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GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES September 2, 2011

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Agriculture

The Monsanto Fund

America's Farmers Grow Communities

<http://www.monsanto.com/americasfarmers/Pages/grow-communities.aspx>

This program gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization through a simple (one-page) online application form. Only active farmers can apply. A 2010 award was donated to the Madrid Fire Department. Example of other community organizations who received donations in 2010 are: 4-H programs, food pantries, libraries, schools and school-related organizations; humane societies, FFA chapters and museums.

Deadline: November 30, 2011

National Gardening Association (NGA)/Subaru

Healthy Sprouts Awards

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2011-subaru-healthy-sprouts-award>

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Deadline: October 1, 2011

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Arts - None

Economic/Community Development

TKF Foundation

Open Spaces Sacred Places (OSSP) National Awards Program

<http://www.opensacred.org/grants>

http://actrees.org/site/resources/funding/tkf_foundation_open_spaces_sacred_places_gran.php#more

This program seeks to generate research that may help encourage decision-makers to support contemplative green spaces as a public investment and essential civic amenity. Grants will be awarded to cross-disciplinary teams that conceptualize, plan, design, and implement a physical space; conduct associated research studies; and disseminate findings. In advance of the regular deadline (June 2012), the foundation has issued this optional first-phase opportunity that will allow organizations to apply for a planning grant of up to \$50,000 to assess needs and resources, forge necessary community and institutional relationships, build capacity and assemble robust project teams, and develop site and research design approaches. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organizations that are classified as public charities and not as private foundations. Projects must have both an institutional and a community-based partner.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation

<http://www.mgaef.org/grants.html>

The mission of the Foundation is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. The Foundation seeks to facilitate the development and implementation of holistic environmental curricula that incorporate basic ecological principles and field environmental activities within a primary or secondary school setting, and is interested in contributing to the development, implementation and/or field-testing of curricula that are consistent with the mission of the Foundation. Any organization is eligible to apply for grants up to \$1500: schools, non-profits, governmental agencies and others.

Deadline: September 20, 2011

North Face Explore Fund

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Captain Planet Foundation

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

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Deadlines: September 31, 2011 and December 31, 2011

Ways to Help Grants

http://waystohelp.org/index_TEST.php#environment

What's your issue? What's important to you? Do you see something wrong and want to fix it? Today's issues are a reflection of decisions we've made in the past. Tomorrow's world will be a reflection of our decisions - and your leadership - today. Being a leader starts with having an idea - a vision for how things should be - followed by the willingness to take action and inspire others to make a collective impact. So take action, tell us your ideas, apply for a grant and use your vision to inspire your friends and others to work with you. Be a leader! Change the world!! Applicants must be no older than 19 years old on the day that they apply. It's ok for the applicant(s) to work with others to develop and implement their ideas (in fact, its encouraged), but the original idea for the initiative must have been youth-initiated and must be youth-led. We will primarily fund ideas associated with our 16 issue areas (within the broader categories: Environment, Equality, Health, and Community) but we will also occasionally fund projects outside of those areas so feel free to apply with other great ideas.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

Kids in Need Foundation

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

<http://www.kinf.org/grants/>

The mission of the Kids in Need Foundation is to engage students in the learning process by supporting the nation's teachers. Kids in Need Teacher Grants, sponsored by retailers and education credit unions, help K-12 educators develop innovative learning opportunities for their students. The purpose of the grants is to provide support for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas but lack the budget to bring them to life. Projects qualify for funding if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Approximately 200 to 300 grants from \$100 to \$500 are awarded each year.

Deadline: September 30, 2011

Target Field Trip Grants

http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880&ref=sr_shorturl_fieldtrips

The Target Field Trip Grants program provides funds for Spring 2012 K-12 field trips in order to give students throughout the country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Grants of up to \$700 each will be awarded to educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and classified staff who are employed by accredited K-12 public, private, or charter schools only. (Parents, PTO's, after-school programs, Pre-K centers, and other nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply.) Types of eligible trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from the school facility. Funds may be used to cover trip-related costs such as transportation, ticket fees, food, resource materials, and supplies.

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Distributed Generation as Combined Heat and Power (DG-CHP)
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Deadline: October 4, 2011

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern New York

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

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Deadline: October 3, 2011; award announcements will be made by mid November with funds available in January 2012.

Health

AHRA & Toshiba Putting Patients First Program-Grants to Improve Diagnostic Imaging

<http://www.medical.toshiba.com/news/events/patients-first/>

This program provides six grants of up to \$7,500 each to hospitals and imaging centers and an additional grant of up to \$20,000 to an Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) to fund programs, training or seminars aimed at improving patient care and safety in CT, MR, Ultrasound, X-ray and Vascular imaging. Three of the \$7,500 grants will be awarded for projects that improve the safety and comfort of pediatric imaging, while the other three will be awarded for projects that improve overall patient care and safety in imaging. The new grant of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to an IDN or hospital system for projects that improve overall patient care and safety in imaging across the IDN/hospital system. Putting Patients First applicants will be judged on their program plan and ability to share best practices. The applicants' programs should address one or more of the following: reducing radiation and/or contrast dose; reducing the need for sedation; improving communication with patients regarding the process; improving patient comfort; and/or improving the overall clinical pathway.

Deadline: October 11, 2011

New York State Health Foundation

Meeting the Mark: Achieving Excellence in Diabetes Care Grant

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

This Request for Proposals invites organizations across New York to apply for funds to improve the quality of care for people with diabetes, and to support health care providers in achieving recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance or Bridges to Excellence diabetes recognition programs. Grants will be calculated based on the number of primary care physicians who achieve NCQA or BTE diabetes

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recognition. The foundation will provide \$2,500 per physician who achieves NCQA or BTE diabetes recognition. Grantees also receive reimbursement for the cost of NCQA application fees; free Webinars, in-person training events, and materials on improving patient outcomes and best care practices from NYSHealth; listing in the NYSHealth Diabetes Campaign's online directory of recognized providers; and a certificate of recognition from the NYSHealth Diabetes Campaign. NYSHealth will consider proposals from a wide range of organizations, including: solo or group primary care practice sites; community health centers; hospitals/hospital outpatient departments; insurers or health plans; EMR implementation projects; regional quality improvement collaboratives; quality improvement organizations; consulting firms; community-based organizations; academic institutions; and patient-centered medical homes (or organizations in the process of meeting criteria for Level Three Medical Home recognition by NCQA).

Deadlines/Application Process: Small practices (ten or fewer clinicians) interested in applying should complete a modified small practice application. All other interested applicants should complete the online inquiry form. Eligible applicants will be contacted within three weeks and invited to complete a full online application to provide a description of their strategies, approaches, and capacity to meet the project's goals. Full applications will be reviewed and awarded on a bi-monthly basis based on the following submission dates: September 15, 2011; November 15, 2011; January 15, 2012; March 15, 2012; May 15, 2012; July 15, 2012; September 15, 2012; and November 15, 2012.

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Human/Community Services

AARP Foundation

Sustainable Solutions To Hunger Innovation Grants

<http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/Grants-Administration/foundation-grants1113/>

Proposals must focus on *Access* (an individual's ability to obtain and make use of food), *Affordability* (the cost of food and an individual's ability to pay for it), *Adequacy* (access to nutritious and safe food at all times), and/or *Appropriateness* (meeting fundamental nutritional requirements for a given person depending on their needs) specifically for food insecure older adults 50+. This could include one or more of the following components (not a comprehensive list, other activities may be allowable: education about how to prepare healthy and affordable meals utilizing available resources; bridging gaps between them or uniting local food systems; building capacity and making connections between farms and communities, or otherwise bridging supply and demand; innovative agricultural and farming techniques and practices that benefit the 50+ population; coordinating food services with community-based outlets to reduce barriers to access; creating nutrition education programs for 50+ population to enhance food-purchasing and food preparation skills and to heighten awareness of the connection between diet and health; resource mapping to identify available resources and gaps in resources necessary to end hunger in the community; developing innovative, sustainable food resources for the 50+ population. Eligibility: organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and government entities, including but not limited to state/local governments, social service agencies, public health organizations, educational entities and other nonprofit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations.

Deadlines: Letters of Inquiry due September 15, 2011; Full proposals due October 15, 2011

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Citizens Bank Foundation Charitable Grants

<http://www.citizensbank.com/community/corporate/grants.aspx>

Citizens gives priority consideration for charitable grants to programs that: promote affordable housing; encourage the development of innovative responses to basic human needs; encourage community-based services targeted to low - and moderate-income families and individuals; support community development initiatives that are catalysts for economically distressed areas; and/or promote new ways to address issues of economic self-sufficiency. Funding priority is given to those projects which: support community - based programs that directly relate to the business of banking; positively impact low - and moderate-income populations; are one year in duration; directly affect the people served; are multicultural; show a high likelihood of success and potential to be replicated; are focused on long-range solutions to broad-based urban issues, including community development or redevelopment activities; and/or assist in promoting financial education and credit-service information to the community.

Deadline: Rolling

Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

<http://www.flutiefoundation.org/Grants-2011-Grant-Guidelines.asp>

The goal of the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism is to improve the quality of life for people and families affected by autism spectrum disorder. The Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations in the New England states; New York; New Jersey; Southern California; and the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario in Canada. The priorities of the Foundation include supporting nonprofit organizations that help families who need assistance in caring for their children with autism spectrum disorder, and funding education and advocacy initiatives for all individuals with autism. Grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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This program seeks to generate research that may help encourage decision-makers to support contemplative green spaces as a public investment and essential civic amenity. Grants will be awarded to cross-disciplinary teams that conceptualize, plan, design, and implement a physical space; conduct associated research studies; and disseminate findings. In advance of the regular deadline (June 2012), the foundation has issued this optional first-phase opportunity that will allow organizations to apply for a planning grant of up to \$50,000 to assess needs and resources, forge necessary community and institutional relationships, build capacity and assemble robust project teams, and develop site and research design approaches. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organizations that are classified as public charities and not as private foundations. Projects must have both an institutional and a community-based partner.

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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