

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Working Communities:

The **Virginia Health Care Foundation** encourages the development and submission of proposals which will grow and or strengthen Virginia's health care safety net (medical, dental and mental health) in the following priority areas: developing or expanding patient capacity; establishing a broader scope of services; creating local coordinated systems of care; strengthening the infrastructure of health safety net providers. VHCF is interested in stimulating and supporting local initiatives that will result in a community-wide coordinated network of care for the uninsured and the medically underserved and invites proposals designed to achieve this. To be considered for a grant during VHCF's Winter cycle, concept papers are due January 25, 2006. Please visit <http://www.vhcf.org/grants/conceptPaper.php> for complete guideline information.

The **Green Foundation** established in 1994, is a private, non-operating foundation that awards grants for both operating and program support. The foundation's mission is to uncover new opportunities, encourage growth, and ultimately effect positive change within those institutions that best reflect the foundation's core focus areas and the communities they serve. Not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in the following areas including education and health. There are no deadlines for grant applications, and grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Visit the Green Foundation Web site for grant guidelines, an eligibility questionnaire, and details on submitting a Letter of Inquiry at: [fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5000582/liqf](http://online.fdncenter.org/pnd/5000582/liqf)

The **Lawrence Foundation** is dedicated in supporting organizations in the areas of education, health, human services and other causes. The foundation does not have any geographic restrictions on these grants. Grants are awarded twice a year, February 1st and August 1st. Visit the website at: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.shtml>

In partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Challenge, the **General Mills Foundation** developed the "Champions for Healthy Kids" grant program in 2002. Each year, the Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that educate youth about fitness and nutrition. The application deadline for the 2006 Champions for Healthy Kids grant program is February 1, 2006. Please visit the website at <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

The **Milagro Foundation** supports underrepresented and underprivileged children and youth in the areas of the arts, education and health. The foundation seeks grant applications from community-based, grass-roots organizations that work with children and youth, especially those at risk due to such factors as poor health, illiteracy or insufficient educational and cultural opportunities. Grant awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. There are no deadlines for grant applications and grants are awarded on a rolling basis. More information can be found at: www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp or by calling 415-460-9939

Head Start:

United States Department of Health and Human Service, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces availability of funds and request for applications from local public or private non-profit organizations (including faith-based organizations) or local for-profit organizations that wish to compete for funds which are available to provide Head Start services to children and families residing in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The intent of this announcement is to provide for the continuation of services as previously provided by the Dinwiddie County Public Schools. Funds in the amount of \$544,178 annually will be available to provide Head Start program services to eligible children and their families. The former grantee was funded for a total enrollment of 72 children and families. Deadline for applications is March 13, 2006. Interested applicants should call the ACYF Operations Center at (866) 796-1591 for information on pre-application materials and support or visit the website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CH-0301.html>.

Parent Education and Training:

The **United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health** has a grant funding opportunity for Parenting Capacities and Health Outcomes in Youths and Adolescents. This program is aimed at increasing the parenting skills and capacities of parents and caregivers to improve the health outcomes of their young and adolescent children. Adolescence is a transitional period during which experimentation and high-risk health behaviors may be displayed. Interventions targeting two or more risk factors that indicate ineffective parenting practices (e.g., lack of appropriate parental monitoring, supervision, and communication, high family conflict and disorganization, parental stress and depression, lack of parent-child bonding and negative discipline methods) that simultaneously focus on multiple high-risk adolescent health behaviors (e.g., unhealthy dietary behaviors, inadequate physical activity, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, and unintentional (e.g., accidents) and intentional behaviors (e.g., firearm related injuries), are fundamental to this initiative. Interventions that target the reduction of a broad range of family risk factors and simultaneously build upon protective factors are highly encouraged. Parents and similarly situated caregivers of children 10-to-18 years of age are the targets of this initiative. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2006.

Visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-098.html> for more information.

Children with Disabilities:

The Dr. Scholl Foundation considers applications for grants are considered in the following areas: programs for children, developmentally disabled, civic and cultural institutions and social service agencies. The application deadline is March 1, 2006. To learn more about this funding opportunity, go to: www.drschollfoundation.com/preference_areas.htm

At Risk Youth:

Moran Family Foundation, the McLean, Virginia-based family foundation supports innovative interventions that promote healthy mental, physical, and emotional development of at-risk children and at-risk families in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. The foundation seeks to fund programs designed to support children and preserve families whose lives are affected by such challenges as poverty, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, issues of addiction, limitations in community support, or limitations of caregivers, with the goal being to enhance the opportunity for each child to reach his or her full physical, emotional, and mental potential while being supported within his or her family unit. The foundation accepts unsolicited letters of inquiry. See the Moran Family Foundation Web site for complete program information and application instructions at fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/2947/moran

Andrew Family Foundation's Opportunity Knocks award seeks to provide funds to established organizations in order to build a new program or to enhance existing programs. The program must be focused on positively affecting and enhancing the lives of disadvantaged youth and families and enabling them to become productive citizens. For more information visit <https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/andrewfamily>

The **Pew Charitable Trusts** supports independent projects that utilize an interdisciplinary approach to broad issues of significant interest or concerns in the Health and Human Services and Educational program areas. The Health and Human Services Program is designed to promote the health and well-being of the American people and to strengthen disadvantaged communities. The Education Program seeks to promote the policies and practices that improve achievement and success for all students. For more information visit the website site at: <http://www.pewtrust.com/grants/index.cfm?image+img3>

Education and Youth Development:

The goal of the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth & Education Program** is to improve learning outcomes for vulnerable children and youth. These grants focus on innovation-supporting new ideas about how to engage children and youth in learning and new ways to bring together community-based systems that promote learning. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with 501c (3) status. There are no deadlines for grant applications, and grants are awarded on a rolling basis. For further information about this grant opportunity go to: www.wkkf.org/Programming/Overview.aspx?CID=271

The **Louis Calder Foundation** grant making strives to provide opportunities for children and youth to access meaningful non-school hours and summer programming. The bulk of the foundation's money is focused on education & youth development. Around \$6.3 million was given in 2004 for 120 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$900,000. Most grants are between \$10,000 and \$50,000. For more information about this opportunity, go to: www.louiscalderfdn.org/about.html

Department of Justice:

The **United States Department of Justice**, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance have a grant funding opportunity for the Mental Health Courts Program. This grant program helps improve the social functioning of qualified offenders with mental illness, mental retardation, or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders through treatment, supervision, stable employment, housing, and support services. Deadline for applications is February 2, 2006. Visit <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOJ/HQ/OJP/BJA-2006-1173/Grant.html> for more information

The **United States Department of Justice**, Office on Violence against Women has a grant funding opportunity for Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities Program (Training Grants Program). This program was created by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (VAWA 2000) to provide training to assist law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and relevant officers of Federal, State, tribal, and local courts in recognizing, addressing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and violence against individuals with disabilities, including domestic violence and sexual assault, against older or disabled individuals. Deadline for applications is February 16, 2006. Visit <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOJ/HQ/OJP/OVW-2006-1200/Grant.html> for more information.

Scholarships:

The **Casey Family Scholars Program**, which is administered by Orphan Foundation of America, provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 to young people, under the age of 25, who have spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted. The scholarships were awarded for the pursuit of post-secondary education, including vocational/technical training, and are renewable each year based on satisfactory progress and financial need. In addition to the money, Casey Family Scholars will receive ongoing support through the OFA's Mentor program. For more information about Casey Family Programs, visit www.casey.org.

Capital One, in partnership with The National Foster Care Fund, has created a national scholarship program, "**Fostering a Future**", to benefit youth and children in foster care. The fund will provide scholarships to youth designed to encourage all current and former foster care children to apply and go to the school or training course of their choice. Scholarships will be given to children currently and formerly in foster care to help them not only get into colleges, universities and trade schools, but also to help them remain in school through graduation. Visit http://www.capitalone.com/fostercare/scholarship.shtml?linkid=WWW_Z_Z_Z_FC1_L1_02_G_S_CHL for more information.