

Keynotes for Communities August 2009



Workshops & Conferences

Recession-Year Financial Leadership

September 10, 2009

St. Paul

Illuminate the key decisions, choices and strategies that you should consider in key areas such as recession-preparedness, budgeting approaches for uncertain times, fundraising expectations and priorities, communications and community, and more. Recession-Year Financial Leadership will provide you with analytical tools, templates and talking points to lead your organization, and join forces with partner organizations, in this most difficult year.

This workshop will be presented by Kate Barr (Executive Director, [Nonprofits Assistance Fund](#)) and Jon Pratt (Executive Director, [Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](#)). For workshop details including content, pricing, and registration information, visit <http://www.mncn.org/EventPDFs/FinancialLeadershipStPaul2.pdf>.

Nonprofit Workshops

All the workshops are free of charge, but preregistration is needed. The ones held at the Kelly Inn will have only a meal cost of \$10 if people wish to have lunch while they learn. More information will be on our website under nonprofits/news and notes as dates get closer.

- **Leadership Transitions** - Date: September 17 - 11:45 - 1:15; Location: Kelly Inn; Panel presentation;
Session Summary: the board's role in time of transition. **
- **Technology** - Date: December 10 - 11:45 - 1:15; Location: Kelly Inn;
Session Summary: a look at fundraising, database and accounting software for small and medium sized organizations. **

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Resilient Leaders – Resilient Organizations

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

8:30AM – 4:00PM

Initiative Foundation, Little Falls

[Resilient Leaders – Resilient Organizations](#) is a convening of nonprofit leaders who seek ways of increasing their organization's health and resiliency during an extended economic downturn. The day will include lively activity and networking and will conclude with a preview of capacity building resources available. The goal is for you to leave **ready to take action** based on an increased understanding of how you can use capacity building resources to improve the health and resilience of your organization and partnerships.

Who can attend? All area nonprofit organizations are welcome. Each organization is encouraged to have **staff and board leadership represented** (up to 3 people total).

If you are unable to attend on September 22nd in Little Falls, this convening will also be held on September 21st in Redwood Falls, (Note: at the workshop registration link you'll see reference to follow-up capacity-building grants through the Resilient Organizations Fund – this particular funding is available only to current Blue Cross Blue Shield grantees. Other capacity-building assistance is available directly through the Initiative Foundation – click [here](#) for more info).

No cost for attendance, but space is limited. Pre-registration is required by September 11th at <http://www.resilientnonprofits.org/announcing-the-convenings/>. For more information, email BCBSFoundationConvenings@mapfornonprofits.org.

Funding Opportunities

Preservation Grants for Libraries and Museums (Deadline 9/15/09)

Institute of Museum and Library Services: American Heritage Preservation Program

The purpose of the American Heritage Preservation Program, an initiative of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in partnership with Bank of America, is to fund the preservation of treasures held in small and mid-sized museums, libraries, and archives throughout the U.S. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for the purpose of preserving specific items, including works of art, artifacts, and historical documents that are in need of conservation. Projects in the following areas are eligible for funding: treatment of library, museum, and archival collections; improvement of collections storage; and environmental improvement of collections. The application deadline is September 15, 2009. Visit the IMLS website to download the grant guidelines.

Grants Address Native Environmental Issues (deadline: 9/15/09)

Honor the Earth

The mission of Honor the Earth is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. Grants are provided to Native organizations in the U.S. and Canada that are controlled by indigenous peoples. For the fall 2009 funding cycle, Honor the Earth will provide grants through the Building Resilience in Indigenous Communities initiative. This initiative supports organizations working in two areas: Funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy grants will be provided to organizations that improve weatherization and efficiency in buildings in Native communities and/or develop renewable energy projects that are contextualized within an ongoing program that preserves culture. Funding for Traditional Food Economies grants will be provided to organizations that utilize Indigenous wisdom and traditional methods to implement sustainable local food production systems. The application deadline is September 15, 2009. Application guidelines are available on the Honor the Earth website.

Funds for Indigenous Film Productions (Deadline: 9/15/09)

National Geographic All Roads Seed Grant Program

The National Geographic All Roads Seed Grant Program supports film projects by and about indigenous and underrepresented minority-culture filmmakers worldwide. This program supports filmmakers who bring their lives and communities to light through first-person storytelling. Indigenous and underrepresented minority culture filmmakers, as well as filmmakers who can demonstrate that they have been designated by indigenous or minority communities to tell their stories, are eligible to apply. These grants of \$1,000 to \$10,000 should be used toward the development and production of a feature film, long documentary, short documentary, shorts, animation, or music video. Eligible expenses

include equipment, travel for field research, editing time, etc. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the next application deadline is September 15, 2009. Application guidelines and forms are available on the National Geographic website.

Youth Service Projects Supported in the U.S. and Canada (Deadlines: 9/15/09 and 2/15/10)

Pay It Forward Foundation Mini-Grant Program

The Pay It Forward Foundation was established to inspire students to realize that they can change the world, and to provide them with opportunities to do so. Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time service-oriented projects that are identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community, and that include learning goals for the youth participants. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus – that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially. Schools, churches, and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) in the U.S. and Canada may apply for funding. The application deadlines are September 15 and February 15 of each year; however, requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Mini-Grant guidelines.

Grants Address Rural Issues (Deadline 9/30/09)

CHS Foundation

The CHS Foundation is committed to investing in the future of rural America, agriculture, and cooperative business through education and leadership development. The Foundation supports national efforts related to its mission as well as programs within the CHS trade territory for regional, multi-state, or statewide projects. The Foundation's funding focuses on the following program areas: Cooperative Education, Rural Youth and Leadership Development, Farm and Agricultural Safety, Returning Value to Rural Communities, and University Partnerships. All applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, with the exception of Cooperative Education applications, which are due September 30, annually. Visit the Foundation's website for a description of each grant category and online application instructions.

Racial Equality Programs Funded (Deadline: 9/30/09)

W.K. Kellogg Foundation: Community-Based Racial Healing Request for Proposals

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has announced a new grant opportunity in response to the Foundation's commitment to becoming an effective, anti-racist organization that promotes racial equity. Racial equity work describes actions designed to address historic burdens as well as to remove present day barriers to equal opportunities by identifying and eliminating systemic discriminatory policies and practices. The Foundation's Community-Based Racial Healing Request for Proposals will provide grants of up to \$400,000 to strengthen community-based approaches for racial healing and racial equity efforts targeting vulnerable and marginalized children in the United States. The targeted groups include vulnerable African American, Native American, Latino/Hispanic American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Arab American, and European American children and families. Online proposals must be submitted by September 30, 2009. Visit the Foundation's website to review the Request for Proposals.

Program Connects New Parents to Local Libraries (Deadline: 10/1/09)

American Library Association: Books for Babies Matching Grants

Books for Babies, an initiative of the American Library Association, is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Books for Babies Matching Grants of \$500 are available to Friends of Libraries groups, women's groups, libraries, and other nonprofit organizations to be used for the purchase of Books for Babies kits. Grants will be awarded to organizations that currently have a Books for Babies program in place as well as organizations starting a new program. Priority will be given to organizations that effectively use the kits to connect new parents with their local library. Applying organizations must raise matching funds of

\$1,000. The next application deadline is October 1, 2009. Visit the ALA website for more information about the program. Grants Promote Sustainable Native Communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Support for Skateboard Parks in Disadvantaged Communities (Deadline: 10/1/09)

Tony Hawk Foundation

The mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to foster lasting improvements in society, with an emphasis on supporting and empowering youth. The principal focus of the Foundation's grant program is to facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new, quality skateboard parks located in low-income communities throughout the United States. The Foundation primarily considers projects that can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. Priority is given to projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skateboard park contractors and include local skaters in the design process. The next application deadline is October 1, 2009. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant criteria and submit an online application.

Funds Target Rural Efforts in Selected States (Deadline: 10/15/09)

Laura Jane Musser Fund: Rural Initiative Program

The Laura Jane Musser Fund's Rural Initiative Program encourages collaborative efforts among citizens in rural communities that will help to strengthen their towns and regions. This program supports projects in rural regions of Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, and Wyoming that target a number of civic areas including economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of its location. Planning grants of up to \$5,000 and implementation grants of up to \$25,000 are provided. The application deadline is October 15, 2009. Visit the Laura Jane Musser Fund's website for application guidelines and forms.

Support for Live Performing Arts Projects (Deadline: 10/19/09)

Creative Capital: Multi-Arts Production (MAP) Fund

The Multi-Arts Production (MAP) Fund, a program of Creative Capital supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, supports original new work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts. The goal of the MAP Fund is to assist artists who are exploring and challenging the dynamics of live performance within our changing society, thus reflecting our culture's innovation and growing diversity. MAP is especially interested in supporting work early in its development; the touring of completed projects is not eligible for funding. Applications for MAP support must come from U.S. nonprofit organizations; nonprofit artist-services organizations may apply as fiscal sponsors on behalf of artists or ensembles. The online letter of inquiry process opens September 1, 2009 with a due date of October 19, 2009. Invited proposals must be submitted by January 11, 2010. Visit the MAP website for more information.

Programs Serving Disabled Veterans Funded (Deadline 10/20/09)

Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust

The Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust supports nonprofit organizations located in the United States that provide long-term programs offering direct assistance to disabled veterans and their families. The Trust's grant making interests include ensuring quality health care for veterans, assistance to veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, programs that meet the special needs of veterans with specific disabilities such as amputation or blindness, and shelters for homeless veterans. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the remaining application deadlines for 2009 are July 20 and October 20. Eligibility information and application forms may be downloaded from the Trust's website listed above.

Grants Support Service-Learning Projects in Selected States (Deadline: October 22, 2009)

[Youth Service America: UnitedHealth HEROES Grants](#)

UnitedHealth HEROES Grants, administered by Youth Service America, provide support to educators, service-learning coordinators, students in the health professions, public health professionals, and community partners for service-learning projects in selected states. (Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that combines meaningful service to the community with school-based curriculum or program-based learning.) Grant recipients will receive up to \$1,000 for projects that focus on childhood obesity, engage youth ages 5-25 in the planning and implementation process, and take place during Semester of Service 2010 (January 18 to April 25). Applications are due October 22, 2009. Visit the Youth Service America website for a list of eligible states and online application guidelines.

Grants Enhance Youth Football Fields (Deadline: 10/30/09)

NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program

The NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program, funded by the National Football League and administered by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), provides support for neighborhood-based organizations and middle or high schools to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. Field Surface Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to help finance the resurfacing of community, middle school, or high school football fields. General Field Support grants of up to \$50,000 are available for capital projects not associated with the actual field surface, such as the installation/refurbishment of bleachers, concession stands, lights, etc. All organizations applying for funds must be located within NFL Target Markets and serve low- to moderate-income areas within those markets. A list of eligible communities is included in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The application deadline is October 30, 2009. Visit the LISC website to download the 2009 RFP.

Support for Community-Controlled Anti-Poverty Programs (Deadlines: 11/1/09 and 12/15/09)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Community Organizing Grants

The mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education. CCHD's Community Organizing Grants support projects in which poor and marginalized people join together to seek solutions to local problems and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Applying organizations must demonstrate a change from traditional approaches to poverty by attacking the basic causes of poverty and by effecting institutional change. Eligible projects should directly benefit a poverty group who, in turn, should have the dominant voice in the project. The Pre-application Eligibility Quiz, available on the CCHD website, may be submitted between September 1 and November 1, 2009. (Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit their quiz prior to the November 1st deadline.) Online applications for new applicants are due December 15, 2009. Visit the CCHD website for details on the Community Organizing Grants program.

Grants Enhance Elementary School Lunches (Deadline: 11/6/09)

Love Your Veggies Grant Program

The Love Your Veggies Grant Program, sponsored by the makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings, supports elementary school programs nationwide that increase student access to, and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom. The initiative will award \$10,000 grants to ten elementary schools in order to help them develop a program offering fresh produce. The selected programs may be implemented as early as April 2010 and should last through the 2010-2011 school year. Funds may be used for any of the following: the purchase of fresh produce, a vegetable station (such as a salad bar), kitchen equipment, program staffing, nutrition education supplies, or food safety training. Online applications must be submitted by November 6, 2009. Detailed application guidelines are available on the Love Your Veggies website.

K-12 Field Trips Funded (Deadline: 11/30/09)

Target Field Trip Grants

The Target Field Trip Grants program provides funds for K-12 field trips in order to give students throughout the country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. For the 2009-2010 school year, 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each will be awarded to educators, teachers,

principals, paraprofessionals, and classified staff who are employed by accredited K-12 public, private, or charter schools. Types of eligible field trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; and career enrichment opportunities. Funds may be used to cover trip-related costs such as transportation, ticket fees, resource materials, and supplies. Online applications will be available from August 5 through November 3, 2009. Visit the Target website to learn more about the program.

Grants for Environmentally Friendly Projects (Deadline: 12/31/09)

Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program

Nickelodeon's Big Green Grants Program provides support to schools and community-based organizations throughout the U.S. for environmentally friendly projects. Green Grants of \$2,500 and \$5,000 encourage projects that inspire kids to take care of the environment, be active and live healthier, and engage in community service. Applicants must participate in Worldwide Day of Play (September 26, 2009) or host a Big Green Help environmental project. Public and private elementary and middle schools as well as nonprofit community-based after-school organizations are eligible to apply. Applications from urban and rural/suburban areas as well as small and large community-based organizations serving all ethnicities are encouraged to apply. Requests must be submitted by December 31, 2009. Visit the program's website for application guidelines and forms.

Instrument Donations for Music Programs Nationwide (Applications submitted throughout year)

Fender Music Foundation

The mission of the Fender Music Foundation, formerly the Guitar Center Music Foundation, is to support nonprofit music programs across America that offer instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music. The Foundation accepts grant applications from music academies, schools, local music programs, and national music programs throughout the country that teach people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music. Almost all of the grants provided are comprised of traditional instruments and the equipment necessary to play them. Online applications may be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the Foundation's website to access program guidelines and the online grant application form.

Grants Promote Environmental Conservation Programs (Applications submitted throughout year)

Wallace Genetic Foundation - provides grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide that believe in the long-term conservation of the soil and of the environment, rather than exploitation of natural resources for temporary profits. Specific areas of interest include: sustainable agriculture, protection of farmland near cities, plant genetic research, biodiversity protection, and environmental education and media. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Foundation's website.

Grants Enhance Comprehensive Capital Campaigns (Applications submitted throughout year)

Kresge Foundation: Capital Challenge Grant Program - supports communities in the United States and around the world by strengthening the nonprofit organizations that serve them. The Foundation's six major areas of interest are health, environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development. Through the Capital Challenge Grant Program, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are engaged in comprehensive campaigns designed to support institutional growth through the construction of new facilities as well as the acquisition or renovation of existing facilities, the purchase of real property, and the purchase of major integrated equipment systems. Because environmental conservation is one of the Foundation's values, challenge grant applicants are encouraged to consider green construction issues. The Foundation accepts online letters of intent for this program throughout the year. Visit the website listed above to review the Capital Challenge Grant Program guidelines.

Fire Control Projects Supported Worldwide (Applications submitted throughout year)

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program - supports a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts throughout the U.S. and internationally. Funded projects include pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations are eligible to apply. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed quarterly. Visit the website listed above to review the frequently asked questions and request a grant application.

Grants Target Rural Communities (Applications submitted throughout year)

Pioneer Hi-Bred International: Community Investment Program – supports efforts to improve the quality of life in the communities where the company's customers and employees live and work. The company focuses its grant making in the following areas: education, with an emphasis on science; agriculture; and farm safety. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations located in Pioneer facility communities or rural agricultural regions. Organizations with active Pioneer management/employee participation receive priority consideration. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed quarterly. Visit the website listed above to learn more about the program; click on U.S. Grant Guidelines to access the grant application.

Community Watershed Protection Projects Funded (Applications submitted throughout year)

RBC Blue Water Project: Community Action Grants - The RBC Blue Water Project, an initiative of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), will provide \$50 million in grants through 2017 to support programs that foster a culture of water stewardship. The initiative's funding focus is Watershed Protection and Access to Safe Drinking Water. Launched in 2008, the RBC Blue Water Project Community Action Grants are provided to local grassroots organizations in Canada, the United States, and the Caribbean for projects devoted to informing, educating, and mobilizing people about watershed protection at the community level. Requests for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Blue Water Project's website listed above for more information.

Drug Policy Reform Efforts Supported (Letters of Intent due 1st business day of every month)

Drug Policy Alliance Advocacy Grants Program

The Drug Policy Alliance is the nation's leading organization promoting policy alternatives to the drug war that are grounded in science, compassion, health, and human rights. The Drug Policy Alliance Advocacy Grants Program promotes drug policy reform at the local, state, and national levels by funding smaller, geographically limited, or single-issue projects. The program provides support through the following two components: Promoting Policy Change grants averaging \$15,000 to \$25,000 support nonprofit organizations working to advance drug policy through advocacy, grassroots organizing, and education, with emphasis on state-based activity. The application deadline is June 11, 2009. Rapid Response/Special Opportunities grants averaging \$10,000 to \$15,000 support time-sensitive strategic public education to block drug war initiatives or advance drug policy reform. Letters of intent are due on the first business day of the month throughout the year. Visit the website listed above for application guidelines for both grant programs.

Support for Community Collaborations Promoting Pet Adoptions (Applications submitted throughout year)

Maddie's Fund - The goal of Maddie's Fund is to help build a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats find loving new homes. Through the Fund's Community Collaborative Project Grants, support is provided to community-wide collaborations of adoption guarantee organizations, animal control and traditional shelters, and private practice veterinarians working together to provide adoptions for all their treatable shelter dogs and cats within ten years. In order to prepare communities to be eligible for a Community Collaborative Project Grant, Maddie's Fund also provides Starter Grants, which offer support for the development of the various components of community collaborations. Applications for these grants, as well as several other programs offered by

the Fund, are accepted throughout the year. Details on each of the Fund's distinct grant programs are available on the website listed above.

Early Child Care Programs Funded (Applications submitted throughout year)

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation - awards grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and low-income families. The majority of the Foundation's grants are made through the Early Childhood Care and Education program. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income areas where many families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Types of support include tuition subsidies; small renovations, supplies, and equipment upgrades; playground construction; and staff development opportunities. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Letters of intent may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above to take the online eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

Small Grants Assist Domestic Violence Survivors (Applications submitted throughout year)

Allstate Foundation Education and Job Training Fund - established by the Foundation in partnership with National Network to End Domestic Violence, provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence to help them achieve their educational and job related goals. Eligible expenses include books and tuition for school, job skills training, temporary child care, public transportation, etc. Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition to be accepted. Applications may be submitted at any time. Details about the program are available on the National Network to End Domestic Violence website.

Water/Wastewater Funding Programs

USDA Rural Development provides a number of community facility and water/wastewater funding programs for eligible applicants including public bodies, non-profits, and Indian Tribes in rural Minnesota. If you have a project in mind, we encourage you to file an application at your local USDA Rural Development office to begin the application process.

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Rural Development has invested about \$418 million since 2001 through its Water/Environmental and Community Facility Programs to upgrade water, sewer, storm water systems and essential community facility projects throughout Minnesota. Rural Development accepts applications for these programs at any time and is asking all rural communities, non-profits and Indian Tribes with potential projects to get in touch with their local Rural Development office for more information.

For further information on these funding programs, please visit the Minnesota Rural Development web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn. Once you are at the web site, click on the community programs banner for information on water/wastewater or community facilities programs. You can also learn about opportunities for housing and business programs at this site.

Grants Promote Land Protection (Applications submitted throughout year)

Norcross Wildlife Foundation

The Norcross Wildlife Foundation provides support to local grassroots organizations throughout the

United States that work to protect wild land. Priority is given to organizations that have difficulty raising the modest funds they need to do their critical work in the trenches of environmental conservation. Grants averaging \$5,000 are primarily provided for program-related office and field equipment, and public education and outreach materials. The Foundation also provides no-interest loans to local organizations to help them acquire land they have prioritized for conservation. Applications for both grants and loans may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application guidelines.

Grants Enhance Health and Wellness in Company Communities (Applications submitted throughout year)

Walgreens Corporate Contribution Program

The Walgreens Corporate Contribution Program supports nonprofit organizations in local Walgreens communities throughout the United States. (Walgreens stores are located in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.) The company provides grants to organizations that focus on the following issues: access to health and wellness in their communities, pharmacy education programs and mentoring initiatives, civic and community outreach, and emergency and disaster relief. The largest share of the company's annual grants budget is allocated to programs that address the health needs of community residents. Online applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Walgreens website to download the contribution guidelines.

Alcoholism Prevention & Education Programs Funded (Applications submitted throughout year)

Christopher D. Smithers Foundation - The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to inform the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; to encourage prevention programs and activities, with an emphasis on high risk populations; and to continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grant making on a wide range of issues related to alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of alcoholism problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country may also receive funds. Grant proposals are reviewed throughout the year. Guidelines for submitting requests are available on the Foundation's website.

Support for Programs Addressing College Alcohol Problems (Applications submitted throughout year)

UMADD Mini-Grant Program

The UMADD Mini-Grant Program offers qualifying groups grants of up to \$500 to help implement evidence-based prevention programs that focus on college-related drinking problems on campuses and/or in the surrounding communities. Priority for funding will be given to applications that incorporate the projects recommended on the UMADD website; seek to change environmental factors (laws, policies, enforcement) or populations (student body, anyone under 21) versus projects that seek individual behavior change (motivational speaker, basic alcohol education); include partnership with multiple groups, both on campus and in the community; and support law enforcement efforts. Requests may be submitted at any time. Online application information is available on the UMADD website.

Grants Address Pet Welfare in Tough Times (Applications are accepted throughout the year)

PETCO Foundation: "We Are Family Too" Fund

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to raise the quality of life for pets and the people who love and need them. The Foundation's "We Are Family Too" Fund supports local animal welfare programs nationwide that address the country's difficult financial climate. Grants are provided to shelters that have seen an increase in surrendered animals due to the rise in foreclosures and evictions, as well as to organizations that have programs that help families in their communities stay with their companion animals during these hard economic times. Examples of funded programs include resources for pet-friendly rentals, spay and neuter services, short term foster homes, etc. Applications may be submitted

at any time and generally take up to twelve weeks to process. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application.

Grants Encourage the Empowerment of Disadvantaged Groups (Applications are accepted throughout the year)

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) focuses its efforts on the empowerment of economically poor and disadvantaged people seeking to change the structures that perpetuate their condition. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems and want to take charge of their own lives. Funded projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term corrections of the conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the SDOP website to review the funding guidelines and download the application form.

Resources

Planning Commissioners Journal

Now in its 18th year, the [Planning Commissioners Journal](#) is the nation's principal publication designed for citizen planners, including (but certainly not limited to) members of local planning commissions and zoning boards. Over 7,500 citizen planners in all 50 states and across Canada receive the PCJ.

The [Summer 2009 issue](#) explores the topic of libraries and how they bring value to our communities. Also [take a look at this](#) great collection of library, city hall and other public building postcards – compiled by PCJ.

The Community Assistantship Program is pleased to announce a spring 2010 grant program. The grant will allow rural communities to hire a student to work on a project defined by those communities. The deadline for project proposals is October 30th, 2009. Approved projects will run from January 14th, 2010 to May 30th, 2010.

Winning communities will review job applications and select the student who best meets their needs. For details on how to apply see the attachment or apply on line:
<http://www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/ApplicationProcess.php>

Eligible organizations include community groups, organizations, and local governments outside the seven county metro.

What is CAP?

The Community Assistantship Program (CAP) provides applied research assistance to community-based groups outside the Twin Cities Metro Area. The research and technical needs of community organizations are matched with the support of talented students. The idea is simple: get the resources of a great University working with communities to address the significant issues facing the people of Minnesota. CAP projects typically place students in a community defined and directed part time research assistantship for one semester or over the summer. Students are selected by and report to the community organization. Throughout the project students are supported by a community supervisor, faculty and community mentors.

Pew Charitable Trust's Report on the Green Economy in Minnesota

Minnesota has a large and growing piece of America's clean energy economy. Growth of jobs in the clean energy economic sector significantly outpaced that of total jobs between 1998 and 2007. [Read more...](#)

Center for Rural Policy & Development

This is a great website that you can go to see how your community or area compares to others around the state. Easy to use, comprehensive and have comparative data on over 100 indicators. www.ruralmn.org and click on "Atlas Online".

Small Towns, Big Ideas

The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has just released a new publication, "Small Towns, Big Ideas: Case Studies in Small Town Community Economic Development" online at <http://www.sog.unc.edu/programs/cednc/stbi/>.

The website includes a searchable database of case studies on small town community and economic development. This is a valuable resource for small town leaders across the country. Go to the website and check out this great resource!

This newsletter is designed to share funding opportunities, resources, and conferences or training events of common interest for program participants and supporters of the Initiative Foundation. For more information about these and other training opportunities, contact (Dan Frank, dfrank@ifound.org).

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