Support for Employment Initiatives for People with Disabilities

Kessler Foundation: Signature Employment Grants Program

The Kessler Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of people with physical disabilities caused by stroke, multiple sclerosis, injuries to the brain and spinal cord, and other cognitive or neuromuscular disabilities. The Foundation’s national Signature Employment Grants Program funds non-traditional solutions that increase employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. These solutions may include new pilot initiatives, demonstration projects, or social ventures that lead to the generation of new ideas to solve high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities. Preference will be given to interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance, advance competitive employment, or launch a social enterprise project. Grants of $100,000 to $250,000 per year for up to two years are available to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies throughout the United States. The deadline for online concept submissions is February 1, 2013; invited proposals are due May 24, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website for program details.

Domestic Violence Shelters Funded

The Mary Kay Foundation: Shelter Grant Program

The Mary Kay Foundation is committed to ending the epidemic of domestic violence by providing grants to women's shelters throughout the United States. Each year, the Foundation’s Shelter Grant Program awards grants of $20,000 to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state; remaining funds are distributed based on state population. Applying organizations must offer immediate overnight housing to women and children affected by domestic violence. The grants provided by the Foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. Applications will be accepted from January 15 to April 30, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the funding guidelines and download the application forms.

Grants Address Cardiovascular Health Issues

AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation: Connections for Cardiovascular Health

The mission of the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's program, Connections for Cardiovascular Health, is to improve cardiovascular health within the United States. Through the program, grants of $150,000 and more are awarded to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations for initiatives that address patient cardiovascular health issues, work to address unmet needs related to cardiovascular health in the community, respond to the urgency around cardiovascular health issues, and improve the lives of patients and non-professional caregivers in connection with the services provided. In addition, initiatives should be focused on measurable results and the recipient organizations must be able to demonstrate sustainability of their programs after the
Foundation grant funds are expended. Applications will be accepted from February 1 through February 28, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

**Community Garden and Green Space Projects Supported**

**Scotts Miracle-Gro: GRO1000 Grassroots Grants**

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company’s GRO1000 Grassroots Grants help foster the development of gardens and green spaces in the United States. Grants of up to $1,500 are awarded to local communities throughout the country to help bring edible gardens, flower gardens, and public green spaces to more neighborhoods. The focus is on garden and green space beautification projects that incorporate the involvement and engagement of neighborhood residents and foster a sense of community spirit. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies. The application deadline is February 18, 2013. Visit the company’s website to review the program's FAQs and submit an online application.

**Regional Funding Opportunities**

**Funds for Literacy Programs in Company Communities**

**Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General in 40 states. Currently the Foundation is accepting grant requests through the following programs: Adult Literacy Grants support nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance. Family Literacy Grants support family literacy service providers that combine parent and youth literacy instruction. Summer Reading Grants help nonprofit organizations and libraries with the implementation or expansion of summer reading programs for students who are new readers, below grade level readers, or readers with learning disabilities. Online applications for the three programs described above must be submitted by February 28, 2013. In addition, Youth Literacy Grants support schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that work to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. The application deadline for this program is May 23, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to access guidelines for each grant program.

**Grants Enhance Child Abuse Prevention Programs in Oregon**

**Children's Trust Fund of Oregon**

The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon provides grants to abuse prevention programs throughout the state of Oregon that provide the tools parents need to become effective caretakers of and role models for their children. The Fund's priority areas include parent support and education programs, including those targeting teen parents and fathers; at-risk families, including those with substance abuse problems, domestic violence problems, or children with disabilities; underserved minority and ethnic populations; and underserved geographic areas. Preference is given to programs that help children by targeting
increased caretaker skills and child development knowledge rather than direct services which target children as clients. Brief letters of intent must be submitted by February 15, 2013; applications are due April 1, 2013. Visit the Fund’s website to review the grant guidelines.

**Support for Illinois Legal Aid Programs**

**Illinois Bar Foundation**

The Illinois Bar Foundation’s Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations throughout the state whose work provides meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means. Applying organizations should address the following three organizational objectives: enhance the availability of legal aid to those of limited means, encourage pro-bono legal work, and create educational materials for legal aid clients. The Foundation prefers projects that have a statewide or regional impact, innovative approaches that require seed money to launch, and programs that are the result of collaboration among multiple organizations. The application deadline is February 22, 2013. Visit the Foundation’s website to download the grant guidelines and application form.

**New Jersey Health Care Projects Funded**

**New Jersey Health Initiatives: Primary Care Workforce Innovations**

The New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, supports innovative approaches to resolve health and health care needs in New Jersey. The NJHI Primary Care Workforce Innovations program will support projects that seek to redesign the primary care practice team by implementing creative workforce models, using health professionals and other staff in new, more effective ways to improve access to primary care services and improve health without increasing the costs of health care. Grants ranging from $50,000 to $150,000 each covering a two-year period will be made to up to 12 selected projects. Applicant organizations must be based in New Jersey and must be nonprofit organizations or government agencies. Eligible applicants include federally qualified health centers, community health centers, multispecialty group practices, ambulatory care centers, hospital-owned practices, nurse-managed health centers, volunteer-based health centers, and nonprofit insurance providers. The application deadline is March 14, 2013. Visit the NJHI website to download the Call for Proposals.

**Federal Grant and Loan Programs**

**Program Supports Shakespeare for Students**

**National Endowment for the Arts**

The Shakespeare in American Communities program provides support to perform works by Shakespeare for middle- and high-school students, along with related educational activities. The application deadline is February 21, 2013.
Funds Available to Stop Violence Against Women with Disabilities

**Department of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women**

The Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program supports accessible, safe, and effective services for individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and accountability for perpetrators of such crimes. The application deadline is February 26, 2013.

Wetlands Conservation Supported

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants program supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, with a focus on the long-term protection, restoration, or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. The application deadlines are March 1 and July 26, 2013.

Support Available for Native American Libraries

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants program provides support to enhance existing library services or implement new library services. The application deadline is March 1, 2013.

Online Education Trainings

**Upcoming Online Education Trainings**

Unless otherwise noted, all Online Education Trainings are webinars, are 90 minutes in duration, and are scheduled to begin at 2 PM Eastern Time. The registration fee is $89 per person or $150 for a group.

**Developing a Powerful Program Evaluation Plan**

Many grant writers are stumped when it comes to developing the evaluation component of a grant application. They can easily articulate the issues, define goals and objectives, delineate the action steps, and estimate the costs of implementation - everything except a plan to demonstrate the program’s effectiveness. In this course, Susan Eliot will teach participants the basic components of an evaluation plan, how to link the evaluation plan to goals and objectives, how to decide which evaluation strategies to use, how much to budget for an evaluation, and when to seek out the help of a professional evaluator. In addition to the PowerPoint presentation and notes, participants will receive samples of evaluation plans used in actual programs. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Visit the link above to register.
How to Secure Funding from Foundations
Foundations are mysterious institutions to those not familiar with them. In this webinar, Judith Margolin demystifies the process of securing foundation funding. The webinar provides a thorough grounding in what foundations are all about, including how many there are, who runs them, and trends in foundation giving. The focus is on what motivates foundations to give and how you can determine why they might or might not support your organization. Topics include types of foundations and styles of approach, determining your organization's funding needs, finding the best prospect, what makes a winning grant proposal, introducing your agency to a foundation, and proposal submission techniques. This webinar will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

FREE Tour of the GrantStation Website
Join Jeremy Smith, GrantStation's Communications and Technology Director, for a short tour of the GrantStation website. Learn how to use the tools that GrantStation provides to help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project. The tour will also include information about our new, interactive Grants2020 visioning tool! If you've just joined GrantStation, this tour will help you determine the most effective way to use the valuable resources the website provides. If you haven't joined yet, this tour will help you determine if a GrantStation Membership fits your needs. There will be plenty of time for questions. This webinar will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

Quality vs. Quantity Volunteer Recruitment (NEW)
Most volunteer managers would choose to have ten of the same volunteers for six months rather than 100 volunteers over the same period because they know that having ten regular committed volunteers is more supportive to the organization. So instead of the "warm body" method of volunteer recruitment, why don't we do a better job of getting the volunteers we want and the volunteers we need? In this webinar, presented by Mary Beth Harrington, participants will learn the basic fundamental elements of volunteer management and why they are critical in the volunteer recruitment and retention process. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Visit the link above to register.

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

Partner Depot

Winning Foundation Grants: Lessons from a Foundation CEO
Tuesday, January 15, 2:00 ET / 11:00 PT
Join PhilanTech for a webinar with Martin Teitel, long-time foundation CEO, to learn about the techniques he discusses in his book Winning Foundation Grants and more. Each participant will receive a hard copy of the book as a part of the registration fee. Register >>

Innovation Network
It’s here! State of Evaluation 2012 is hot off the press and available for your reading pleasure. New findings include the following: 90% of organizations report evaluating their work (up from 85% in 2010); and, on average, evaluation—and its close relation, research—continue to be the lowest priorities (compared to fundraising, financial management, communications, etc.) Download Innovation Network's latest report, which paints a fascinating picture of how U.S. nonprofits use evaluation.

GrantStation Announcements

GrantStation Insider Changing Delivery Time

GrantStation Insider
To establish the Insider as an even more helpful resource in 2013, we will be shifting the day and time when we send each week's mailing. Beginning on January 24, the Insider will mail out on Thursday mornings at 11am Pacific Time. We are hoping this earlier arrival time - on a day other than Friday or Saturday - will give you a greater opportunity to find and apply for the funding opportunities we spotlight in each weekly issue.

Reach Your Target Audience – Increase Attendance, Sales, and Membership!

GrantStation's Partner Depot Advertising Program
Partner Depot provides the opportunity for organizations and businesses to connect with the grantseeking universe by introducing products or services, announcing events, etc. Advertising in GrantStation's weekly newsletters, sent to a list of over 325,000 email addresses, and on GrantStation's website, with over 2,100,000 page views annually, will ensure that your message reaches interested readers. Click above to learn more