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## **GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES November 22, 2011**

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**Agriculture**

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**Health**

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**Libraries/Museums**

**Local Government**

**Natural Resources**


**Public Safety/Law Enforcement**

**Transportation**

**Waste Management**

**Miscellaneous**

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## Agriculture

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**Deadline:** December 5, 2011

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**Deadline:** November 28, 2011

## Arts

### National Endowment for the Humanities

#### America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Planning Grants

[http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO\\_PlanningGuidelines.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO_PlanningGuidelines.html)

Planning grants are available for projects that may need further development before applying for implementation. This planning can include the identification and refinement of the project's main humanities ideas and questions, consultation with scholars, preliminary audience evaluation, preliminary design of the proposed interpretive formats, beta testing of digital formats, development of complementary programming, research, or the drafting of interpretive materials.

**Deadline:** January 11, 2012

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Implementation grants support the final preparation of a project for presentation to the public. must submit a full walkthrough for an exhibition, or a prototype or storyboard for a digital project, that demonstrates a solid command of the humanities ideas and scholarship that relate to the subject. Applicants for implementation grants should have already finished most of the planning for their projects, including the identification of the key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats. For exhibitions, implementation grants can support the final stages of design development, but these grants are primarily intended for installation.

**Deadline:** January 11, 2012

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## Economic/Community Development

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

#### Community Economic Development (CED) Projects

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**U.S. Soccer Foundation**

**2012 Soccer for Success Social Innovation Fund Sub-Grant Program**

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**Deadline: November 28, 2011**

**Taco Bell Foundation for Teens**

**Graduate to Go Grants**

[http://www.teensupreme.org/LocalGiving\\_Information.html](http://www.teensupreme.org/LocalGiving_Information.html)

The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that provide teens throughout the country with real-world experiences focused on career exploration, college, and community service. The Foundation provides grants through the following categories: Graduate to Go College Experience Grants focus on programs that allow teens to explore opportunities at local universities, community colleges, and/or technical schools, and also learn about the college application process. Graduate to Go Career Experience Grants promote programs that offer teens the opportunity to find out about various career options through job shadow days, professional mentorship programs, etc. Graduate to Go General Experience Grants support unique teen programs/experiences that fall outside of the criteria of the categories described above.

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## Health

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## Public Safety/Law Enforcement - *None*

## Transportation

### U.S. Department of Transportation

#### Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/tifia/>

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program provides support in the form of direct loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees for surface transportation projects of regional or national significance. Projects eligible for support include highway, passenger rail, transit, intermodal projects, and intelligent transportation systems, as well as private rail facilities providing public benefit to highway users and surface transportation infrastructure modifications necessary to facilitate direct intermodal transfer and access into and out of a port terminal.

**Deadline: December 30, 2011 (letters of interest).**

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**Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF)**

**National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative**

<http://www.rbff.org/page.cfm?pageID=376>

Youth-focused organizations are encouraged to apply for RBFF's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative. Key requirements of RBFF's education grant guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. Special consideration will be given to programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities, encourage long-term involvement of participants, foster multi-generational participation, promote conservation education, support existing RBFF partnerships and are inclusive in their programming.

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