Funding Opportunities

Bread and Roses Community Fund: Racial and Social Justice Fund

This fund supports groups using community organizing to promote racial and economic justice at the local, state, national, and international levels. Applicant organizations must be located in the Delaware Valley which includes five Pennsylvania counties: Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery, in addition to Camden County, N.J. For more information, visit: www.breadrosesfund.org/grants/general.html.

Deadline: June 16, 2006

Collaboration between TANF and Child Welfare to Improve Child Welfare Program Outcomes, Administration on Children, Youth and Families

The purposes of this funding announcement are threefold: (1) to demonstrate models of effective collaboration between public assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and child welfare agencies that will improve outcomes for children and youth who are in, or are at risk of entering, the child welfare system; (2) to evaluate and document the processes and outcomes of these collaborations and (3) to develop identifiable sites that other states/locales seeking improved collaboration between TANF and child welfare agencies can look to for guidance, insight and possible replication. For more information, please visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/Corrections_to_CW0103.html

Deadline: June 19, 2006

Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) - Family Homeownership, Department of Housing and Urban Development

The purpose of the PIH ROSS program is to provide grants to public housing agencies (PHAs), tribes/tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) Resident Associations, and nonprofit organizations, including grassroots, faith-based and other community based organizations for the delivery and coordination of supportive services and other activities designed to help public and Indian housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=8404&mode=VIEW.

Deadline: June 23, 2006

Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Targeted Capacity Building Program, Administration for Children and Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announced that applications will be accepted for new grants will be awarded to help build the

capacity of faith-based and community organizations that address the needs of distressed communities. A distressed community is defined as a neighborhood or geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate equal to or greater than the State or national rate. The Targeted Capacity Building Program will focus on capacity building among organizations addressing the following programmatic service areas: help for at-risk youth; help for the homeless; marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages; or social services to those living in rural communities. For more information, please visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html.

Deadline: June 23, 2006

Women's Foundation of Minnesota: Social Change Fund

The Social Change Fund is directed toward women's and girl's groups, projects, or organizations from across Minnesota that build equality for women and girls in their communities. The Fund provides resources for projects that are designed to have a significant impact on societal attitudes and behaviors toward women or girls or that result in systems change. For more information, click here.

Deadline: July 1, 2006

Isabel Allende Foundation: Esperanza Grants

Esperanza grants are awarded to grass-roots organizations working to make the world a safer, more compassionate place for women and children through the development of programs addressing health care, education, literacy, shelter, micro-loans, and the arts. Priority is given to programs in the San Francisco Bar Area and Chile. The foundation does not fund individuals, capital campaigns, individual trips or tours, conferences or events, and projects that benefit political, religious, and/or military organizations. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and equivalent international organizations are eligible to apply. For more information visit: http://isabelallendefoundation.org/ english/esperanza_grants.html.

Deadline: July 1, 2006

U.S. Labor Department Announces Up to $5 Million in Grants for Self-Employment Pilots for People with Disabilities

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is making available up to $5 million to fund pilot projects aimed at increasing self-employment opportunities for people with disabilities. For more information, visit http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-4669.htm.

Deadline: July 3, 2006

Promoting Responsible Fatherhood, Administration for Children and Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA), has announced the availability of competitive grant funds to support Responsible Fatherhood activities. These grants are for innovative, well-designed projects that promote the objectives of the ACF Fatherhood Initiative. The grant is intended to support any of three activity areas: healthy marriage, responsible parenting and economic stability. For more information, visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OFA-FR-0130.html

Deadline: July 3, 2006

Robert Wood Foundation: Local Initiative Funding Partners Program

This program seeks to fund promising, original projects to improve significantly the health of vulnerable people in their communities. Grant-makers propose a funding partnership by nominating community initiatives that offer creative solutions to critical health or healthcare problems. For more information, click here.

Deadline: July 6, 2006

RFQ to Help Connect Low-Wage Workers to Public and Private Benefits

EarnBenefits ® Baltimore is an initiative developed by Seedco. It is a comprehensive strategy that connects low-wage workers to public and private benefits that can increase household income and promote continuous employment. Through experience and national research we know that without work supports and benefits, low wage workers are often unable to make ends meet. Although numerous government and private benefits are available, such as subsidies, vouchers and direct cash assistance, we have seen that most benefits are underutilized, primarily due to a lack of information about benefits and eligibility guidelines and an arduous application process.

Seedco is partnering with a local organization, Jobs Opportunities Task Force (JOTF), to implement EarnBenefits in Baltimore. JOFT develops and advocates policies and programs to increase the skills, job opportunities, and incomes of low-skill, low-income workers and job seekers. EarnBenefits Baltimore will target families transitioning off of public assistance or employed in low-wage jobs.

As described in the attached materials, organizations participating in the EarnBenefits Network will have access to Seedco tools, products, and technical assistance designed to help integrate work supports – the Earned Income Tax Credit, Food Stamps, public health insurance and others – into current workforce development and other programming. A limited number of organizations will receive a grant to support the salary of a part/full-time EarnBenefits Counselor for a 12-month participation period, with an opportunity for a contract renewal. Other Network Partners will be self-funded. To learn more, please visit http://www.jotf.org/resources/rfq_seedco_060606.DOC.

Deadline: July 7, 2006.

Shifting Gears: A Joyce Foundation Policy Initiative

The Joyce Foundation's Shifting Gears Initiative is intended to result in a better-educated and more competitive workforce in Midwest states. The Initiative will support Midwest states working to strengthen policies to enable low-wage and low-skilled workers to advance in education and training systems, to acquire postsecondary credentials and to move up in the labor market. This request for proposals (RFP) is intended to solicit proposals from six Midwest states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin) that are willing to undertake policy reform efforts to:

• improve adult student transitions within and between different educational systems, training programs and the labor market;
• strengthen connections between supply-side and demand-side systems in ways that promote economic growth and the advancement of low-wage, low-skilled workers; and
• develop cross-cutting agendas for the advancement of low-wage, low-skilled workers to guide the work of individual agencies.

Deadline: July 24, 2006

High Growth Job Training Initiative Grants for the Advanced Manufacturing Industry, Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announced the availability of approximately $10 million in grant funds for new and innovative approaches to meeting the workforce challenges of the advanced manufacturing industry under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. ETA defines "advanced manufacturing" as the use of technology or other productivity-enhancing business processes in the manufacturing enterprise and/or value-added supply chain. These advanced manufacturing technologies and processes may be used in a variety of industry sectors. For more information, please visit http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/SGA-DFA-05-07.pdf

Deadline: July 25, 2006

Ameren Community Development Corporation: Community Grants for Missouri

Organizations in the 65 Missouri counties AmerenCDC serves are eligible to apply for a community grant. Examples of where grants may be directed include 501(c)(3) organizations to assist with neighborhood revitalization aimed at job growth, private businesses as incentives for job creation, and businesses to encourage retention and expansion. For more information, visit: www.ameren.com/ECONOMICDEVL/ADC_ED_AmerenCDC.asp.

Deadline: October 2, 2006

Missouri Community Grants, Ameren Community Development Corporation

The AmerenCDC was established to provide grant funding to promote economic development and job growth within the electric service territory in Missouri of Union Electric Company, known as AmerenUE.

The AmerenCDC will fund projects based upon each applicant's ability to stimulate community and economic development that results in the creation/retention of jobs and in community revitalization. The AmerenCDC was established to provide an organization that would have a lasting economic impact on AmerenUE service area communities and the state of Missouri. For more information, please visit http://www.ameren.com/ECONOMICDEVL/ADC_ED_AmerenCDC.

Deadline: October 2, 2006

Do Something Brick Award: Social Entrepreneurs

The Do Something Brick Award honors outstanding leaders age 18 and under, and three outstanding leaders ages 19-25, who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. For more information, click here.

Deadline: October 25, 2006

Graduate Research Fellowship Funding Available, Graduate Research Fellowship

The Graduate Research Fellowship provides dissertation support to doctoral students undertaking independent research on crime- and justice-related issues. The research focus should be on law enforcement/policing; justice systems; corrections; courts, prosecution, and defense; offender programs and treatment; crime prevention; forensics; international crime and justice; and violence and victimization. For more information, please visit http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000747.pdf.

Deadline: November 28, 2006

Ready to Work: Access to Economic Opportunities, Prudential Foundation

Ready to Work focuses on initiatives that increase employment opportunities by strengthening job skills and opportunities, and by promoting neighborhood development activities. Programs involve workforce development and increasing entrepreneurship through financial training and access to capital. Ready to Work also promotes the creation of decent, affordable housing by working in partnership with Community Housing Development Corporations and community development financial institutions. For more information, please visit http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices/0,1474,intPageID%253D1440%2526blnPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html

Deadline: Rolling

Investing in People & Places , Sobrato Foundation

The Sobrato foundation invests in strong community-based organizations that promote self-reliance and economic independence, and positively contribute to the quality of life for economically, physically and emotionally challenged individuals. The foundation makes unrestricted grants to help Silicon Valley nonprofits sustain their operations, including personnel costs associated with administrative and fundraising expenses as well as capital grants for buildings. For more Information, please visit http://www.sobrato.com/foundation/guidelines.htm#2002%20Grant%20Investment%20Priorities

Deadline: Rolling

Skills Development Fund - Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Workforce Commission

The Skills Development Fund program assists businesses and trade unions by financing the design and implementation of customized job training projects. This fund successfully merges business needs and local customized training opportunities into a winning formula to increase the skills level and wages of the Texas workforce.

Businesses and trade unions must partner with an eligible applicant in order to be considered for Skills Development Fund grants. Eligible applicants are public community or technical colleges, the Texas Engineering Extension Service or a community-based organization working in partnership with one of these institutions. For more detailed information, please visit http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/sdfintro.htm.

Deadline: Rolling

Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund, Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development

The Workforce Training Fund is a Massachusetts state fund financed entirely by Massachusetts employers. Its purpose is to provide resources to Massachusetts businesses and workers to train current and newly hired employees. Several opportunities are available on a rolling basis through the fund for employers partnering with eligible trainers. The program offers grants ranging from $5,000 to $1 million. For more information, please visit http://www.detma.org/WorkforceHome.htm.

Deadline: Rolling

Building Skills in New York State (BUSINYS), New York State Department of Labor

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to support employer strategies and local efforts for lifelong learning for the development of the incumbent (employed) worker by providing

funds for upgrading the skills of those workers. BUSINYS uses Workforce Investment Act (WIA) monies to address employer demands for skilled workers. The program will fund projects that solve workforce problems by addressing identified skilled worker shortages within an industry or within a single employer's establishment, and promoting skills upgrading for incumbent workers.

Deadline: Rolling

Making Connections: A Neighborhood Transformation Family Development Initiative, Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Annie E. Casey Foundation makes grants that are, in general, limited to initiatives that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative policy, service delivery and community supports for children and families. The majority of the foundation's current giving is targeted to the Making Connections initiative. More information about the Making Connections initiative can be found on the foundation website here. For more information, please visit http://www.aecf.org/about/grantguidelines.htm.

Deadline: Rolling

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (AFI), Office of Community Services

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will accept applications for financial assistance to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) Projects. These projects assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient. They do so by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in order to save for a first home, a business or higher education. Grantees must participate in an ongoing national evaluation of the impact of AFI Projects and IDAs. For more information, please visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci_ida.html.

Deadline: Rolling

IBM Community Relations Workforce Development Grants

IBM Community Relations supports technology's important role in adult education and job training. The IBM Foundation helps job seekers secure and retain employment by providing hands-on experience with today's technologies. For more information, please visit http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml.

Deadline: Rolling

Bayer Foundation Education and Workforce Development Focus

Bayer has a solid stake in helping to ensure that today's students are well prepared to be tomorrow's leaders and innovators. As a science and research-based company, Bayer recognizes the important skills obtained from a solid science education, including critical thinking, analyzing, working in teams and adapting to change - skills that are important to everyone, no matter the career they choose. Also of interest to Bayer are programs that highlight sustainable development and environmental education and conservation. For more information, please visit http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/com_fprogram.html.

Deadline: Rolling

Hitachi Foundation Business and Community Grants

The Hitachi Foundation funds projects that strengthen corporate citizenship, including programs that support workforce development. The Foundation focuses on partnerships that enable economically isolated people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. The actions and interaction of business and community are fundamental to this goal. They support path-breaking business and community partnerships in order to capture lessons from leaders that can advance the field. To learn more, please visit http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/guidelines/index.html#focus.

Deadline: Rolling