E-Members of NCTM are eligible to apply for this grant. **The application deadline for this grant is May 4, 2015.**

#### **Kindergarten Morgan Foundation Grants**

The Kindergarten Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science; math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, we fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kindergarten Morgan operates. Kindergarten Morgan focuses on supporting academic programs, including tutoring arts education programs, as well as, environmental education programs that work with local schools and meet curriculum standards. We provide program support only. Libraries may apply for capital projects-see Restrictions for more information. The program must benefit youth in grades K-12 only. Non profits, public schools and private schools may apply. In the United States, non profits and private schools must have 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service (Not applicable to public schools). In Canada, non profits and private schools must provide documentation that enables us to determine that the organization is the equivalent of a U.S. public charity. Our grants are between \$1,000 and \$5,000. We will not provide support more than once per calendar year to the same organization and we do not make multi-year commitments. **The application deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of every other month beginning in January.**

#### **Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants**

Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. **The deadline to apply for this grant is May 21, 2015.**

### **JUNE 2015**

#### **Learning and Leadership Grants**

The NEA Foundation provides grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. With the exception of study groups, applicants may not use grant funds to pay themselves stipends. Funds may not be used for lobbying or religious purposes. Identical applications will not be considered. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. All \$5,000 group grant applicants must include partner information. **The application deadline**

**for this grant is October 15, February 1, and June 1.**

#### [Saucony Run for Good Program](#)

The Saucony Run for Good Program has been created to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children. Eligible applicants include programs whose participants are 18 years of age or less, have 501 (c) (3) status and can demonstrate their program positively impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running. Their charter is to fight childhood obesity so those programs that specifically target that epidemic get the most attention. Public schools are eligible. Ten - 20 grant winners are announced each year out of several hundred applicants. The maximum grant award is \$10,000. **There are two application deadlines per year, one on June 13<sup>th</sup> and one on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

#### [Crayola Creative Leadership Grants 2015](#)

In collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), Crayola offers up to 20 grants for schools in the United States or Canada. The applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. If you are not the principal, please collaborate with your school's leader to develop the plan. The National Art Education Association encourages their members to partner with their school's principal and colleagues to generate grant proposals. Schools who received this grant in 2014 will not be eligible to apply for a 2015-2016 grant. Instead, we urge grant winners to become judges to help score new proposals. Any 2014 winners may apply again in 2016. The 2015 program provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools. Apply now for the opportunity to receive a grant for building your school's creative capacity. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications should be sent to [creativelyalive@crayola.com](mailto:creativelyalive@crayola.com) or faxed to 610-515-8781, Attn: Anita DeChellis. **Applications will be accepted until 12:00 Midnight ET Monday, June 22, 2015.**

#### **JULY 2015**

#### [About BJ's Charitable Foundation®](#)

✦ Our commitment to giving our Members more doesn't stop at the service, selection, or value in our Clubs. At BJ's, we take pride in actively working to improve the communities our Members live in. This is why we started the BJ's Charitable Foundation. Since its inception in 2005, BJ's Charitable Foundation has given over \$19 million through grants, annual programs and special initiatives, to over 2,300 community organizations in the 15 states where BJ's Clubs are located. BJ's Charitable Foundation contributes the bulk of its funding to organizations that provide services to people in need, specifically in the areas of hunger prevention and education. Support will be given to nonprofits that work to alleviate hunger through the purchase of food, supplies and additional resources necessary to feed those in need. Funding will be disbursed to agencies, including food banks, soup kitchens and food pantries. We will support the purchase of food, as well as food programs and agency capacity building. Support will be given to nonprofits that provide academic and vocational opportunities for the disadvantaged. These programs include the purchase of supplies for literacy skills, mentoring, tutoring and career development. BJ's Charitable Foundation welcomes funding proposals that are compatible with the above types of

support. The proposal must be from an organization that is tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and recognized as a “public charity” by the IRS. The program must align with BJ’s Charitable Foundation’s mission of supporting organizations that provide basic needs services (in the form of hunger prevention and education) to those in need in the ways we’ve defined above, and the program must positively impact communities where BJ’s Clubs are located. **Application deadline for this grant is July 10, 2015.**

#### **From Failure to Promise K-12 Educator's Grants**

How would \$500 help you move students/youth "From Failure to Promise" in Literacy, Math, Science, or Technology? Dr. C Moorer has written his inspirational story of flunking out of college to becoming an engineer, consultant, and ultimately a university professor to stimulate the minds and drive the ambitions of readers of all ages. Now, your school/organization has the opportunity to receive a \$500 grant to create new and innovative ways to use the tenets of "From Failure to Promise: An Uncommon Path to Professoriate", to motivate, energize, and catapult your K-12 students/youth to reach their full promise in literacy, math, science, or technology. To support educators, Dr. C Moorer & Associates, Inc., will award several \$500 mini grants in 2015 to community-based organizations, libraries or schools with creative ideas for adopting and using "From Failure to Promise" in their curriculum. Educators (kindergarten through grade 12) and youth-group leaders are encouraged to apply. **The application deadline for this grant is July 31, 2015.**