



## July @DYCD

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### DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\* Summer 2007** – Starting in early July, DYCD staff will join the members of all 43 Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) in the designated Neighborhood Development Areas to survey community residents about service priorities for federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding, and to kick-start the new round of Needs Assessments for the initiative. With a goal of completing at least 100 and up to 300 surveys in each of the 43 communities covered by an NAB, Board members will take to the streets, parks, libraries and other places where there are concentrations of passers by. The Needs Assessments will continue after Labor Day with each Board holding two public hearings to take testimony on service priorities.

Many NABs are in need of members to join them and help in this important work. To learn more about the NABs, and to see the map of your area and to download a membership application, please go to the DYCD website at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/cbo-nab.html>.

**\*\* July 19, 2007** – Young Adult Internship Programs Request for Proposals due at DYCD

**\*\* July 26, 2007** – Adult Literacy Programs Request for Proposals due at DYCD

**\*\* August 1, 2007** – Service Learning Programs Request for Proposals due at DYCD

**\*\* August 8, 2007** – Out-of-School Time Program Expansion Request for Proposals due at DYCD

### SPOTLIGHT NEWS

#### **\*\* DYCD Releases Four Requests for Proposals**

Through the **Service Learning Program RFP**, DYCD is seeking appropriately qualified organizations to provide Service Learning (SL) programs for youth in each of the five boroughs in New York City. The aim of the SL initiative is to enhance youth development services for middle- and high-school youth in some of the City's highest-need neighborhoods and encourage their participation in programs that can help them keep on track at school and develop their life-skills. The goals of the SL programs are to foster engagement in school and community and promote responsible behaviors. The anticipated contract start date is October 1, 2007. Proposals are due August 1, 2007. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 16 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Go to: <http://www.nyv.gov/dycd> for more information.

Through the **Out-of-School Time Programs for Youth – Elementary School Expansion RFP**, DYCD seeks appropriately qualified organizations to expand the variety of year-round, comprehensive, and high quality OST programs for children in elementary school, defined as kindergarten through grade 6. The anticipated contract term is January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011. Proposals are due August 8, 2007. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 12 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon or 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Go to: <http://www.nyv.gov/dycd> for more information.

In conjunction with the Center for Economic Opportunity, through the **Young Adult Internship Program RFP**, DYCD is seeking appropriately qualified non-profit or for-profit vendors to provide young adult internship programs (YAIP) to serve the most job-ready among disconnected youth through short-term paid internships; placements in jobs, education or advanced training; and follow-up services. The anticipated contract start date for Option I is October 1, 2007; the anticipated contract start date for Option II is September 1, 2007. Proposals are due July 19. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 10 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Go to: <http://www.nyv.gov/dycd> for more information.

Through the **Adult Literacy Services RFP**, DYCD is seeking to provide literacy services for adults living in New York City. Funding will support programs that offer Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Educational Development (GED) Tests preparation, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Basic Education in the Native Language (BENL) instructional services. Contracts will be from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. Proposals are due July 26, 2007. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 9 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Go to: <http://www.nyv.gov/dycd> for more information.

**All Pre-Proposal Conferences will be held at the New York City College of Technology (CUNY), Kitgard Center, 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.**

#### **\*\* DYCD Hosts Korean Official**

From June 19 to June 21, DYCD and several providers hosted a research fellow from the National Youth Policy Institute in Korea, Dr. Geun Young Chang. Dr. Chang was particularly interested in learning and observing programs and various educational activities relating to multi-cultural integration. On June 19, Dr. Chang met with staff from DYCD Out-of-School Time (OST), Beacon, and Vulnerable and Special Needs Youth programs. Highlighted were some of the unique and interesting activities that these programs offer to engage youth, while encouraging teamwork among participants with different needs and background. During his visit Dr. Chang visited Safe Horizon, a DYCD-funded crisis shelter for runaway and homeless youth, the Chinatown YMCA, Beacon Community Center at MS 131, and the Shuang Wen Academy, a DYCD-funded OST program at PS 184 in Chinatown.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

#### **\*\* OST Spelling Bee Finals Held**

On June 23, the first DYCD sponsored OST Citywide Spelling Bee was held at the Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY). The event provided participants from all five boroughs with an opportunity to improve their vocabulary, enhance spelling skills, and have fun while learning. The 65 contestants successfully competed in previously held borough-wide competitions. Eva Chen, the first-place winner, celebrated her victory alongside runner-up Shane Hobbs and third-place finisher Candice Tan. Eva, who won a personal computer, is a resident of Flushing, Queens and participates in the Chinese American Planning Council OST program at PS 20. Shane, winner of a savings bond, is a resident of Jamaica, Queens and participates in the Safe Space OST program at PS 30. Candice, who also won a savings bond, is a resident of Park Slope, Brooklyn and participates in the Prospect Park YMCA OST program at PS 205. The final challenge was the word "courageous."

#### **\*\* CAPITAL Financial Literacy Workshop Leads to Banking Opportunities**

On June 23, CAPITAL 2007 interns attended a financial literacy workshop co-presented by Isabella Masters of Commerce Bank and Ahmed Campbell of the Municipal Credit Union (MCU). MCU is a new CAPITAL 2007 partner and hired four CAPITAL interns this summer.

On June 28, Commerce Bank held an event at their midtown branch at which all CAPITAL participants were offered fee-free checking and student checking accounts (for those interns 18 years of age or older) or free savings accounts. Commerce Bank also deposited \$25 into each new account.

#### **\*\* DYCD Hosts Forum to Strengthen Capacity of CBOs**

On June 26, DYCD hosted a meeting of the Independence Community Foundation's Women's Network, a group of CBOs funded by the Foundation serving women and girls that meet regularly to strategize on how best to build the capacity of their organizations. DYCD agreed to host the meeting as part of its continuing

effort to make government contracting more transparent and accessible to neighborhood-based organizations. Fifteen organizations participated, the majority from Brooklyn and Queens.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **\*\*FOR YOUTH\*\***

The *Youth Service America-Youth Venture Program*, a joint partnership between **Youth Service America** and **Youth Venture, Inc.**, is now accepting applications from young people across the United States who are interested in starting their own sustainable social ventures. Examples of possible ventures include a youth center designed to keep youth out of trouble with music and art programs; an anti-peer pressure education campaign; a bike repair shop with a vocational training program; or an assembly program touring inner-city schools that combines music with an anti-drug/violence performances. Ventures must be youth-led and designed to be a lasting, sustainable asset to the community. YSA Youth Venture teams are required to plan a Global Youth Service Day project every year that their venture is operational. The YSA Youth Venture Program provides a variety of resources, including a national network of like-minded young people, media opportunities, technical support, helpful toolkits and workshops, as well as grants of up to \$1,000 each for start-up expenses. The application deadline is August 13. Visit the Youth Venture Web site for complete program information: <http://www.ysa.org/>.

The **Mockingbird Foundation** announces funds to assist projects that encourage or foster creative expression in any musical form. Of special interest are programs that benefit disenfranchised groups, including those with low skill levels, income, or education; with disabilities or terminal illnesses; and in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations. The deadline for Letters of Intent is August 1; the proposal is due in October. Awards ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 are available. View more information online at: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html>.

The **Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation** helps assess the effectiveness of innovative youth programs offered by small or medium nonprofit organizations (operating budget under \$5 million) through its Evaluation Grants. These grants range from \$5,000 - \$25,000 towards evaluating the outcomes that the identified innovative program or service has on youth. On rare occasions, RMYF offers Evaluation Grants to large nonprofit organizations. However, large nonprofits have to make a particularly strong case on how the program or service they wish to evaluate is innovative and why its existing funders have not funded the evaluation. The application deadline is August 1. Go online to: <http://www.rmyf.org/apply.cfm> for guidelines, FAQs and an application.

**Captain Planet** announces funds to support hands-on environmental projects that support youth. In order to be considered for funding, proposals must: promote understanding of environmental issues; focus on hands-on involvement; involve children and young adults 6-18 (elementary through high school); promote interaction and cooperation within the group; help young people develop planning and problem solving skills; include adult supervision; commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. Awards ranging from \$500 - \$2,500 are available. The next submission deadline is September 30. View more information online at: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>.

The **Ford Motor Company** announces funds to assist programs and projects that focus on the following areas: education (including K-12 and higher education); community development (including diversity); youth and cultural exhibitions; and auto-related environment and safety. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations. There is a rolling deadline. All applications must be filled out online. View online at: <http://www.ford.com/en/goodWorks/fundingAndGrants/fordMotorCompanyFund/default.htm>.

The **Youth Policy Action Center** has been working closely with the **Case Foundation** to help them shape a new approach to philanthropy. The *Make It Your Own Awards™*, a new initiative from the Case Foundation, is about giving grants, tools, and recognition to people who are coming together to discuss what matters, form solutions, and take action. Twenty semi-finalists will each receive \$10,000 grants to start bringing their ideas to life. Four final grant recipients will then be chosen by the public using an online voting system. These finalists will each be awarded an additional \$25,000 grant. If you are young and have

a great idea (or if you are less young but have a great idea for working with young people), you should apply! As long as you are at least 14 years old, you are eligible to win. Applications are due on August 8. To learn more and to apply, go to: [http://www.casefoundation.org/make-it-your-own/awards?source=partnerNL\\_YPACTR](http://www.casefoundation.org/make-it-your-own/awards?source=partnerNL_YPACTR) .

### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The goal of the **Rockefeller Foundation's New York City Cultural Innovation Fund** is to recognize and support programmatic innovation and new opportunities in the cultural arena that will strengthen and advance the role the arts play in the future of the City. Organizations must meet the following criteria: an annual budget of at least \$250,000 and tax exempt or other charitable status. Two-year grants, each totaling between \$50,000 and \$250,000, will be made for projects that fall into one or more of the following categories: programming and premieres of new artistic work that demonstrate innovation and can activate new directions in the artistic breadth and depth of institutions in the visual, performing and media arts; creative engagement with the issues shaping New York City's future cultural and civic agenda; partnerships that bring cultural and community-based institutions together with universities and the private sector; and interventions designed to confront longstanding bottlenecks and limitations on the expansion of cultural vitality with fresh approaches and solutions. Interested organizations are asked to briefly describe their proposed project in the NYC Fund for Cultural Innovation Web-based project submission form. The 2007 deadline for initial application is July 20. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be notified by August 20. The deadline for submission of full proposals is September 14. The Foundation will announce the Cultural Innovation grants in November. For additional information and to get the application online, go to: <http://www.rockfound.org/>.

The **Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation** offers Shelter Grants to aid the victims of domestic violence. The grant may be used for shelter operating budgets with the exception of travel for staff members. Grant recipients are announced in the fall to coincide with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. This fall, the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation awarded \$20,000 grants to over 150 women's shelters across the United States. The due date for submissions is August 31. Go to: [http://www.mkacf.org/PDF/Shelter\\_Grant\\_App\\_07.pdf](http://www.mkacf.org/PDF/Shelter_Grant_App_07.pdf) to download the Shelter Grant application.

The **WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others®** nationally supports grass-roots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Grants are provided to organizations serving women and/or children in the United States and Puerto Rico. Specific projects and programs addressing health, education and social service needs are their priority. The Foundation recognizes the value of new programs created to respond to changing needs and will consider funding projects of an original or pioneering nature within an existing organization. The application submission date is September 11. For information and an application, go to: [http://www.whofoundation.org/WHO\\_Funding.htm](http://www.whofoundation.org/WHO_Funding.htm) .

The **PepsiCo Foundation** supports organizations throughout the U.S. The Foundation's priorities include health and wellness, diversity and inclusion, environment and thought leadership. Non-profit organizations are eligible. All applications must be submitted online. Award up to \$100,000 are available. The application deadline is August 17. For complete information, guidelines and an application, go to: [http://www.pepsico.com/PEP\\_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm](http://www.pepsico.com/PEP_Citizenship/Contributions/GrantGuidelines/index.cfm)

**Staples Foundation for Learning** is offering grants to local and national charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The application deadline is August 3. For more information visit: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org>.

The **Ludwick Family Foundation** focuses its funding on tangible items that tend to remain with an organization such as new vehicles or equipment, equipment replacement and modernization, improvements to facilities, and educational materials. Although many requests fall within the guidelines and certainly merit support, the Foundation is only able to make grant awards to approximately 20-25 organizations per year. All Foundation grants are to be used exclusively for charitable public benefit purposes. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and are made for a single year. September 1 is the

application deadline. Go to: <http://www.ludwick.org/Display.asp?Page=Guidelines> to view guidelines and more information.

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** supports new community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with social factors, such as inadequate housing, poor education and poverty. The Foundation would like to finance projects that serve hard-to-reach individuals and families, especially new immigrants and refugees, frail older adults and at-risk adolescents. The deadline is open. Go to: <http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp-FreshIdeas2005.pdf> for complete information.

The **M\*A\*C AIDS Fund**, established by M\*A\*C Cosmetics, supports men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS. The fund has identified the following four crucial areas of need affecting the epidemic:

1) link between poverty and AIDS -- funding for basic needs such as food and housing to those living with HIV/AIDS; 2) models of care -- developing hospitals and increasing the number of doctors and nurses in countries that need it the most; 3) treatment adherence -- developing peer-based programs to help people adhere to their treatment regimes; and 4) prevention -- programs with a specific focus on high-risk populations such as youth, people over 50, and African Americans. Grants are awarded to tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations that are directly associated with HIV/AIDS. A minimum of 80 percent of the total organization's budget must be directed to programs. The typical grant size ranges between \$5,000 and \$25,000, depending on scope of project and the fund's past history with an organization. Grant applications are accepted year-round and proposals are reviewed and awarded quarterly (usually March, June, September, and December); the next application deadline is September 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.macaidfund.org/>.

#### **\*\*MINI-GRANTS\*\***

The **Walt Disney Company** and **Youth Service America** are pleased to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, provided that they that engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the service. Service can take place between October 1 and November 26, 2007. Projects can address themes such as the environment, disaster relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need. The application is due August 30. For information, go to: <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/tabid/58/Default.aspx>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\* June 28 – August 31 - The 2007 Summer Meals Program**, sponsored by the New York City Department of Education, begins on Thursday, June 28 and continues through Friday, August 31. All New York City children under the age of 19 are eligible for free summer meals regardless of income, citizenship status, residency or enrollment in public schools. More than 700 schools, pools, parks, libraries and New York City Housing Authority complexes throughout the five boroughs will be serving free breakfast and/or lunch.

**\*\*July –The Empire State Coalition of Youth and Family Services**, in conjunction with the **New York City Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Organizations** will conduct a count of runaway and homeless youth aged 13-24 in our City. Contact the Empire State Coalition with any questions regarding this survey: (212) 966-6477ext. 304 or email: [empstacoal@aol.com](mailto:empstacoal@aol.com).

**\*\* July 24th – Aug. 16th –** Calling all youth poets, spoken word artists, emcees & activists! Presented by **Urban Word NYC** and **Bowery Arts & Science**, the *Summer Institute on Social Justice and Applied Poetics* is a free summer workshop for teens. It is designed for young leaders, activists, poets, writers, emcees and scholars to engage the intersection between art, academics and activism. Students will explore and assess ways that critical social dialogue, the poetry of resistance, and social activism can ignite and incite change in their communities. Register now: [signup@urbanwordnyc.org](mailto:signup@urbanwordnyc.org) or call 212-352-3495. Please specify workshop/s you want to take; space is limited.

You may be able to qualify for benefits using **ACCESS NYC**. You can screen your family for over 20 city, state, and federal health and human services benefit programs. In addition to screening, you can learn about the programs, how to apply, where to go, and even print filled in applications.

## RESOURCES

The **Employment and Training Administration** (ETA) has released the "*Toolkit for Effective Front-Line Services to Youth*," designed to enhance the quality of youth services. The Toolkit will be useful to professionals who assist youth in developing the knowledge and skills to succeed in a demand-driven economy. To view the toolkit, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/Toolkit-improve.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/Toolkit-improve.cfm).

The **Finance Project** recently developed three strategy briefs that explore the players, funding sources, and financing strategies that can support entrepreneurship opportunities, asset-building and financial education programs, and workforce development programs and services for youth in or transitioning from foster care. For complete information, go to: <http://www.financeproject.org/practice/risk.asp>.

The **Vera Institute of Justice** has developed criminal and juvenile justice glossaries in Spanish and traditional Chinese for interpreters, translators, and bilingual staff at New York City's justice and public safety agencies, courts, and nonprofit organizations. These glossaries will increase access to justice for limited English proficient New Yorkers by helping interpreters, translators, and bilingual staff provide vital oral and written communication. The glossaries include 640 legal and criminal justice words and phrases that are commonly used in New York courts, justice agencies, and nonprofit organizations. The terms are organized both alphabetically and in the following categories: Agency Names, Court Proceedings & Sentencing, Detention & Corrections, Drugs & Weapons, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement & Investigations, Penal Law & Offenses, and Probation & Parole. The glossaries are available on Vera's web site at [www.vera.org/transglossary](http://www.vera.org/transglossary).

The **National Institute on Drug Abuse** (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is pleased to feature *Drugs, Brains, and Behavior - The Science of Addiction*. This free 30-page full-color booklet uses plain language to explain how science has revolutionized the understanding of drug addiction as a brain disease that affects behavior. NIDA hopes this new publication will help reduce the stigma associated with addictive disorders; this booklet will be useful for a wide variety of audiences, including educators, school health professionals, students, psychiatric caregivers, treatment professionals, and criminal justice workers. To obtain copies, visit the Web site: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/scienceofaddiction/>. You may also call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at (800) 729-6686, (800) 487-4889 (TDD), or (877) 767-8432 (Español).

*Screening and Assessment for Family Engagement, Retention, and Recovery (SAFERR)*, is a new guidebook designed to help staff of public and private agencies respond to families in the child welfare system that are affected by substance use disorders. It is now available through the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration** (SAMHSA). SAFERR is based on the premise that when parents misuse substances and mistreat their children, the best way to make sound decisions is to draw from the resources of three key systems: child welfare, alcohol and drugs and the courts. Copies may be ordered from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) by phone at 800-729-6686 or at: <http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=17633>.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The National Geographic Society's Young Explorers Grants offer opportunities to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 to pursue research, exploration, and conservation-related projects consistent with National Geographic's existing grant programs, including the Committee for Research and Exploration, the Expeditions Council, and the Conservation Trust. Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees. However, a record of prior experience in the fields of research, conservation, or exploration should be submitted as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to citizens of the United States,

and foreign nationals are invited to apply. Researchers planning work in countries abroad should make great effort to include at least one local collaborator as part of their team. Young Explorers Grants vary in amount depending on the significance of the project, though most will range between \$2,000 and \$5,000 each. Because National Geographic Society funds often serve as complementary support, the program encourages applicants to seek additional funding from other sources. The deadline is ongoing. Visit the National Geographic Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://nationalgeographic.com/>.

The **Synergos Institute Senior Fellows Program** is an international network of distinguished philanthropic and civil-society leaders committed to collaborative efforts that address the underlying causes of poverty and inequity. The institute is accepting applications for its next class, which begins January 2008. Synergos Senior Fellows participate in a three-year learning and action program that aims to build their skills, spread their knowledge, and deepen their impact. Fellows are expected to be active in fellowship activities for three years while simultaneously performing their ongoing professional responsibilities. Fellows are in a mid- to late-career with a history of achievement and high potential for making a significant contribution in their home countries. Applicants must be in a leadership position of a civil-society organization with extensive experience in a management or leadership capacity; focus currently on poverty alleviation and/or community development; be committed to addressing systemic causes of poverty and inequity; be committed to working collaboratively within and across sectors; have a demonstrated commitment to the participation of and accountability to the communities they serve; exhibit superior learning, leadership, analytical, and communication skills; have strong working knowledge of English; be able to commit a minimum of fourteen days per year to fellowship activities; and be able to travel internationally. Synergos will cover fellows' expenses related to fellowship activities: stipends are not provided. The deadline for submissions is August 6. More information about the program and the application process can be found at the Synergos Institute's Web site: <http://www.synergos.org/>

The **Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation** works to provide leadership in the field of intellectual disabilities and service to persons with intellectual disabilities and their families. The foundation is seeking outstanding professionals working in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with mental retardation, intellectual, and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. Also, the foundation is seeking a parent or close family member of a person with mental retardation, intellectual, and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. The program provides a one-year full-time exposure to the federal public policymaking process, and includes a stipend and relocation expenses. Selected fellows must be prepared to live in the Washington, D.C., area during their fellowship year and to devote themselves full-time to the fellowship. The deadline for applying is September 14. Visit the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation Web site for complete program information: <http://www.jpkf.org/>.

The **American Management Association** and the **Leader to Leader Institute** have established the *AMA Scholarship Program* to assist social sector nonprofit organizations in developing "the strong leaders today who will lead the organizations of the future." AMA has allocated funding for seventy-five scholarships; scholarship benefits include one management education and professional development seminar offered by AMA; one year of individual member benefits, including access to members-only Web site, subscriptions to e-newsletters and journals, and discount pricing on all other AMA products and services; and a one-year membership with the Leader to Leader Institute, including a subscription to Leader to Leader Journal and discounts on the institute's publications and services. To be eligible, a candidate must be an employee of a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3); have a minimum of three years of work experience in the social sector; and receive nomination by the Executive Director/CEO of their sponsoring organization (if candidate is the ED/CEO, then nomination by the board). The deadline is November 15. Visit the Leader to Leader Institute Web site for complete program information: <http://www.amanet.org/>.