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Questions?

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On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform website at grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees in order to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, announce the availability of up to \$40,000,000 under the three-stage NY Prize Community Grid Competition (NY Prize) to support the development of community microgrids. The objective of NY Prize is to promote the design and build of community grids that improve local electrical distribution system performance and resiliency in both a normal operating configuration as well as during times of electrical grid outages. NY Prize objectives include empowering community leaders, encouraging broad private and public sector participation including local distribution utilities, local governments and third parties, protecting vulnerable populations and providing tools to build a cleaner, more reliable energy system.

- **Eligibility:** Community microgrids eligible to receive NY Prize monetary awards must involve at least one facility that provides a critical service to the public such as wastewater treatment plants, hospitals, universities, facility of refuge or shelters, K-12 schools, police departments, libraries, hospitals or fire stations. Eligible projects must include the participation of the local utility and local government where the community grid will be built, as well as third parties such as independent energy service companies or resource/product vendors.
- **Funding:** Up to \$40,000,000 in funding is available.
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On the federal level...

United States

Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) are seeking applications for funding under a joint solicitation to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces within the United States. The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Program is to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that implement collaborative approaches to combat all forms of human trafficking, including sex and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens (of all sexes and ages) within the United States. OVC and BJA intend for funding through this program to be used to assist communities in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that will implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to identifying victims of all types of human trafficking, addressing the individualized needs of victims through quality services, and investigating and prosecuting human trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal and federal levels.

- **Eligibility:** By statute, grants under this program may be awarded to states, units of local government (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations (including tribal nonprofit and nongovernment organizations). For the purposes of this program, a unit of local government is any city, county, township, town borough, parish, village or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, territory or federally recognized Indian tribal government. Eligible applicants are law enforcement agencies and victim service providers located and operating within the community, jurisdiction or geographic area of the human trafficking task force specified within the application.
- **Funding:** All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Each task force applying for funding must submit a pair of applications (one from a law enforcement agency and one from a victim service provider partner) under one of the following purpose areas:
 - for the development of human trafficking task forces; or
 - for the enhancement of established human trafficking task forces.
- **Deadline:** May 11, 2015
- **Contact:** Mary Atlas-Terry, Victim Justice Program Specialist
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United States Department of Health and Human Services

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging and Administration for Community Living (ACL) are accepting proposals for their National Legal Resource Center (NLRC) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) which aims to provide collaborative legal services to the elderly. Through this FOA, the ACL plans to award four cooperative agreements to organizations that will collaborate and collectively function as a NLRC.

The cooperative agreements of the NLRC will generate, disseminate and apply knowledge and expertise to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of state and local efforts promoting and providing legal assistance and elder rights protections. The NLRC will provide access to case consultation, training, technical assistance, and other informational resources to organizations that provide legal assistance, elder rights protections or other supportive services directly to older persons age 60 and over.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants should be experienced in providing support and technical assistance on a nationwide basis to states, area agencies on aging, legal assistance providers, ombudsmen, elder abuse prevention programs and other organizations interested in the legal rights of older individuals. Domestic public or private nonprofit entities including state and local governments, Indian tribal governments and organizations (American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native American), faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, hospitals and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Four projects will be awarded up to \$176,838 for a one-year period. Grantees are required to match at least 25% of the total program costs from non-federal cash or in-kind resources.
- **Deadline:** May 13, 2015
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On the private level...

William T. Grant Foundation

The William T. Grant Foundation is accepting letters of inquiry for their research grants program. The Foundation funds research to improve the lives of young people, ages 5 to 25. Proposed research projects must fit one of the Foundation's focus areas:

- programs, policies and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes; and
- the use of research evidence in policy and practice.

To propose research on reducing inequality, applicants should clearly identify the dimension of inequality (e.g., race, ethnicity, economic standing, and/or immigrant origins), and make a case for its importance. Applicants should specify the youth outcome(s) to be studied (e.g., academic, social, behavioral, and/or economic), and show that the outcomes are currently unequal. Strong proposals will establish a clear link between a particular dimension of inequality and specific youth outcomes. Projects on the use of research evidence should increase understanding of how research is used to frame problems and solutions, make decisions, influence organizational learning and guide practice improvements. These studies should build knowledge of the ways in which research evidence shapes ideas and decisions.

- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, organizations must be considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Proposals must address programs, policies and practices affecting youth ages 5 to 25 in the U.S.
- **Funding:** Research grants typically range from \$100,000 to \$600,000 and cover two to three years of support.

■ **Deadline:** Letters of inquiry are due May 5, 2015. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited full proposals. After the review of letters of inquiry is complete, applicants who are invited to submit full proposals will receive an e-mail with information about full proposal deadlines and application procedures.

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Donaghue Medical Research Foundation

The Donaghue Foundation is seeking Letters of Intent for their Another Look grant program. Another Look provides funding for researchers to use existing data sources to answer a research question that has the potential to improve the quality of care and quality of life for the elderly population in nursing homes or other care facilities.

Researchers applying for this grant must identify a stakeholder in the care delivery or policy arena with whom they will either consult or collaborate with and who is willing to work with the researcher to develop a research product that may be readily used to improve care or quality of life. New data collection will not be allowed in this program.

■ **Eligibility:** This program is open to investigators at tax-exempt research institutions in the six New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In order to receive the award, the applicant must demonstrate how their research question is important to the stakeholder and propose a rigorous research design. Grantees may use this award to augment funding for a project already funded through another grant.

■ **Funding:** Approximately \$1,000,000 is available for up to eight two-year projects.

■ **Deadline:** Letters of Intent due May 1, 2015. Applications due July 17, 2015.

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Alex's Lemonade Stand

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) evolved from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004) into a national fundraising movement to raise awareness and find cures for all childhood cancers. The ALSF created their Reach Grants program to further their mission to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers by providing support to move hypothesis-driven research into the clinic. Significant barriers exist that impede the translation of innovative and important ideas to the clinic. The Reach Grant seeks to remove one of these barriers by providing support for important pre-clinical projects that are necessary to move a study from the pre-clinical arena into a clinical trial. Thus, the goal of this award is to support selected "late translational" studies needed to ultimately initiate a clinical trial. A successful application will identify an unmet clinical need relevant to the care of patients with pediatric cancer and describe how the work performed will allow for the translation of hypothesis-driven research to the clinic keeping broader clinical testing and implementation in view. Preference will be given to those research projects which, if funded, will likely result in the initiation of a clinical trial two to three years from the start of the project.

■ **Eligibility:** Funds will be granted to nonprofit institutions or organizations operating in the

United States or Canada. Primary applicants may be an assistant-, associate- or professor-level investigator with an M.D., D.O., Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. In addition, applicants must have a demonstrated track record of pediatric cancer research with experience in translational research. Multiple investigator applications that bring together pairs or teams of researchers with complementary expertise are encouraged.

■ **Funding:** A maximum of \$125,000 per year, for direct costs, may be requested for up to two years.

■ **Deadline:** May 30, 2015

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Scholars Awards...

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health, is accepting applications for their Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) award program. The purpose of this program is to assist undergraduate institutions in increasing the number of well-prepared students from underrepresented groups (a list of underrepresented groups that NIH is particularly interested in encouraging the recruitment and retention of is available at grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-149.html#_Section_1. Funding) who matriculate into competitive research Ph.D. or combined M.D.-Ph.D. programs in the biomedical sciences. The program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students' academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical sciences.

■ **Eligibility:** Domestic, nonprofit, private or public institutions that confer baccalaureate degrees in subjects related to biomedical science and have a substantial undergraduate enrollment of students drawn from groups that are underrepresented in the nation's biomedical science research fields are eligible to apply. The sponsoring institution must assure support for the proposed program. Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed training program as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her institution to develop an application for support. The PD/PI should be a full-time faculty member with strong records in research, teaching and training and capable of providing both administrative and scientific leadership to the development and implementation of the proposed program.

■ **Funding:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIGMS appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

■ **Deadline:** May 25, 2015

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Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Intro to Finding Grants (Grantseeking Basics):

May 6, 9, 26

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources 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.

Intro to Proposal Writing (Proposal Writing Basics):

May 13, 27, 30

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

Proposal Budgeting Basics: May 13

Attendees will learn how to prepare and present a budget in a grant proposal. This session is geared toward novice grantseekers.

In addition:

Classes are held at the Foundation Center, located at:

New York Public Library
79 Fifth Ave., 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10003

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For additional training opportunities, to register, or for more information, call (212) 620-4230 or visit foundationcenter.org.

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