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Minority Health Community Partnerships Program

New York State Department of Health, Office of Minority Health

The New York State Department of Health, Office of Minority Health is soliciting applications for its Minority Health Community Partnerships Program. Applicants must propose evidence-based intervention designs that show promise in reducing or eliminating one or more health disparities such as maternal mortality, cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS infection or child and adult immunizations.

ELIGIBILITY: Community coalitions/partnerships with the demonstrated capacity to develop and implement interventions and programs that improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities through community-level systems change.

FUNDING: It is expected that four grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded.

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by the Office of Minority Health no later than 5:00 p.m., January 9, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Michael A. Acosta, Grants Manager, New York State Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower Building, Room 780, Albany, New York 12237-0092; phone (518) 474-2180.

Low-Income Housing Credit Program

New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) announces the availability of a tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC).

ELIGIBILITY: Persons and firms that construct and/or rehabilitate rental housing that is reserved for low-income households may apply for LIHC.

FUNDING: DHCR expects to have approximately \$20 million available for Credit Reservations. The maximum amount of the annual tax credit allocation per application that may be requested is \$1 million.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received by DHCR by 5:00 p.m., February 27, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact a DHCR Regional Office: Capital District Regional Office, DHCR, Debra Devine, Regional Director, Hampton Plaza, 9th Floor, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207; phone (518) 486-5012; Buffalo Regional Office, DHCR, Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director, Statler Towers, 107 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Buffalo, NY 14202; phone (716) 842-2244; Syracuse Regional Office, DHCR, Vernita King, Regional Director, 800 South Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204; phone (315) 473-6930, mailing address: P.O. Box 1127, Syracuse, NY 13201; New York City Regional Office, DHCR, Deborah Boatright, Regional Director, 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004; phone (212) 480-7644.

Questions?

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Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)

New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal

DHCR is accepting applications for funding under the following: Housing Trust Fund Program, the New York State HOME Program, the Homes for Working Families Program, the Urban Initiatives Program, the Rural Area Revitalization program, the New York Main Street Program, the Access to Home Program, and the Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program. Due to the space limitations of this publication, interested parties should contact DHCR through one of their Regional Offices for complete program details.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons and firms that construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low income persons or households.

FUNDING: Please contact DHCR for complete funding details.

DEADLINE: Applications for HOME, HTF, HWF, UI and RARP site-specific project funding (except for seed money requests) must be received by the HTFC by 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2006.

Applications for locally administered programs funded under HOME, RESTORE, New York Main Street or Access to Home must be received by HTFC by 5:00 p.m., March 20, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact one of the DHCR Regional Offices to obtain an application package or for more information: Capital District Regional Office, NYS DHCR, Debra Devine, Regional Director, Hampton Plaza, 9th Floor, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York 12207; phone (518) 486-5012; Buffalo Regional Office, NYS DHCR, Thomas H. Van Nortwick, Regional Director, Statler Towers, 107 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Buffalo, New York 14202; phone (716) 842-2244; Syracuse Regional Office, NYS DHCR, Vernita King, Regional Director, 800 South Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13204; phone (315) 473-6930, mailing address: P.O. Box 1127, Syracuse, New York 13201; New York City Regional Office, NYS DHCR, Deborah Boatright, Regional Director, 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10004; phone (212) 480-7644.

...Foundations and Organizations

Relatives as Parents Program

The Brookdale Foundation Group

The Brookdale Foundation Group has announced the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Local Seed Grant Initiative for 2006. RAPP is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting, when the biological parents are unwilling or unable to do so. The program is intended to award seed grants to local agencies, to private support groups and at least two other supportive services to relative caregivers and their families; encourage cooperation and collaboration among various service systems; ensure the development, expansion and future continuity of local services; and create replicable models of service.

ELIGIBILITY: Local community based agencies.

FUNDING: Selected agencies will receive a \$10,000 grant over a two-year period (\$6,000 in the first year and \$4,000 in the second year if all grant requirements have been met) as well as training and technical assistance. Matching support in cash or in-kind will be required of all selected agencies.

DEADLINE: January 12, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.brookdalefoundation.org for local RFP guidelines and application forms. Requests for the local RFP packets, written on agency letterhead, may also be submitted to the Relatives as Parents Program, The Brookdale Foundation Group, 950 Third Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

K-12 Education Grants

Toyota USA Foundation

The Toyota USA Foundation has been working for more than a decade to fund K-12 education programs, especially in the areas of mathematics and science. The foundation has formed partnerships with some of America's leading organizations and

institutions and prefers proposals that are broad in scope, incorporate interdisciplinary curriculum, "real world" classroom applications, are creative and innovative programs, which develop the potential of students and teachers, and are cost-effective.

ELIGIBILITY: Applying organizations must be tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and be located within the United States. Grants are made to higher education institutions, community colleges and vocational or trade schools, and to nonprofit organizations engaged in pre-collegiate math and/or science education.

FUNDING: Currently the Toyota USA Foundation provides \$1.9 million a year to support innovative math and science programs.

DEADLINE: There are no deadlines. Proposals are reviewed on a rotating basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Foundation Administrator, Toyota USA Foundation, 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4900, New York, New York 10019, phone (212) 715-7486; www.toyota.com/foundation.

Civic Connections Program

National Council for the Social Studies

The National Council for the Social Studies' Civic Connections Program links local history inquiry with community service-learning activities. Teachers will develop and adapt these activities based on their students' interests and abilities, the needs or problems in the local community, and their local social studies curriculum requirements.

ELIGIBILITY: Teams of three 3rd-12th grade teachers who are members of the National Council for the Social Studies (or agree to join if application is accepted). Teams of teachers must also partner with at least one local community agency.

FUNDING: The maximum award is \$7,500.

DEADLINE: February 26, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.civicconnections.org.

Correction - Barnes and Noble

In the October issue of Grants Action News, information was published regarding grants available through Barnes and Noble.

Although this information was obtained through the Barnes and Noble web site, we have been informed that these grants are not currently available. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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We the People Bookshelf Program

American Library Association and the NEH

As part of its We the People initiative, the National Endowment for the Humanities is collaborating with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office to present "We the People Bookshelf," a program designed to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history.

ELIGIBILITY: Public and school (K-12) libraries are invited to apply to receive the third We the People Bookshelf, which focuses on Becoming American. Book titles available for viewing on the ALA's web site.
FUNDING: 1,000 libraries will receive free books.

DEADLINE: January 17, 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/wethepeople/wepeople.htm to review grant guidelines and complete an online application. If you have questions, you may contact the ALA's Public Programs Office at (312) 280-5045 or publicprograms@ala.org.

...Grant Writing

The Grantsmanship Center

The Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to New York: **Newburgh, January 9-13, 2006**, hosted by Orange County Community College and Rockland Community College, and **New York City, January 30-February 3, 2006**, hosted by the Institute for Community Living.

The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$825, 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. For local information and arrangements, call Fontaine McNamara (Newburgh) at (845) 341-4337; and Ben Sher (New York City) at (212) 385-3030, ext. 3198.