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## OPGD News

**Save the Date – OPGD Public Private Partnership Conference to be held May 8, 2008.** OPGD announces that its annual Public Private Partnership Conference will be held May 8, 2008. Registration and other conference information will be made available through the Funding Alert and OPGD's website:

<http://opgd.dc.gov>

## Federal Opportunities

**2008 Capital Grant.** *Department of Veterans' Affairs* announces the availability of funds to eligible entities to: (1) expand existing transitional housing projects; or (2) develop new transitional housing programs. Funding applied for under this grant component may be used for: (1) remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction; and (4) acquisition of vans (in connection with a new or existing Grant and Per Diem Grant project) for outreach to and transportation for homeless veterans.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** April 9, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$25,000,000 is available to fund 65 awards. A match is required.

**Information:** Chelsea Watson at [chelsea.watson@va.gov](mailto:chelsea.watson@va.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-2937.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD2651

**2008 Per Diem.** *Department of Veterans' Affairs* announces funds to help offset the operating expenses of existing organizations that are capable of providing supported housing and supportive services for homeless veterans.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** April 10, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately 50 awards are available.

**Information:** Chelsea Watson at [chelsea.watson@va.gov](mailto:chelsea.watson@va.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-2933.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD2650

**Capacity Development.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to support organizations in their efforts to strengthen their organizational infrastructure and enhance their capacity to develop, enhance, or expand high quality HIV primary health care services in rural or urban underserved areas, and communities of color. Applicants must propose capacity building activities that develop, enhance, or expand a comprehensive continuum of outpatient HIV primary care services in their community through the applicant agency.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** April 7, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$1,500,000 is available to fund 15 awards.

**Information:** HRSA Call Center at [callcenter@hrsa.gov](mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov); or go to:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=A89F4A4E-D27A-4E53-BB64-8417FBDE5128&ViewMode=EU&GoB>.

**State Single Point of Contact:** This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

**GrantID:** GD2643

**Digital Humanities Initiative.** *National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds to support national or regional (multi-state) research and training programs on approaches in humanities computing. This program is designed to bring together humanities scholars, graduate students, computer scientists, and others to learn new tools

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and technologies and to foster relationships for future collaborations in the humanities. Topics and areas to be addressed might include: text encoding, electronic editing, and publishing; e-literature; textual analysis and text mining; immersive and virtual environments in multimedia research; 3-D imaging technology, including laser scanning; creativity, culture, and computing; digital image design; information aesthetics; computer gaming and the humanities; high performance or supercomputing and the humanities; and advanced Geographic Information Systems applications.

**Eligibility:** State governments and nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 9, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$50,000-\$250,000.

**Information:** [dhi@neh.gov](mailto:dhi@neh.gov); or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/>.

**GrantID:** GD2647

**Drug Free Communities (DFC) Mentoring Program Support.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces the availability of funds for existing DFC grantees so that they may serve as mentors to newly formed and/or developing coalitions that have never received a DFC grant. Through the support of DFC mentoring funds, mentor coalitions are expected to share their expertise with non-grantee coalitions (mentees) and enable them to successfully compete for a "regular" DFC grant. The grant program has two primary goals: establish and strengthen collaboration among organizations to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth; and reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promote factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** April 18, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$1,200,000 is available to fund 15 awards up to \$75,000. A match is required.

**Information:** Edna Frazier at (240) 276-1405 or [Edna.Frazier@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Edna.Frazier@samhsa.hhs.gov); or go to:

[http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp\\_08\\_003.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp_08_003.aspx).

**State Single Point of Contact:** This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

**GrantID:** GD2652

**Health Information Technology (HIT) Planning Grants.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to support health centers in structured planning activities that will prepare them to adopt Electronic Health Records (EHR) or other HIT innovations. Planning activities for EHR adoption may include readiness assessment, workflow analysis, due diligence in selecting vendor, business planning, and determining specific network HIT functions.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits and faith- and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** April 15, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$500,000 is available to fund 4 awards.

**Information:** HRSA Call Center at [callcenter@hrsa.gov](mailto:callcenter@hrsa.gov); or go to:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=9CFF9F13-8D31-4C17-842F-6D10CC04DBB6&ViewMode=EU&GoB>.

**State Single Point of Contact:** This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

**GrantID:** GD2645

**Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) for Accessible Public Transportation.** *Department of Education* announces funds to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, by conducting advanced engineering research and development on innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems, or remove environmental barriers. RERCs also demonstrate and evaluate such technologies, facilitate service delivery system changes, stimulate the production and distribution of new technologies and equipment in the private sector, and provide training opportunities.

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**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 1, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$950,000 is available to fund 1 award.

**Information:** Donna Nangle at (202) 245-7462 or [Donna.Nangle@ed.gov](mailto:Donna.Nangle@ed.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-1907.pdf>.

**GrantID:** GD2646

**Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) for Communication Enhancement.** *Department of Education* announces funds to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, by conducting advanced engineering research and development on innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems, or remove environmental barriers. RERCs also demonstrate and evaluate such technologies, facilitate service delivery system changes, stimulate the production and distribution of new technologies and equipment in the private sector, and provide training opportunities.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 1, 2008.

**Funds:** Approximately \$950,000 is available for 1 award.

**Information:** Donna Nangle at (202) 245-7464 or [Donna.Nangle@ed.gov](mailto:Donna.Nangle@ed.gov); or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-1907.pdf>.

**GrantID:** GD2641

## District Opportunities

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Program	February 22, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.
DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)	FY 2008 Small Project Grant Program	February 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED)	Great Streets Property Improvements Reimbursable Grant	February 29, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.
Department of Health (DOH)	Effi Barry HIV/AIDS Program	February 29, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Health (DOH)	FY 2008 Prevention and Intervention Services Grant	February 29, 2008.
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED)	Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) Target Area Project Grant (TAPG)	March 3, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

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District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Department of Human Services (DHS)	Birth Parent Advocate Project	March 7, 2008.
Department of Human Services (DHS)	FY 2008 Mini-Subgrants	March 14, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.
Serve DC	AmeriCorps Grant	March 14, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED)	Neighborhood Grants Program (NGP)	June 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. or fund exhaustion.
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**A Champion Fur Kids Grants.** *Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation's* goal is to support specific programs with measurable outcomes that are working to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids. The Foundation offers support in the areas of health and wellness to childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** February 29, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000.

**Information:** <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/default.aspx>.

**GrantID:** GD2654

**Community Service Grants.** *Taproot Foundation* blends elements of grant-making, consulting services, and volunteerism to build the capabilities of organizations. The Foundation awards high quality, pro bono consulting services in marketing, information technology, human resources, and strategy management. Applicants must have a mission that fits within one of the following categories: education (pre-K and K-12); environment; health; and social services.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** March 3, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards up to \$50,000.

**Information:** <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/npo/>.

**GrantID:** GD2653

**Dance Program Support.** *Capezio Ballet Makers Dance Foundation's* mission is to create a greater awareness and appreciation of dance as an art form and support efforts which: preserve the legacy of the past; recognize the accomplishments of the present; and encourage new or emerging talents, trends, and practices. The Foundation's area of focus is imaginative efforts which clearly demonstrate the value of dance in all of its manifestations and special pilot projects which meet unmet needs and which have the potential to provide a model for the field.

**Eligibility:** City or township governments, county governments, state governments, and nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 1, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$500-\$1,000.

**Information:** <http://www.capeziodance.com/about/foundation/>.

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**HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention Programs.** *M\*A\*C\* AIDS Fund* supports men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS globally. The Fund has identified the following areas of need affecting the epidemic: 1) Link Between Poverty and AIDS, funding for basic needs such as food and housing to those living with HIV/AIDS; 2) Models of Care, the development of hospitals and increasing the number of doctors and nurses in countries that need it the most; 3) Treatment Adherence, developing peer-based programs to help people adhere to their treatment regimes; and 4) Prevention programs with a specific focus on high risk populations such as youth, people over 50, and African Americans.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** March 14, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$5,000-\$25,000.

**Information:** <http://www.macaidfund.org/>.

**GrantID:** GD2648

**Low-Income Breast Cancer Patients' Program Support.** *William Bingham Foundation* announces funds to assist organizations working to increase access to health care and services for low-income breast cancer patients, particularly in Cleveland, Ohio, and Washington, DC. Projects should seek to improve healthcare access through public education, diagnosis, treatment, and other means. Program activities can include breast cancer prevention and education programs, medical services for low-income women diagnosed with breast cancer, and support services for low-income breast cancer patients.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards up to \$25,000.

**Information:** [info@WBinghamFoundation.org](mailto:info@WBinghamFoundation.org); or go to:

<http://www.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/bingham/procedures.html>.

**GrantID:** GD2649

**Social Change Programs.** *Public Welfare Foundation* supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need. The Foundation looks for carefully defined points where funds can make a difference in bringing about systemic changes that can improve the lives of people throughout the U.S. The Foundation's priorities include criminal and juvenile justice, health reform, and worker's rights.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** March 21, 2008.

**Information:** (202) 965-1800 or [info@publicwelfare.org](mailto:info@publicwelfare.org); or go to: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/>.

**GrantID:** GD2655

## Announcements and Resources

### Awards

**Support for Domestic Violence Survivors.** *Allstate Foundation*, in partnership with *National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund (NNEDV)*, provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence to help them achieve their educational and job-related goals. It is the Foundation's hope that this fund will allow survivors greater independence over their financial lives and increase their options for their livelihood. Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition. Applications are accepted at any time. For further information, contact NNEDV Fund Economic Justice team at (202) 543-5566 or [economicjustice@nnedv.org](mailto:economicjustice@nnedv.org); or go to: <http://www.nnedv.org/our-programs/allstate-foundation-dv-program/allstate-foundation-education-job-tracking.html>.

**Youth Courage Awards.** *Colin Higgins Foundation* salutes Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit, and Queer (LGBT) youth (through age 21) who demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and discrimination based on gender and/or sexual orientation. The Foundation awards individuals who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their gender and/or sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry through working for LGBT

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rights and social justice. The deadline for nominations is March 3, 2008. Two (2) honorees will receive a \$10,000 grant to be presented at the Trevor Project Benefit Gala in June. Honorees will also receive an expense-paid trip to the 2009 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference. For further information, go to: [http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/nomin\\_mat.cfm](http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/nomin_mat.cfm).

## Grant Reviewers

**Call for Community Grant Reviewers.** *Serve DC* is seeking individuals to evaluate funding applications for DC 2008 AmeriCorps\*State Formula funds. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the community to network with national service colleagues, learn more about the grant-making process, enhance their grant-writing skills, learn about the trends in national service programs, and contribute their knowledge and experience to *Serve DC*'s efforts to select high-quality programs for funding. Eligible applicants must be available on March 19, 2008, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., and March 28, 2008, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Reviewers will participate in a two hour training session on March 19, 2008, and a consensus review session on March 28, 2008. The period between training and consensus session will be dedicated to reviewing and scoring the proposals. The deadline to submit resumes is February 29, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. For further information, contact John Savage at (202) 727-7972 or [john.savage@dc.gov](mailto:john.savage@dc.gov); or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

## Previous Announcements & Resources

### Announcements

**Invitation for 2008-2009 Catalogue for Philanthropy Applications.** *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington* is an annual publication (and accompanying website) that features high-performing nonprofit organizations in the DC and nearby Virginia and Maryland counties. A collaborative project of foundation, corporate, government and individual funders, the Catalogue introduces potential donors to new charitable opportunities. It has helped raise well over \$4 million in four years for featured nonprofits. Interested charities complete an online application that is then reviewed by a selection committee of experienced grant makers and nonprofit community leaders. Sixty-five to seventy organizations will be chosen for presentation in the Catalogue, which is mailed in November to 30,000 potential major donors. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3)s located in Greater Washington with operating budgets of \$3 million or less. For more information, go to: [www.cfp-dc.org](http://www.cfp-dc.org), and click the APPLY link; or call 202-549-6369; or email questions to [dcquestions@cfp-dc.org](mailto:dcquestions@cfp-dc.org). There is no cost to apply or to be featured in the Catalogue for Philanthropy.

### Awards

**25th Annual Larry Neal Writers' Awards.** *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities* announces the availability of both adult and youth/teen applications for the 25th Annual Larry Neal Writers' Awards. This year's awards ceremony is presented in partnership with the PEN/Faulkner Foundation and the Folger Shakespeare Library and will take place on May 9, 2008 at 6:00 pm, at the Elizabethan Theatre of the Folger Shakespeare Library. The competition is open to District resident amateur and professional writers of all ages. The deadline for entries is March 20, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. For further information, contact Charles Barzon at (202) 724-5613 or [charles.barzon@dc.gov](mailto:charles.barzon@dc.gov); or go to: [www.dcarts.dc.gov](http://www.dcarts.dc.gov).

**2008 Exponent Awards.** *The Meyer Foundation's Exponent Award* recognizes strong and effective nonprofit leaders with a track record of accomplishment who have the potential for future growth and development. The award program is part of a three-year, \$2.2 million Meyer Foundation initiative, Rewarding Leadership, designed to stabilize and strengthen the leadership of Meyer's grantees, to increase the voice and visibility of some of the region's most effective nonprofit leaders, and to help them attract additional resources. The award is intended for mid-career executives who may be in danger of burnout or who would benefit from a leadership development grant to take their skills and organization to a new level. To qualify for the award, a nominee must: be the chief executive officer (executive director or president) of an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has received at least

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two grants from the Meyer Foundation since January 1, 2004; and have served in their current position for a minimum of three years but not more than 10 years. The deadline for nominations is April 7, 2008. The Foundation will honor up to five leaders each year. Organizations of reward recipients will receive a two-year grant of \$100,000 to be used for leadership development. For further information, go to:

[http://www.meyerfoundation.org/beyond\\_funding/exponent\\_award/about](http://www.meyerfoundation.org/beyond_funding/exponent_award/about).

**American Young Ambassadors Program.** *ArcaMax Publishing and Youth Service America* are accepting applications from high school students (ages 15-18) who have been recognized for the work they have accomplished in their communities. Youths selected for the program are of significant accomplishment academically, athletically, and/or through public service efforts in their community. They will represent the U.S. as Young Ambassadors-at-Large at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. The deadline for applications is March 3, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.americanyoungambassadors.com/>.

**Building Leadership Award.** *American Express and Independent Sector* are accepting nominations for the 2008 American Express Building Leadership Award, which will recognize an outstanding organization for its leadership in investing in the people of the nonprofit community. The annual award was created to honor an organization whose programs and policies develop future leaders, both within the organization and among the people it serves. Criteria for the award include implementation of innovative strategies for developing leaders at all levels; promotion of an inclusive and diverse workforce; and measurement of the organization's impact on its community. The deadline for nominations is February 18, 2008. The recipient will be presented with the award at the 2008 Independent Sector Annual Conference in Philadelphia from November 9-11, 2008. For more information, go to: [http://www.independentsector.org/media/20071219\\_AEBLA.html](http://www.independentsector.org/media/20071219_AEBLA.html).

**Christopher Columbus Awards Program.** *Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation with support from the National Science Foundation* are accepting applications for its' 2007-2008 school year award. The program challenges students to work in teams of up to four, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Coaches may be teachers, parents, community leaders, or mentors. Teams are not required to be affiliated with a school to enter. Four finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and compete for U.S. Savings Bonds plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea. Deadline to submit applications is March 17, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.columbusfdn.org/> or <http://nsf.gov/>.

**Teen Driver Safety Project Ignition.** *State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council* announce funds for innovative public awareness, service-learning projects based on teen driver safety developed by students enrolled in grades 9-12 at U.S. public schools. Students must create this project with the support of a teacher or advisor. This is a chance for students and teachers to work together to address the issue of teen driver safety. Twenty-five semi-finalists will receive \$2,000 to help put their plan into action in the fall of 2008. Ten finalists will then receive a stipend of up to \$5,000 for travel to the National Service-Learning Conference. The deadline for applications is May 16, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.sfprojectignition.com/00home/>.

## Tools

**Free Classes for Nonprofits.** *The Foundation Center* is offering a series of free classes for nonprofit organizations in January through March 2008. Subjects include: Grant Seeking Basics; Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online; Grant Seeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts; and Checklist for New Nonprofits Seeking Grants, etc. Classes will be held at The Washington, DC-Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. For further information, time, and dates, call (202) 331-1400 or go to: <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/classroom.html>.

**Leadership Succession and Executive Transition Clinics.** *Center for Nonprofit Advancement, Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organization's and Transition Guides* is offering free, 90-minute sessions for nonprofit executive directors who are considering retirement or a career change and nonprofit board members who are facing

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a chief executive transition. For further information and registration, go to:  
<http://www.transitionguides.com/clinics.htm>.

**Online Fundraising & Nonprofit Marketing Learning Center.** *Network for Good* announces a free resource center designed to be "A Fundraising Guide for the Overwhelmed, Overworked Nonprofit. Some of the topics include articles such as: 8 Things Your Home Page Must Have; 13 Secrets of Holiday Fundraising Online; the Five Minute Guide to Social Networking; and the New Home of Nonprofit 911. For further information, go to:  
[www.fundraising123.org](http://www.fundraising123.org).

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