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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES December 21, 2011

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Agriculture

USDA Rural Development

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New York Farm Viability Institute

Ag Innovation Center (AIC) Grants

Outreach Applied Research (OAR) Grants

Energy Management and Bioenergy (NRG) Grants

<http://www.nyfvi.org/default.aspx?PageID=2261>

Proposals are being solicited in all three grant program areas for individual projects up to \$150,000 and between two and eight quarters in duration. Eligible applicants include farmer member organizations, educational and research institutions, as well as non-profit and for profit organizations. Essential project components include: relatively short term measurable farm level impacts, involvement of numerous farmers and farm operations, and an outreach effort that disseminates results and lessons learned to a broad farm audience. The solicitation, review, and approval process are being accelerated so funding decisions can be made in March. Pending reappropriation of funds in the FY2012-13 State budget, successful proposals will be able to start for the 2012 growing season.

Deadline: January 15, 2012

Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)

Healthy & Humane Farm Funds Project

<http://humanefarmfunds.org/>

In this inaugural year, FACT will be making small grants to qualifying livestock and poultry farmers who wish to improve their farm animal welfare. We will award grants of up to \$1,500 for projects designed to: (1) Help farms transition to pasture-based systems, or (2) Improve the marketing of their humane products, or (3) More generally enrich the conditions in which the farm animals are raised. Grants will be made only to farmers for a project on a working, independent family farm. This is a farm on which a family or individual owns the animals, is engaged in the day to day management of the farm and its animals, derives a share of livelihood from the farm, and produces a livestock product for sale.

Deadline: April 1, 2012

Arts

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Our Town

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U.S Department of Health & Human Services Office of Community Services (OCS)

Job Opportunity for Low Income Individuals Projects (JOLI)

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EO-0163>

This program supports business development and expansion opportunities, including micro-enterprise and self-employment opportunities, in an effort to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. JOLI grantees create jobs through provision of technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community in order to create sustainable employment and business opportunities. Financial assistance to low-income individuals may be provided through the use of revolving loan funds or the provision of direct cash assistance to a micro-enterprise or self-employed business owner. Funded projects should focus on one of the following three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects. Grantees must ensure that TANF or RCA recipients and other low-income individuals are recruited to participate in business development and expansion activities and to fill positions created under the program. OCS will strongly encourage applicants to propose projects that support child care and early childhood education as such projects create jobs for low-income participants and support other working families.

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Education

Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation

Music Matters Grant Program

<http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx>

Through the Music Matters Grant Program, grants of up to \$6,000 are provided to K-12 school music programs and independent music programs throughout the United States. Music education – vocal or instrumental – must be the key component of any music program requesting funds. Highest consideration is given to those programs in need of basic materials such as instruments and sheet music, programs serving economically disadvantaged students, programs involving innovative educational reform, and programs with established, collaborative partnerships with parent-teacher-student associations and other community groups. Public school programs serving a minimum of 50% low-income students as well as nonprofit organizations directly funding music education and serving students regardless of their ability to pay are eligible to apply.

Deadline: February 17, 2012

NYS Department of State

2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/communityprojects/funding.html>

See program description under the Local Government category.

Deadline: March 21, 2012

Health

NYS Department of Health & Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

Restructuring Initiatives in Medicaid Redesign

<http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1111091042/index.htm>

\$450 million in grant funding will be available to help health care facilities improve primary and community-based care, eliminate excess bed capacity, and reduce over-reliance on inpatient care in hospitals and nursing homes. The Request For Applications (RFA) encourages collaborative projects between health care providers, such as shared services agreements, bed consolidations, joint governance arrangements mergers and closures. Awards will primarily support capital projects, such as the conversion of hospital inpatient space to outpatient and ambulatory care and of inpatient nursing home capacity to assisted living and other less restrictive forms of long-term care. Awards also will support certain operational activities, including organizational changes necessary for mergers and collaborative activities.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

U.S. EPA - Office of Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

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The Big Read

<http://neabigread.org/>

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Libraries/Museums

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums

<http://www.imls.gov/applicants/sparks.aspx>

This is a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants program. These small grants encourage libraries, museums, and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide by supporting the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. Successful proposals will address problems, challenges, or needs of broad relevance to libraries, museums, and/or archives. A proposed project should test a specific, innovative response to the identified problem and present a plan to make the findings widely and openly accessible.

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Local Government

NYS Department of State

2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/communityprojects/funding.html>

This program provides financial and technical assistance to local governments, to implement projects that produce positive taxpayer impacts. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the State Budget appropriated up to \$4 million in assistance to local governments to reduce municipal expenses and property taxes by helping local government entities plan for and implement new service delivery efficiencies. Under the program local governments can apply for planning and implementation assistance for a local government consolidation or dissolution, a functional consolidation, a city or county charter revision that includes functional consolidation, a shared or cooperative services arrangement, and a mechanism to implement the regionalized delivery of services. All local government efficiency projects need to demonstrate new opportunities for financial savings and operational efficiencies.

Eligibility: counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Two or more eligible entities must apply jointly, except in particular circumstances.

Eligible Expenses: Grants may be used to cover costs including, but not limited to: legal and consultant services; capital improvements and joint equipment purchases vital to the project efficiency and cost savings to be achieved; and transitional personnel costs, not to exceed three years, only where such expenses are integral to program implementation.

Program priorities: 1. Highest priority will be given to applications that: result in a plan for or implementation of dissolution or consolidation of local government entities; implement the complete

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functional consolidation of a local government service; or achieve a sustainable reduction in the growth rate of a local government's property tax levy if such average annual growth rate has been 5% or higher for the previous 5-year period. 2. Priority will be also given to applications that: implement regional development projects that have received consideration by the Regional Economic Development Councils; implement a previously completed Local Government Citizen's Re-organization Empowerment Grant or LGE grant; or implement recommendations of other regional entities and/or other State community and infrastructure development programs.

Deadline: March 21, 2012

NYS Department of State

2011-2012 Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/communityprojects/funding.html>

For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the State Budget appropriated up to \$35 million in assistance to local governments for these two programs:

The Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant, is a noncompetitive grant that provides funding to study, plan for and/or implement the restructuring (municipal consolidation or dissolution) of local governments subject to General Municipal Law Article 17-A. The goal is to reduce municipal expenses and property taxes through government re-organization or alternative actions if re-organization is not a feasible or desirable option, or will not reduce expenses.

The Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit is an incentive payment for the reorganization of local governments provided to cities, towns and villages pursuant to Article 4-A Section 54 of the State Finance Law. It applies to municipal consolidations or dissolutions that have occurred on or after April 1, 2007.

Deadlines: January 5, February 1, March 7, April 4, 2012

NYS Archives

2012-2013 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)

http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml

The purpose of LGRMIF grants is to help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components. This year Shared Services applications will receive priority funding.

Eligibility: LGRMIF grants are intended for local governments in New York State, and most local governments (excluding entities in New York City and housing authorities) are required to have appointed a Records Management Officer (RMO) and adopted an appropriate State Archives records retention and disposition schedule by the application deadline.

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Natural Resources

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National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Five Star Restoration Grant Program

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=60&ContentID=22020

The Five Star Restoration Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships for wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration. There are some geographic limitations to funds; please read the RFP carefully. Key elements of a Five-Star partnership: Ecological Restoration - projects must include on-the-ground wetland, riparian, in stream and/ or coastal habitat restoration; Environmental Education - projects must integrate meaningful education into the restoration project either through community outreach, participation and/or integration with K-12 environmental curriculum; and Measurable Results - projects must result in measurable ecological, educational and community benefits. Eligibility: The program is open to any public or private entity that can receive grants.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Urban Waters Small Grants

<http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding/>

The EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for projects that will contribute to improved water quality in urban areas. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. In general, projects should promote a comprehensive understanding of local water quality issues; identify and support activities that address these issues at the local level; engage, educate and empower communities surrounding the urban water body; and benefit surrounding communities including those that have been adversely impacted by the water pollution issues affecting the urban water body. NOTE: The EPA has not defined “urban” for the purpose of this program. Instead, it is left to the applicant to make a case for how/why their project or waterbody may be considered urban.

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Public Safety/Law Enforcement

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Transportation

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Waste Management

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