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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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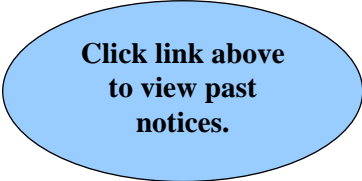
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Agriculture

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Deadline: Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. There is a total of \$43,172 available for this one-time program.

Arts

National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. Preservation Assistance Grants may be used for purposes like these: general preservation assessments; consultations with professionals to address a specific preservation issue, need, or problem; purchase of storage furniture and preservation supplies; purchase of environmental monitoring equipment for humanities collections; and/or education and training.

Deadline: May 3, 2011

Economic/Community Development

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Community Connect Grant Program

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: RDRUS-CC-2011

The Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect Grant Program) is designed to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist. Grant funds may be utilized to: (1) deploy broadband transmission service to critical community facilities, rural residents, and rural businesses, (2) construct, acquire, or expand a community center, and (3) equip and operate a community center that provides free access to broadband services to community residents for at least two years. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications service as are available in urban and suburban communities. Eligibility: 1. Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for financial assistance: a. An incorporated organization; b. An Indian tribe or tribal Organization; c. A State or local unit of government; d. A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. Applicants must have the legal capacity and authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Deadline: May 3, 2011

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State Giving Program**

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx>

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Deadlines: April 22 and September 9, 2011

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National Science Foundation (NSF)

Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2011 (SBIR)

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf11691

NSF will support high quality projects on important scientific, engineering, or science and engineering education problems and opportunities that could lead to significant commercial and public benefit if the research is successful. The fundamental mission of NSF is to promote discoveries and to advance education across the frontiers of knowledge in science and engineering. Consistent with that mission, NSF encourages and supports a wide range of proposals from the research and education community and also from the private small business sector. NSF has formulated broad solicitation topics for SBIR that conform to the high-technology investment sector's interests: Biological and Chemical Technologies (BC); Education Applications (EA); Electronics, Information and Communication Technologies (EI); Nanotechnology, Advanced Materials, and Manufacturing (NM). Eligibility: Only firms qualifying as a small business concern are eligible to participate in the SBIR program. Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns and women-owned small business concerns are particularly encouraged to participate. For an SBIR Phase I Proposal, a minimum of two-thirds of the research, as measured by the budget, must be performed by the small business concern and the balance may be outsourced to a consultant or subcontractor or a combination of the two. Proposals from joint ventures and partnerships are permitted, provided the entity created qualifies as a small business concern. Proposing firms are also encouraged to take advantage of research expertise and facilities that may be available to them at colleges, universities, national laboratories, and from other research providers. Such collaborations may include research subcontracts, consulting agreements or the employment of faculty as senior personnel and of graduate or undergraduate students as assistants by the small business.

Deadline: June 10, 2011

Education

Ronald McDonald House of Charities in Northern New York

<http://www.mcnewyork.com/2178/984/Ronald-McDonald-House-Charities/>

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Environmental Education Grant Program

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

The purpose of the grants is to promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. EPA expects to award at least 20 grants nationwide ranging from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. The grants provide financial support for innovative projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Projects should involve environmental education activities that go beyond disseminating information. EPA will be hosting two conference calls for potential applicants interested in additional information about the application process. The conference calls will take place on March 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and April 6 at 2 p.m. (EDT). Eligibility: local education agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, not-for-profit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities. Tribal education agencies may also apply, including a school or community college.

Deadline: May 2, 2011

U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS)

Carol M. White Physical Education Program

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-032911-001

This program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to initiate, expand, and improve physical education for students in grades K-12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting State standards. An applicant must develop, expand, or improve its physical education program and address its State's physical education standards by: (1) Instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition and (2) physical fitness activities that must include at least one of the following: (a) Fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve, or maintain their physical well-being; (b) instruction in a variety of motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental, and social or emotional development of every student; (c) development of, and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support a lifelong healthy lifestyle; (d) opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation; or (e) opportunities for professional development for teachers of physical education to stay abreast of the latest research, issues, and trends.

Deadline: May 13, 2011

NYS Department of Health

Healthy Schools NY Leadership Institute (HSNYLI)

<http://healthyschoolsny.ocmboces.org/>

The Healthy Schools NY Leadership Institute is a multi-year intensive leadership development program, designed to increase the number of schools that effectively implement policy, systems and environmental changes that support tobacco-free norms, promote the consumption of healthy foods and beverages, comply with state physical education regulations and expand opportunities to be physically active. Any school that wants to create a healthier school environment is encouraged to apply. The program aims to: establish a cohort of school health leaders with advanced skills to strengthen school health policy; develop a network of mentors (school health leaders) that will transfer knowledge and skills gained through the HSNYLI to other schools within their catchment area; and expand the number of school health policy advocates who encourage action by other administrators and decision makers in their catchment area and statewide.

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Health

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National Association of Counties (NACo)

Technical Assistance for Community Health Needs Assessments in Rural Counties

<http://www.naco.org/programs/csd/Pages/RuralHealthWorksProjects.aspx>

NACo will grant three technical assistance awards to rural counties on a competitive basis. The technical assistance will be awarded with consideration to geographically and demographically diverse counties, including frontier, rural, and underserved communities. Preference will be given to counties that can demonstrate a clear commitment of leadership from an elected county official. Selected counties will work with the National Center for Rural Health Works consultants to implement the community health needs assessment tool to: identify local health care needs and factors affecting the local delivery of health care; assess the economic impact of the local health care sector and determine how the health care system can better meet community needs; and strengthen relationships with community partners to improve local health care delivery. A county is eligible to apply if: it is considered a rural county (all locations in SLC qualify); there is at least one nonprofit or county operated hospital in the county; and a member of the Board of County Commissioners/Supervisors and the hospital CEO both approve and sign the application and agree to participate in the technical assistance process.

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Community Grants program - Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH)

http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21351&cid=XEM_2601352

MATCH will help spark action in communities to address the many factors that influence health. As the County Health Rankings (St. Lawrence County is ranked 55 out of 62 counties in NYS) illustrate, social and economic factors such as education and employment can affect health directly and indirectly, and those negative effects may accumulate over individuals' lifetimes and continue unbroken through generations. This program is open to communities that are ready to take action to address the social and economic factors that affect health—factors which have a significant impact on health outcomes, yet are often ignored in community health improvement activities. Eligibility: applicants must be located in the United States or its territories and be a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; tribal group recognized by the U.S. federal government; or state or local agency.

Deadlines: April 27, 2011 (Deadline for receipt of brief proposals). In early June, 2011, applicants notified if invited to submit a full proposal. July 13, 2011 is the deadline for receipt of full proposals.

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700013>

The foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada that enhance the quality of life for children, families, and pets. Grant categories include children's health and wellness, domestic pets, and literacy and education. Individual project grants as well as organization program grants are provided. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores.

Deadline: Grant requests will be accepted from March until October, 2011.

New York State Health Foundation

Meeting the Mark: Achieving Excellence in Diabetes Care

http://nyshealthfoundation.org/section/funding/meeting_the_mark_achieving_excellence_in_diabetes_care/

The RFP invites organizations across New York state to apply for funds to improve the quality of care for people with diabetes and to support healthcare providers in achieving recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Diabetes Recognition Program or the Bridges to Excellence's Diabetes Care Recognition Program. Grant awards will be calculated based on the number of primary care physicians who achieve NCQA or BTE diabetes recognition. NYSHealth will provide \$2,500 per physician who achieves NCQA or BTE diabetes recognition. An initial payment of 20 percent of the grant total will be made when grants are approved, and a final payment of 80 percent is solely contingent upon verification of the physicians achieving NCQA or BTE recognition. Eligibility: Applicants will be accepted from a wide range of organizations, including but not limited to solo or group primary care practice sites, community health centers, hospitals/hospital outpatient departments, insurers or health plans, regional extension centers, regional quality improvement collaboratives, quality improvement organizations, consulting firms, community-based organizations, and academic institutions.

Deadline: Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Human/Community Services

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Deadlines: April 22 and September 9, 2011

**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families
Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

The Office of Community Services (OCS) invites non-profit organizations; State, local and Tribal government entities; credit unions (including Low-Income Credit Unions); Community Development Financial Institutions; and other eligible entities to submit applications for grants to support and administer AFI projects as part of the national Assets for Independence program. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching including training on money management and consumer issues.

Deadline: June 25, 2010

**U.S. Department of Labor
Young Parents Demonstration Program**

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/grants/>

Approximately \$5.5 million is available to support applicants in providing intensive mentoring services to low-income young parents (both mothers and fathers, and expectant parents ages 16 to 24) participating in workforce development programs. Activities under this SGA are authorized under Section 171(b) of the Workforce Investment Act, which allows for demonstration and pilot projects for the purpose of developing and implementing techniques and approaches, and demonstrating the effectiveness of specialized methods, in addressing employment and training needs. Applicants must currently be operating a program for young parents that includes educational and occupational skills training, case management and supportive services that lead to family economic self-sufficiency. Funded projects will be encouraged to serve young parents in high-risk categories, including those who are victims of child abuse, children of incarcerated parents, court-involved youth, youth at-risk of court involvement, homeless and runaway youth, Indian and Native American youth, migrant youth, youth in or aging out of foster care, and youth with disabilities.

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U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

FY 2011 Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities Initiative

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: OJJDP-2011-2981

OJJDP invites community mentoring partnerships or collaborations that target youth with disability-related challenges that heighten their risk for delinquency to apply. This initiative builds upon the foundation of evidence-based practices for effective mentoring and encourages communities to implement and enhance mentoring programs for youth with disabilities. These mentoring efforts will integrate best practices and proven principles into mentoring service models, including efforts to systematically recruit, train, and support mentors in their efforts to encourage individual youth to maximize personal strengths and to develop compensatory skills in specific areas of disability.

Deadline: May 16, 2011

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

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Deadline: Grant requests will be accepted from March until October, 2011.

New York State Department of Transportation

Section 5310 Grant Assistance Program

<https://www.nysdot.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-transportation/funding-sources>

NYS DOT is accepting applications from non-profit organizations that intend on purchasing vehicles that meet the transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. Grants will be awarded based on several factors, including: the ability of the applicant to operate, maintain and finance a specialized transportation service; the general mobility limitations and the level of need for this specialized transportation service in the area; and the actual vehicle usage for transporting elderly and/or disabled individuals. Eligibility: Non-profit organizations that serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with disabilities; public bodies, such as municipalities and county-level governments that are approved to coordinate services for the elderly and/or disabled; public bodies that can certify that no non-profit organizations are available to provide these services in an area of proposed service. Funding: A total of \$8.2 million is anticipated to be available. This program will provide 80 percent of vehicle-purchase costs. The program requires a 20 percent local-share match.

Deadline: May 4, 2011

Empire State Development Corporation & New York State Urban Council

Livable Communities Capacity Grant Program

www.nysurbancouncil.com

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New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC)

Buckle Up New York

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Child Passenger Safety

General Highway Safety Grants

<http://www.nysgtsc.state.ny.us/>

Buckle Up New York (BUNY) - seat belt enforcement grants will provide overtime funding to participate in the statewide seat belt enforcement for 2012. Funding will be awarded to police agencies at the local, county and state levels for enforcement to increase seat belt compliance. Participating agencies will receive funding for expanded enforcement efforts followed by the annual "May Wave" Buckle Up New York statewide enforcement program. Agencies will be required to conduct use surveys and to participate in public information efforts.

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) - these grants will fund overtime for enforcement of dangerous driving behaviors. Law enforcement agencies using local data will determine problem areas such as high accident locations and will develop enforcement countermeasures to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. Applicants are encouraged to support their enforcement activities with public information and education efforts.

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) - these grants will continue to support child passenger safety activities: fitting stations, training and education programs, child passenger safety check events and car seat distribution programs for low income families.

General Highway Safety Grants – these grants may be used by agencies to apply for funding to address a particular highway safety problem in their jurisdiction. This proposal requires that the applicant submit a narrative outline of the problem with supporting data, details of the proposed activities with milestones and an evaluation plan. The applications must address one of the program areas included in the state's Highway Safety Strategic Plan. Program areas considered for the general Highway Safety Grant funding include: occupant protection; traffic enforcement; motorcycle safety; traffic records; community programs; programs that impact our younger drivers or older drivers; bicycle safety; pedestrian safety; roadway safety and impaired driving. In 2012, our impaired driving program goals will focus on statewide projects that provide training, equipment and programs to enhance state agencies' initiatives to support the efforts of the county STOP-DWI programs. Applications must be submitted using the eGrants system.

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Libraries/Museums

Ronald McDonald House of Charities in Northern New York

<http://www.mcnewyork.com/2178/984/Ronald-McDonald-House-Charities/>

Applications are ready for distribution to local groups and not-for-profits organizations for the growing health care and social needs of children. The programs developed by the grants will directly benefit children and their families in Northern New York while simultaneously improving the future of the community. Funding for successful applicants will be received in July of 2011. Guidelines for grant applications are as follows: a program that directly benefits children; consistent and effective management; clear goals and objectives; a broad base of funding support; a demonstrated ability to respond to the needs of specific groups of children in a manner that yields results. Eligibility: an organization must have a 501(c)(3) form which will designate an organization as a not-for-profit and tax exempt. Contact: Ronald McDonald House of Charities in Northern New York, Inc., at 120 Washington Street, Suite 2 East, Watertown, NY 13601 or by calling 315-782-8102.

Deadline: April 15, 2011

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NYS Dept. Of Education, NYS Library
2011-2012 Conservation/Preservation Discretionary Grant Program
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/grants.htm>

The purpose of this program is to encourage the proper care and accessibility of research materials in the State, to promote the use and development of guidelines and standards for conservation/preservation work, and to support the growth of local and cooperative preservation programs. To provide modest financial support for projects that contribute to the preservation of significant research materials in libraries, archives, historical societies and other agencies within the State of New York, whether by conducting surveys, improving collection storage environments, reformatting or treating collections or other preservation activities described in these guidelines. The minimum grant award is \$2,500, and the maximum grant award is \$40,000. Eligibility: Agencies and libraries chartered by the Regents, not-for-profit libraries, archives, historical societies, and similar agencies within the State, and from consortia or cooperating groups of such agencies. If you do not currently have a user name and password to access the online application please go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/index.html>. Questions about the program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Program Officer at (518) 486-4864 or preservation@mail.nysed.gov.

Deadline: May 20, 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities
Preservation Assistance Grants

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. Preservation Assistance Grants may be used for purposes like these: general preservation assessments; consultations with professionals to address a specific preservation issue, need, or problem; purchase of storage furniture and preservation supplies; purchase of environmental monitoring equipment for humanities collections; and/or education and training.

Deadline: May 3, 2011

Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700013>

The foundation supports nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada that enhance the quality of life for children, families, and pets. Grant categories include children's health and wellness, domestic pets, and literacy and education. Individual project grants as well as organization program grants are provided. Priority is given to nonprofit organizations located near Build-A-Bear Workshop stores.

Deadline: Grant requests will be accepted from March until October, 2011.

Local Government

NYSERDA

Better Buildings Sub-Grants to Small Municipalities

ARRA Request for Proposals (RFP) 2228

<http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2228rfp.asp>

NYSERDA is inviting small municipalities, (i.e., municipalities that were not eligible to receive a direct EECBG formula grant from the U.S. Department of Energy) to submit proposals to: (1) Serve as a "host community" for NYSERDA's Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY). Under this option, the municipality will be allowed to use up to 10% of the sub-grant to conduct outreach activities to promote the GJGNY energy audit and financing program to eligible consumers within its community and economic development region, and would re-grant the remaining 90% of the award funds back to NYSERDA to increase the number of energy efficiency loans that can be offered through the GJGNY program; or (2) Develop and

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administer an energy efficiency finance program for their economic development region. Under this option the municipality will be allowed to use up to 10% of the sub-grant to cover costs incurred to administer the proposed energy efficiency finance program. The remaining funds would be used to finance energy efficiency loans. NYSERDA intends to competitively award \$6,892,136. Up to one sub-grant will be awarded in each of the eligible nine economic development regions.

Deadline: May 17, 2011

USDA

Community Connect Grant Program

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: RDRUS-CC-2011

The Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program (Community Connect Grant Program) is designed to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist. Grant funds may be utilized to: (1) deploy broadband transmission service to critical community facilities, rural residents, and rural businesses, (2) construct, acquire, or expand a community center, and (3) equip and operate a community center that provides free access to broadband services to community residents for at least two years. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications service as are available in urban and suburban communities. Eligibility: 1. Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for financial assistance: a. An incorporated organization; b. An Indian tribe or tribal Organization; c. A State or local unit of government; d. A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. Applicants must have the legal capacity and authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

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Deadline: May 3, 2011

Natural Resources

Fund for Wild Nature

<http://www.fundwildnature.org/>

The Fund for Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots organizations for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. The Fund seeks to support projects with visionary and yet realistic goals to create tangible change. Priority is given to projects premised on effective, intelligent biocentric strategies on issues that are not receiving adequate national attention. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund rarely supports proposals from organizations with large budgets (over \$250,000 annually).

Deadlines: May 1 and September 1, 2011

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**Walmart Foundation
State Giving Program**

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx>

State Giving Program awards grants to 501(c)(3) organizations at the state and regional level for programs that give individuals access to a better life. The program provides grants of \$25,000 and up in the following categories: **Education** grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-25. **Workforce Development/Economic Opportunity** grants promote job readiness and skills training as well as support services for workers with low to moderate skills. **Health and Wellness** grants strive to improve access to healthcare, reduce health care disparities, and promote nutrition. **Environmental Sustainability** grants focus on production systems that sustain people and the environment by reducing waste, and promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources. As hunger relief is an integral part of the Foundation's work, initiatives that integrate hunger relief into the grant categories are of special interest. Eligibility: only organizations with a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to request funding.

Deadlines: April 22 and September 9, 2011

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Environmental Education Grant Program**

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

The purpose of the grants is to promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers and citizens. EPA expects to award at least 20 grants nationwide ranging from a minimum of \$15,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. The grants provide financial support for innovative projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Projects should involve environmental education activities that go beyond disseminating information. EPA will be hosting two conference calls for potential applicants interested in additional information about the application process. The conference calls will take place on March 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and April 6 at 2 p.m. (EDT). Eligibility: local education agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, not-for-profit organizations, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entities. Tribal education agencies may also apply, including a school or community college.

Deadline: May 2, 2011

Public Safety/Law Enforcement

**U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
FY 2011 Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities Initiative**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do>

Search for Funding Opportunity Number: OJJDP-2011-2981

OJJDP invites community mentoring partnerships or collaborations that target youth with disability-related challenges that heighten their risk for delinquency to apply. This initiative builds upon the foundation of evidence-based practices for effective mentoring and encourages communities to implement and enhance mentoring programs for youth with disabilities. These mentoring efforts will integrate best practices and proven principles into mentoring service models, including efforts to systematically recruit, train, and support mentors in their efforts to encourage individual youth to maximize personal strengths and to develop compensatory skills in specific areas of disability.

Deadline: May 16, 2011

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New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC)

Buckle Up New York

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

Child Passenger Safety

General Highway Safety Grants

<http://www.nysgtsc.state.ny.us/>

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Transportation

New York State Department of Transportation

Section 5310 Grant Assistance Program

<https://www.nysdot.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-transportation/funding-sources>

NYS DOT is accepting applications from non-profit organizations that intend on purchasing vehicles that meet the transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. Grants will be awarded based on several factors, including: the ability of the applicant to operate, maintain and finance a specialized transportation service; the general mobility limitations and the level of need for this specialized transportation service in the area; and the actual vehicle usage for transporting elderly and/or disabled individuals. Eligibility: Non-profit organizations that serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with disabilities; public bodies, such as municipalities and county-level governments that are approved to coordinate services for the elderly and/or disabled; public bodies that can certify that no non-profit organizations are available to provide these services in an area of proposed service. Funding: A total of \$8.2 million is anticipated to be available. This program will provide 80 percent of vehicle-purchase costs. The program requires a 20 percent local-share match.

Deadline: May 4, 2011

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Waste Management - *None*

Miscellaneous

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets

“Buy Local” Retail Promotion Grant Program

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/RFPS.html>

The “Buy Local” Retail Promotion Grant Program is open to individual food stores, as well as grocery store chains in New York State. Each applicant is eligible for up to \$3,500 to highlight fresh produce, and \$1,500 to promote processed and value-added products made in New York, including, but not limited to those involving specialty crops, such as frozen produce, jams and jellies, maple syrup and honey. Awarded funding must be matched by the retailer and no more than \$350 per individual store will be awarded. The funding can be used to supplement existing consumer-focused programs or to initiate new “buy local” retail efforts. For all eligible applicants, the Department will also provide promotional and marketing assistance in developing or expanding “buy local” promotions that can be customized and consumer-oriented and that range from point-of-sale materials and promotional items to advertising. The Department will also help retailers to expand their local purchases by showcasing other specialty crop based processed products available in New York State throughout the year.

Deadline: Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. There is a total of \$43,172 available for this one-time program.

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**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families
Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

The Office of Community Services (OCS) invites non-profit organizations; State, local and Tribal government entities; credit unions (including Low-Income Credit Unions); Community Development Financial Institutions; and other eligible entities to submit applications for grants to support and administer AFI projects as part of the national Assets for Independence program. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching including training on money management and consumer issues.

Deadline: June 25, 2010

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