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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**Youth Workforce Development Programs RFP Released

On November 22, DYCD released the Youth Workforce Development Programs Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is comprised of two service options, each divided into five borough competitions, for In School Youth (ISY) and Out of School Youth (OSY) workforce development programs serving low-income youth ages 16 to 21. The RFP also contains a new technical assistance component, which will help providers build internal capacity. Applications are due January 12, 2006. Programs are scheduled to begin on July 1, 2006. The RFP can be downloaded from the Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd or may be picked up from the Agency Chief Contracting Officer.

**Cultural After School Adventures Grant Opportunity Released

On December 8, DYCD released a Cultural After School Adventures grant in partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the City Council. The program will enhance existing OST providers' efforts to offer enriching, educational, and diverse cultural experiences to our City's youth. Proposed projects must include a demonstrable cultural activity of recognized quality and must address the OST goal of supporting the exploration of interests and development of skills and creativity among youth. Applications are due January 10, 2006. Contracts commence February 20, 2006, ending June 30, 2006. The grant application can be downloaded from the DYCD Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**Commissioner Mullgrav Delivers Opening Remarks at National Conference

On November 21, Commissioner Mullgrav delivered the Opening Remarks and a Mayoral Proclamation at the Partnership for After-School Education's 3-day national conference, entitled *Shaping Our Future in Out of School Time*. The conference brought together over 200 OST leaders - including advocates, funders and practitioners - representing more than 20 states.

Assistant Commissioner Chris Caruso, along with representatives from Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Providence, was a panelist in the conference workshop: *Developing Systems, Expanding Capacity, and Sharing Quality*.

**DYCD Launches "Building Bridges" Training Initiative

On November 10, DYCD's Capacity Building Division sponsored a forum for Coney Island Community Based Organizations entitled *Building Bridges*. The all-day event, held at Surfside Gardens Community Center, was the first of a five-part City-wide training initiative designed to bring information and resources to the neighborhoods that need them the most. DYCD staff and foundation representatives from the New York Foundation and the Independence Community Foundation provided the 100+ representatives from 60 local Coney Island organizations with information about government and private funding opportunities. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, and Council Member Romenic M. Recchia, Jr. delivered remarks to

the assembled organizations. The New York City Housing Authority and the Astella Development Corporation were co-sponsors of the event.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities**, in partnership with the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**, the **National Endowment for the Arts** and the **National Endowment for the Humanities**, sponsors the annual *Coming Up Taller Awards* program. These awards recognize and reward ten outstanding arts and humanities programs that engage children by giving them safe environments in which to learn and opportunities to develop their skills and aspirations. Eligible programs should reach children during the most vulnerable time of their days: after school, on weekends and during summers. Each awardee receives a \$10,000 award and a Coming Up Taller Awards plaque. The application deadline is January 30, 2006. Visit the website for more information and guidelines: <http://www.cominguptaller.org/> .

For Staten Island nonprofit organizations only: The **New York Life Foundation** announces its 2006 Award Program for nonprofit organizations that serve youth. The Foundation will award six \$25,000 grants --- one in each of New York City's five boroughs and one in Westchester County --- to innovative programs that support the Foundation's Educational Enhancement category as part of its Nurturing the Children initiative. Educational Enhancement programs include those that prepare young people for higher education or the workplace and equip them to be responsible citizens. *The application deadline for organizations nominating programs on Staten Island (only) has been extended to December 30.* Applications should be submitted through this Web address: <http://www.cybergrants.com/newyorlife/awardsprogram>

The **New York State Office of Children and Family Services** has announced the availability of Early Child Development Grant funds to expand and/or improve childcare facilities and services in New York State via: child care and school age start up expansion of hours; health and safety; innovative programs; and accreditation certification. The application deadline is July 14, 2006. Contact: Joe Ziegler, (518) 402-652, for more information.

The **New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute** Division of HIV Prevention, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), Peer, has issued a Specialty Request for Applications (RFA). There will be three program components to this RFA. Component A will support the design and implementation of effective behavior-based HIV prevention interventions that address: 1) substance use and HIV-related supportive services; and, 2) the mental health needs of LGBT populations (including persons within those populations who self-identify in various ways, i.e., lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual, or transgender). Component B will support the design and implementation of peer-delivered services for HIV-infected and high-risk individuals and underserved populations in New York State. Component C will support the design and implementation of specialized services for designated populations. Eligible applicants include: not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. Total funding available for all awards is \$5,006,822. Awards may range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Applications are due January 24, 2006. Contact: (for Component A) Barbara Agatstein at (212)417-4668; (for Components B and C) Bethsabet Justiniano at (518) 486-1412. Applicants' Conferences will be held in New York City on December 21, 2005 from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at the Affinia Manhattan, 31st & 7th Avenue. To download the RFA please visit <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/>

The **United States Golf Association's "Good of the Game"** grants fund programs that use golf to teach life lessons to youth and make the sport more accessible and affordable to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and youth with disabilities. The application deadline is January 20, 2006. View online: <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/grants/grants.html> .

The **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** will fund cooperative agreements to establish a national program for preventing behaviors and unhealthy environments that place elementary school through college-aged young people at risk for myriad health problems, including HIV infections. State and local

education and health agencies; institutions of higher education; organizations serving youth at high risk for HIV infection, including community- and faith-based institutions, youth service organizations, parent/teacher/student associations, abstinence education organizations and recreation agencies are eligible to apply. The application deadline is January 9, 2006. For more information, contact: Barbara Benyard, 770/488-2757, bnb8@cdc.gov .

The **Captain Planet Foundation** provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 for projects promoting the understanding of environmental issues and focusing on hands-on experiences for students ages 6-18. Upcoming deadlines are Dec. 31, June 30 and Sept. 30. 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. Applications must be submitted online at <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org> .

Mockingbird Foundation is offering grants for in-school music projects that promote creative expression. They encourage projects associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms and philosophies. Grant awards range from \$50 - \$5,000. The application deadline is February 1. Go to: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html> .

The **Herb Block Foundation** seeks to help improve student achievement and healthy development of young people, middle school age and above. Projects may include in-school and community-based educational programs, after-school activities, mentoring programs, and programs designed to increase high school graduation rates. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for Letter of Intent is February 14, 2006. View online: <http://www.herblockfoundation.org/herblockfoundation/home.aspx?Page=>

The **National Council for Communities** and the **SBC Foundation** announce funds to support community/education partnerships and improve student academic achievement and success in K-16 education through two distinct program areas: 1) capacity-building development, to enhance teaching and learning functions through the use of instructional technologies; and 2) support of after-school and summer academic enrichment programs in math, science, reading, and technological literacy to prepare students for college attendance and the workplace. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is February 17, 2006. Approximately 72 awards up to \$50,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.edpartnerships.org> .

Champions for Healthy Kids, a national grant program created to encourage healthy eating choices and active lifestyles in young people, is now accepting grant applications for 2006. The program is a partnership of the **General Mills Foundation**, the **American Dietetic Association Foundation**, and the **President's Challenge**. Each year, the Champions Grant Program awards fifty community groups and schools \$10,000 grants that support innovative programs to help children develop positive, lifelong nutrition, and physical fitness habits. The program supports the work of innovative nutrition and fitness programs developed by grassroots, nonprofit organizations that serve children and teenagers. The application deadline is February 1, 2006. Visit the General Mills Web site for grant guidelines and an application form: <http://presidentschallenge.org/> .

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.

Community based agencies are eligible for funding; selected agencies will receive a \$10,000 grant over a two-year period as well as training and technical assistance. Matching support in cash or in-kind will be

required of all selected agencies. The application deadline is January 12, 2006. Visit <http://www.brookdalefoundation.org> for local RFP guidelines and application forms.

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Citigroup Foundation** gives grants focused in the following three main areas: Financial Education, with emphasis on programs for families and young people; Educating the Next Generation, with emphasis on improving educational opportunities in low-income communities; and Building Communities and Entrepreneurs, with emphasis on the revitalization of low-income communities. Applications are accepted at any time during the calendar year; however, early submission is encouraged. Visit the Web site for more information and application guidelines:

<http://www.citigroup.com/citigroup/corporate/foundation/index.htm> .

The **United States Conference of Mayors**, in cooperation with the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, and the **National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention**, has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants Program, which is designed to strengthen local capacities to carry out effective HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

Proposals will be accepted for two tracks: Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services Targeting Native Americans; and Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services Targeting African American or Hispanic Women at High Risk of HIV Infection. In both tracks, priority will be given to groups that demonstrate strong community ties and have specific experience in serving the target group or subgroup. The application deadline is February 27, 2006. Visit the USCM Web site for additional information and/or to download the complete RFP:

<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5001900/usmayors>

The **Town Creek Foundation** seeks a healthy environment, an informed society and a peaceful world. The Foundation is committed to achieving its mission through public education, citizen action, and advocacy. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is January 15, 2006. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.towncreekfdn.org/tcfsite/about.html>

The **Common Counsel Foundation** supports organizations that give voice to low income people, women, youth, people of color and others working for justice, equity, and a healthy, sustainable environment. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is January 16, 2006. Awards ranging from \$5,000-\$12,000 are available. For further information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.commoncounsel.org/pages/application.html>

The **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)** provides \$5,000 under the *Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE)* program to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through program development, networking, coalition building and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach and recruit volunteers. Established organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal victim assistance grant funding and operate with \$50,000 or less in annual funding are eligible. The deadline is ongoing. For information online, go to: <http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

The **Rockefeller Foundation** seeks to support new work in all disciplines and traditions of the live performing arts and work that brings insight and vibrant critique to the issue of cultural difference, be that in class, gender, generation, ethnicity, or tradition. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is February 10, 2006. For further information, go to: <http://www.mapfund.org/apply.html> .

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the **United States Department of Agriculture** announces a *Fiscal Year 2006 Food Stamp Outreach Grant* competition. The purpose of the grant is to implement and study effective strategies to inform and educate potentially eligible low income people not currently participating in the Food Stamp Program about the nutrition benefits of the program, eligibility rules, and how to apply, so that they can make an informed decision about participation in the program. The maximum grant award amount is \$75,000. The application due date is April 3, 2006. Full information is

available online, go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/USDA/FNS/FNSGMD/USDA-FNS-FSOR-06/Grant.html> .

American Express Foundation grants go to non-profits implementing or maintaining a financial literacy program. Programs funded in the past include those serving the disabled, homeless, domestic-violence victims, minorities, women, prisoners, new homeowners and former welfare recipients. Between 1999 and 2004, the Economic Independence Fund Grant awards have provided more than \$2.6 million to develop financial literacy programs that included training trainers, acquiring financial literacy materials, program outreach activities and related costs in implementing a start-up program. Nonprofits operating at the community/county level that may or may not have affiliations with state, regional and national groups are preferred. Deadline: January 2006 & March 2006. Approximately \$500,000 will be available with grants ranging from \$15,000-\$30,000. For information, go to: <http://www.nefe.org/amexeconfundrfp> .

The **Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger** announces funds for *Food for All*, a program to address one of three focus areas: building community food security; developing individual and family self-reliance; and creating employment opportunities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations. The application deadline is February 3, 2006. For further information contact: damein@foodforall.org or go to: <http://www.foodforall.org/Anti-hunger%20national.html> .

RESOURCES

A free 11-week training is available beginning this February for those interested in becoming a *Community Emergency Response Team* (CERT) volunteer. Programs are held on weekday evenings and contain over 30 hours of training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. For specific information and to register, contact Di Luong, Citizens for NYC, at 212-822-9576 or dluong@citizensnyc.org. You must register by January 6, 2006. For more information on CERT, visit FEMA's CERT Web page: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/certfaq.asp> .

Xerox is offering high-speed Xerox color printers to eligible organizations. For further information, go to: <https://www.freecolorprinters.com/application/apply.cfm> .

Non-Profit Guides offers web-based grant-writing tools for nonprofits, charitable, educational, public, and other community-minded groups and/or organizations. Guides are designed to assist organizations through the grant-writing process. For further information, go online to: <http://www.npguides.org>.

The **Philanthropy Journal** announces the launch of a free *Wachovia Charitable Library Service* that features Wachovia leaders' tips, advice and information on planned giving. For further information, go to: <http://www.philanthropyjournal.org/page25128.cfm> .

FoodChange, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives through nutrition, education and financial empowerment, provides free tax preparation services at 11 locations throughout New York City. If you earn less than \$20,000 without dependent children or less than \$40,000 with dependent children, FoodChange will assist you. FoodChange will get you all the tax credits you deserve, including the Earned Income Tax Credit; FoodChange will also e-file your tax return, and will maintain strict confidentiality with your personal information. Call 1-866 WAGE PLUS (1-866-924-3758) for the FoodChange location nearest to you.

The **Allstate Foundation**, in partnership with the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** (NAACP), the **National Crime Prevention Council**, the **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives**, and the **Hispanic Association of Police Commanders**, created *The Law and You*, a program that engages youth, law enforcement and educators in a dialogue surrounding current challenges. It tackles real-life issues and offers meaningful solutions relevant to both youth and law enforcement. To download a copy, go to: http://www.allstate.com/community/lawyou_L2999_2.pdf

The **National Institute for Drug Abuse** (NIDA) has launched a website that provides the latest scientific findings on the relationship between drug abuse and HIV: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/> One item on the Institute's new Web site is its recently released HIV/AIDS "Research Report" which provides an overview of the latest NIDA-supported research into the multiple ways in which drugs of abuse contribute to the spread of HIV.

The **National Institute on Aging** (NIA) offers a free resource guide in Spanish with information about caring for a person with Alzheimer's. It includes tips on how to help the person with AD celebrate holidays, perform everyday activities, and remain safely in the home, as well as other information useful to caregivers. To order a free copy of "Guia para Quienes Cuidan Personas con la Enfermedad de Alzheimer", call 1-800-438-4380. The NIA Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center is open weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Eastern time. A Spanish-speaking information specialist is available to respond to calls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****January 13** –the **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** (OJJDP) will air the 2-hour videoconference, *Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America* at 11:00 A.M. The broadcast is designed for anyone interested in addressing youth gangs, including school personnel, school resource officers/G.R.E.A.T officers, law enforcement professionals, local Boys & Girls Club staff, youth development professionals, probation and corrections officers, prosecutors and court personnel, researchers, elected officials, and youth leaders. To access further information and register online, visit <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj>. You may also e-mail questions to gangconference@aol.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

"O" the **Oprah Magazine** is looking for fall interns in the Fashion and Style Departments. Candidates must be highly organized, detail-oriented and be able to multi-task. Prior internship experience preferred, but not required. This opportunity is available for college students in need of credit hours and recent graduates who are available to start immediately, full-time from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., 5 days a week. Send resumes with a cover letter to: Cindy M. del Rosario, Associate Editor O, The Oprah Magazine 1700 Broadway, 38th floor NY, or call (212) 903-5149.

Verizon is seeking students who are 2005 graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). If you know of someone graduating from a HBCU this year with a degree in Engineering, Computer Science and Technology, Information Technology, General Business, Finance or Marketing, please have them forward their resume to: Melissa.w.langham@verizon.com to be considered for career opportunities within Verizon.

The **North Fork Foundation** offers scholarships to high school seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-or four-year college, university, or vocational school, and can demonstrate financial need. Scholarships are in the amount of \$2,500 per year, renewable for up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned. Questions may be addressed to: North Fork Foundation Scholarship Program, Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America, One Scholarship Way, P.O. Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082; telephone: (507) 931-1682.

The **Women's Technology Program at MIT** is a 4-week summer residence program to introduce high school girls to electrical engineering and computer science. If you know a girl who is currently a high school junior, who demonstrates math and science ability, and an interest in finding out about EECS, please encourage her to visit their website for more information and for an application form. Go to: <http://wtp.mit.edu/>. Classes are taught in a supportive environment by a staff of women MIT PhD candidates and undergraduates. The full-time academic program includes hands-on experiments and team-based projects in computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics. Applicants typically

have strong academic records, especially in math and science; applicants with financial need may request a fee waiver. Applications are due Feb 3, 2006.

Harvard is offering free tuition for honor students graduating from high school soon, that have a family income below \$40,000. To find out more about the program, visit Harvard's Financial Aid Web site at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the Harvard Financial Aid Office at (617) 495-1581.

The **Volvo Adventure International Competition** is an environmental award that rewards environmental action taken by young people. The program is intended to give young people the chance to gain international recognition for their local environmental projects and to help support environmental education in schools and the local community. The program is open to young people around the world who are between 10 and 16 years of age, working with schools and youth and community groups. Groups of young people who enter a project to Volvo Adventure are eligible to win an all expenses-paid trip to attend the Volvo Adventure Conference in Sweden, where they will present their project and practical action to a jury of international experts. Groups selected by the jury will be awarded prizes of \$10,000, \$6,000, or \$4,000 to fund their projects. Groups must be made up of between two and five young people and be represented by an adult. The application deadline is January 31, 2006. Visit the Web site for complete program information and application procedures. <http://www.volvoadventure.org/site/58.asp>

The **Academy for Educational Development's New Voices Fellowship Program** is a national program to help nonprofit organizations bring innovative new talent to their staffs. The program is a capacity-building and leadership development grant program that assists nonprofit organizations and professionals related to human rights and social justice. New Voices Fellows are offered financial assistance, training, and other opportunities for personal and professional development. Their host organizations are provided salary-support grants. The goal of the program is to help both the host organization and the fellow realize their full potential. The application deadline is February 13, 2006. For more information, visit the Web site: <http://www.newvoices.aed.org/home.html> .