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## ... On the State Level

### Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services

#### Housing Trust Fund Corporation

The 2008-09 NYS budget provided \$25 million to the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) for the development and administration of a subprime foreclosure prevention services program.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released in June of 2008, seeking applicants that could provide a continuum of necessary foreclosure prevention services within a proposed service area.

The required continuum of services included outreach/education, counseling, legal representation, and court-based services. Due to the ongoing problems associated with foreclosure, the 2009-10 New York State budget appropriated an additional \$25 million to the HTFC to continue the state's foreclosure prevention efforts started in the previous budget year. The new funds have been allocated from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund provided to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These additional resources will allow organizations to expand existing services when warranted, fund innovative and/or new approaches that will lead to a decrease in the rates of default and foreclosure, and fund strategies that will increase levels of participation.

Qualified applicants may submit proposals for funds to provide one or more of the following foreclosure prevention services: Outreach/education, counseling,

mediation, legal representation, negotiation and court-based services on behalf of borrowers facing default or foreclosure. Collaborative proposals by multiple eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to achieve coverage of all necessary services in an efficient manner that decreases duplication and maximizes the impact of public resources. Also, proposals that build upon or coordinate with existing local foreclosure prevention services programs are encouraged. Proposals should support the goal of preserving homeownership and strive to stabilize communities that face a high rate of foreclosures.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All applicants who can provide a continuum of necessary foreclosure prevention services.

**FUNDING:** An approximate total of \$20 million in grant awards will be made available through this grant program.

**DEADLINE:** The application process is a continuous, open window for not-for-profits seeking funds under this program and proposals for funding will be accepted on a continuous basis until all funding designated has been awarded or until discontinued by HTFC.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Caillin Furnari, Housing and Community Development Assistant, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207; or call: (518) 473-8273.

## Health Care Providers for New York City

### Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), through its Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA), has issued this Request for Applications (RFA) to select health care providers accepted continuously in New York City (NYC) to administer initial refugee medical screening and immunization services to newly arriving refugees and other eligible populations. Funding is from Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), a sub-allocation of the Cash and Medical Administration (CMA) grant award to OTDA from the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Providers will be paid for completed medical screenings and initial adult immunizations, at an all inclusive per capita medical screening rate of \$346.39 for two office visits. An applicant must be a NYS licensed health care provider. Applicants must demonstrate appropriate clinical and staffing capacity, as well as linkage to refugee resettlement agencies and ancillary care. Applicants must also meet the requirements of NYC Executive Order 120, a citywide policy on language access to ensure the effective delivery of city services to individuals that may have limited-English proficiency.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible applicants include New York State licensed health care providers.

**FUNDING:** For more information about funding, contact the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

**DEADLINE:** March 31, 2014.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Tom Keenan, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance, 40 N. Pearl St., 10C, Albany, NY 12243; or call: (518) 402-3022; or e-mail: thomas.keenan@otda.state.ny.us.

## ... On the Federal Level

### Specialty Crop Research Initiative

#### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

The Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) was established to solve critical industry issues through research and extension activities. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. SCRI will give priority to projects that are multi-state, multi-institutional, or trans-disciplinary; and include explicit mechanisms to communicate results to producers and the public. Projects must address at least one of five focus areas: research in plant breeding, genetics, and genomics to improve crop characteristics; efforts to identify and address threats from pests and diseases, including threats to specialty crop pollinators; efforts to improve production efficiency, productivity, and profitability over the long term; new innovations and technology, including improved mechanization and technologies that delay or inhibit ripening; and methods to prevent, detect, monitor, control, and respond to potential food safety hazards in the production and processing of specialty crops.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible organizations include federal agencies, national laboratories, colleges and universities, research institutions and organizations, private organizations or corporations, state agricultural experiment stations, individuals or groups consisting of 2 or more of these entities.

**FUNDING:** A total of \$47.3 million has been made available through this grant program, with individual awards expected to be capped at \$10 million.

**DEADLINE:** January 14, 2010.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit the Specialty Crop Research Initiative Web site: [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/specialty\\_crop.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/specialty_crop.html); or contact the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture,

1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 2201,  
Washington, DC 20250-2201; or call: (202)  
720-4423.

## ... On the Private Level

### Youth Environmental Grants

#### The Captain Planet Foundation

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to fund and support hands-on environmental projects for children and youths. The foundation also works to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Through environmental education, the Captain Planet Foundation believes that children can achieve a better understanding and appreciation for the world in which they live. In order to be considered for funding, proposals must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement and involve children and young adults. Proposals must also include adult supervision and commit to follow-up communication with

the Foundation; specific requirements will be explained once the grant has been awarded.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding.

**FUNDING:** Generally the range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250-\$2,500.

**DEADLINE:** Deadlines for submitting grant applications are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Grant proposals are reviewed over a period of three months from the date of the submission deadline. All applicants will be informed of their proposal's status within four months of the application deadline.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact the Captain Planet Foundation, 133 Luckie Street, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303; or call: (404) 522-4270.

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## ...Grant Writing

### Grantsmanship Center

The Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to New York: **New York, January 25-29, 2010**, hosted by the American Indian Community House.

The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$895, which includes one-year enrollment in the TGCI Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000.

To register, or to apply for a scholarship, contact TGCI at (800) 421-9512 or visit [www.tgci.com](http://www.tgci.com).

### The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training opportunities during December 2009:

#### **Grantseeking Basics:**

*December 7 and 9*

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources can help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

#### **Proposal Writing Basics:**

*December 3*

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their nonprofit organizations.

#### **Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online:**

*December 9*

This session provides a hands-on introduction to the Center's comprehensive Web subscription database.

#### **How to Approach a Foundation:**

*December 17*

Attendees will learn how to initiate contact with potential funders; plan calls and meetings; and build partnerships with donors. This class is intended for fundraisers with some experience, though not necessarily with foundations.

Classes are held at The Foundation Center, New York Library, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor in New York City. Space is limited and you can register on-line at [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org), in person, or by calling (212) 620-4230. You may also visit the Web site for information on other training opportunities available through the Center.