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## Weed and Seed Program Accepting Applications

**Deadline: November 10, 2009**

The official aim of this Department of Justice program is to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity and gang activity using a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach. Eligibility is limited to states, local government and non-profits that have not been previously designated as a Weed and Seed site. Winning communities can receive up to \$150,000 each.

Information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl\\_kit.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit.html)

## Housing Vouchers to Promote Family Unification

**Deadline: December 3, 2009**

The aim of this U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program is to provide vouchers to families for which the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care or delays the youths' discharge from out-of-home care. Eligibility is limited to public housing authorities. There will be \$14.6 million for 1,940 new vouchers.

Information: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grpfup.cfm>

## Language Assistance for Recently Arrived Refugees

**Deadline: February 10, 2010**

The purpose of these grants, offered by the Administration of Children and Family, is for communities that are not sufficiently prepared to deliver linguistic or culturally appropriate services. Eligibility is limited to nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations. There is \$4.3 million available for 10 to 20 grants.

Information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ORR-RU-0113.html>.

## Crime Victims Funding

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is receiving applications for Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand. The objective of the project is to provide resources to grass roots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Nonprofit grass roots community-based victim service programs that do not receive federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding may apply for a one-time grant, up to \$5,000, to support program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. This is an ongoing solicitation and is contingent upon the availability of funds.

Information: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 or (202) 307-5983 <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

## **NON-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Breaking the Cycle of Violence**

**Deadline:** November 17, 2009

The Mary Byron Foundation is seeking applications from local programs that break the cycle of violence in an innovative way. Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations and government agencies. There will be four awards at around \$10,000 each.

Information: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>

### **When Grandparents or Other Relatives Serve as Parents**

**Deadline:** December 3, 2009

The Brookdale Foundation is seeking to develop or expand services for grandparents or other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when the biological parents are unable to do so. Up to thirty (30) local and regional programs will be selected and receive a mini-grant of \$10,000. Eligibility is limited to non-profits.

Information: [www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/Local%20and%20RegionalRFPGuidelines2010.DOC](http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/Local%20and%20RegionalRFPGuidelines2010.DOC)

### **Human and Community Development**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development will focus its grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the community, and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders. Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include a variety of organizations in the United States.

Information: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 140 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603-5285 or (312) 726-8000

[www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic\\_Grantmaking](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic_Grantmaking)

## Software and other Technological Assistance

**Deadline:** Ongoing

Microsoft Corp is accepting applications for in-kind support to create community-based technology and learning centers in order to bridge the "digital divide" and eliminate technology illiteracy. Organizations must have the computer hardware needed to run the awarded Microsoft hardware, and must have staff members or technology-assistance providers capable of installing and maintaining the software. Guidelines and applications, which will only be accepted by email, are available on the corporation's Web site. Nonprofits that provide services to schools and communities during non-school hours or organizations supported and operated by the government, K-12 schools are not eligible for funding for programs during school hours but may qualify for programs run by a nonprofit or a non-governmental organization during non-school hours. Proposals from eligible organizations should be submitted through the Microsoft subsidiary offices located nearest them. Each subsidiary has its own criteria for proposal submission. Check the web site.

Information: Microsoft, Community Affairs, 1 Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052-6399; 206/936-8185 or [www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/citizenship/giving/apply](http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/citizenship/giving/apply)

## Education, Community Needs and Diversity/Fairness Focus

**Deadline:** Ongoing

The Darden Restaurant Foundation (DRF), affiliated with the company that owns Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants, offers an array of community-based grants for the improvement of K-12 education. Darden makes grants in communities where it has facilities. Because they have operations across the country, chances are good there will be a facility in your back yard. Projects should meet community needs as well as emphasize diversity and fairness. Be aware that foundation board meetings are held quarterly in August, November, February and May. If you have a time sensitive project, its best to check with DRF to see how much lead time they need for a grants application.

Information: Bob McAdam, Senior Vice President, Community Affairs, 407/245-5366; [http://www.darden.com/com\\_overview\\_mission.asp](http://www.darden.com/com_overview_mission.asp)

# OTHER

## SJI Announces Grant Guidelines Changes

In response to the budget crisis in many states throughout the country, SJI has revised its guidelines for FY 2010. For example, a waiver of the cash match may be allowed in certain circumstances. In addition, SJI is increasing the cap on Technical Assistance and Curriculum Adaptation Grant applications. Finally, there are changes on how personnel costs are treated in grant or cash match funds. For more details on these changes, visit:

[http://www.sji.gov/PDF/Newsletters/E-SJI\\_News\\_August\\_2009.pdf](http://www.sji.gov/PDF/Newsletters/E-SJI_News_August_2009.pdf)

## Stimulus ARRA Legislation

Here is some additional information regarding criminal justice funds coming available as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which was recently approved by the Congress and signed into law by President Obama.

**Department of Education Funding:** The Department of Education announced \$44 billion is available for states and schools. Of this amount, \$6 billion is for a "Government Services Fund" to pay for education, public safety or other government services.

We have confirmed with the Department of Education that funds under the "Government Services Fund" may be used by state courts for public safety purposes. Their use is not restricted to public safety in schools and educational institutions.

The funding for the Department of Education funding will go to the Governors by formula. Governors must apply for the funds before their allocations are released. Therefore, it is imperative that you communicate with your Governor's office and inquire about how funds will be made available, and timeline, etc.

The applications, fact sheets and guidance can be found here:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html#apps>

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