Innovative Community-Police Collaborations Recognized

**MetLife Foundation: Community-Police Partnership Awards**
The Community-Police Partnership Awards, sponsored by the MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), recognize innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Five Neighborhood Revitalization Awards, ranging from $20,000 to $30,000, will celebrate exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes such as real estate development, business attraction, and job growth. Five additional awards of $15,000 each recognize exemplary collaboration between community and police partners who have achieved significant public safety outcomes in eight targeted categories. The preliminary application deadline is March 17, 2013. Program details are available on the LISC website.

Support for Environmental Health Programs

**The Kresge Foundation: Healthy Environments**
The Kresge Foundation’s Healthy Environments grant program seeks to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable populations by making the places they live, learn, work and play safe and conducive to overall good health. The Healthy Homes Initiative supports innovative efforts to address the impacts of housing on health. The Transportation and the Built Environment initiative addresses the health effects of freight transport, especially on vulnerable communities and workers, as well as efforts to re-examine aspects of the built environment that create barriers to physical activity, air and water quality, and safety. The Healthy Food initiative strives to improve food system policies, especially those that provide better access to healthful foods, fruits, and vegetables and reduce the emphasis on products without positive nutritional benefits. Preliminary applications may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the application guidelines.

Service Dog Programs Funded

**Planet Dog Foundation**
The mission of the Planet Dog Foundation is to promote and celebrate programs in which dogs serve and support their best friends. The goal of the Foundation’s grant program is to fund projects that train, place, and support dogs helping people in need. Grants of up to $7,500 are provided to service-oriented canine programs that work with assistance dogs; therapy dogs;
police, fire, and military dogs; wildlife conservation dogs; disease detection dogs; and search and rescue dogs. Nonprofit organizations nationwide are eligible to apply. Letters of intent are due by March 1, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the grant application guidelines.

Grants Promote Accessible Collections and Archives

Council on Library and Information Resources: Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives

The Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives, an initiative of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), is designed to overcome the pervasive lack of knowledge about special collections and archives held by libraries, archives, and cultural institutions and to make information about these materials accessible to scholars and students. Through this initiative, grants are provided to institutions, including colleges and universities, research centers, museums, libraries, and historical societies, holding collections of high scholarly value that are difficult or impossible to locate through finding aids. In the 2013 funding round, CLIR expects to award about $4 million in grants ranging from $50,000 to $500,000. Online initial proposals must be submitted by March 22, 2013. Visit the CLIR website to review the program guidelines and application process.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Science and Math Education in Rural Areas Supported

Monsanto Fund: America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education

America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education, an initiative of the Monsanto Fund, helps farmers positively impact their communities and support local school districts. The program gives farmers in selected counties in 39 states the opportunity to nominate their public school districts to compete for grants to promote science and math education. Once nominated by a local farmer, school district administrators are eligible to submit an application for either a grant of up to $10,000 or a grant of up to $25,000 to support a science and/or math educational program. The more farmers that nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the school district’s application. The nomination deadline is April 15, 2013; school applications are due April 30, 2013. Visit the Monsanto website to learn more about the program and submit an online nomination.

Funds for Florida Environment Programs

Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation

The Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation primarily supports nonprofit organizations in Florida that focus on environmental issues. Preference is given to organizations that are located in Florida for projects that primarily benefit the state and its inhabitants. Areas of interest within the environmental field include the following: comprehensive planning and growth management, conservation of land and wildlife resources, energy conservation and renewable resource development, environmental health, preservation of biological diversity, pollution prevention and toxics use reduction, protection of coastal and fresh water ecosystems, and sustainable development. Grants generally range from $10,000 to $50,000. Concept papers may be submitted at any time. The final proposal deadline is March 15, 2013. (The Foundation is slated
to cease operations in May 2013.) Visit the Foundation’s website to download the application guidelines.

Grants Improve Child Abuse Prevention Policy in Texas

**Texas Children’s Justice Act Grant Program**
The Texas Children’s Justice Act (CJA) brings together child-protection and criminal justice experts to improve the state’s response to cases of child abuse and neglect. The purpose of the CJA Grant Program is to improve the following: assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim, assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect related fatalities, investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, and assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of abuse or neglect. Nonprofit organizations, state agencies, local governments (including courts), and educational institutions are eligible to apply for grants of up to $200,000. Funded programs must address one or more of the CJA priority areas and demonstrate potential for statewide, systems-level improvement. The application deadline is March 8, 2013. Visit the CJA website to review the Grant Program’s priority areas and download the Request for Applications.

Sustainable Development Initiatives in Montana Supported

**High Stakes Foundation**
The mission of the High Stakes Foundation is to provide support to visionary people and organizations that are leading and implementing changes that will create a sustainable future for Montana. The Foundation focuses on strategies that will leverage adaptation to the end of peak oil, global climate change, and rapidly shifting economic and political environments with an emphasis on local solutions. The specific grant focus areas include Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Communities, and Sustainable People. Grants generally range from $1,000 to $25,000. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is March 1, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to learn more about the focus areas and application guidelines.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Innovative Arts Projects Supported

**National Endowment for the Arts**
Art Works supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The application deadlines are March 7 and August 8, 2013.

Support Provided to Reduce Gun and Gang Violence

**Department of Justice**
The Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods) provides support to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence, and violent offenders. The application deadline is March 11, 2013.

Grants Fund Environmental Literacy Efforts

**Department of Commerce**
The Environmental Literacy Grants for Building Capacity of Informal and Formal Educators program supports the use of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data and data access tools to help K-12 students or the public understand and respond to global change, including such topics as drought, severe weather, ocean acidification, sea level rise, and climate change. The application deadline is March 12, 2013.

Minority Institution Disability Research Projects Supported

Department of Education

The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program: Minority-Serving Institution Field-Initiated Projects program provides support to improve the capacity of minority entities to conduct high-quality disability and rehabilitation research. Support is provided for research and development projects. The application deadline is March 15, 2013.

Online Education Trainings

18 Things Every Grantmaker Wants to Know Before They Fund Your Proposal (NEW)

Like any good investor, grantmakers want as much certainty as they can get upfront that the investment they make in your program will result in intended outcomes. At least 18 different questions run through their heads as they ponder the grant-worthiness of your proposal and whether or not to fund it. Essentially they are trying to establish if your proposed program meets three essential criteria: Is it feasible? Is it reasonable? And is it measureable? In this webinar, Susan Eliot presents an assessment tool you can use to self-assess the feasibility, reasonability, and measurability of your proposed program before your funder does. By using this tool, you can increase your chances of success by having a good answer to all 18 questions. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

National Volunteer Week Is Coming Soon - Are You Ready? (NEW)

There has always been confusion about National Volunteer Week (April 21-27). Some think it is a time to start volunteering when in reality the week is set aside to champion your current volunteers. Are you planning a big elaborate event? Do you send cards and flowers to your volunteers? Or do you celebrate your volunteers in meaningful ways every day? In this webinar Mary Beth Harrington will discuss a number of ways to honor and recognize your volunteers no matter the size of your program, staff, or budget! This webinar will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

Effective Donor Communication - You Can Do It! Part One

Fundraising is all about relationships, and relationships are based on communication. Nonprofits today engage in all kinds of communication activities in a variety of print and online formats. Yet most of their end products fail to produce the desired impact on donors and prospects. In Part One of the two-part webinar, Judith Margolin explores the who, what, why, and when of "donor-centric" communication with special attention paid to getting to know and segmenting your
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audiences, be they donors, prospects, or members of the general public. Determining which format(s) to use (print, email, web-based) and with what frequency to reach out to your donors is also covered, with a focus on rules governing print versus email communiques. The webinar concludes with a thorough exploration of how your nonprofit newsletter can achieve its desired impact. Part Two will be held on Thursday, April 25. This webinar will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

Free Tour of the GrantStation Website
Join Jeremy Smith, Communications and Technology Director for GrantStation for a free webinar that offers a short tour of the GrantStation website. This tour will provide tips on the most effective way to use all of the valuable resources the website offers, including the extensive funder databases that can help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project. During this webinar we will also introduce GrantStation's new interactive Grants2020 visioning tool! There will be plenty of time for questions. This webinar will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

For a complete list of upcoming Online Education Trainings, click here.

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