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OPGS News

How to Complete the IRS 1023 for Nonprofit Status Workshops. *The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* will host a comprehensive workshop on applying for nonprofit status with the IRS. The workshop presenter will review the IRS 1023 application line by line to help you maneuver through the application maze and answer the questions correctly. Workshops will be held on April 21, 2008 and May 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 441 4th Street, NW, 1107 South, (Red Line, Judiciary Square). For further information and registration, go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>, select Training and Technical Assistance Workshops; or call OPGS at (202) 727-8900.

Revised IRS Form 990 Workshop. *The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* will host a workshop presentation on the new requirements contained in the revised IRS Form 990. The new form requires more details on: how organization set executive salary compensation; procedures to handle potential conflicts of interest; record retention policies; and much more. The seminar will be held on April 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m.-noon, 441 4th Street, NW, 1107 South (Red Line, Judiciary Square). For further information and registration, go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>, select Training and Technical Assistance Workshops; or call OPGS at (202) 727-8900.

Register Now for Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* will host its ninth annual Public-Private Partnership Conference on May 8, 2008. Registration and other conference information is available on OPGS' Web site: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

Federal Opportunities

Family Planning Service Delivery Improvement Research (R01). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to conduct relevant studies which will promote improvements in the delivery of services in the Title X Family Planning Program. Funds shall encourage applied research attention to the following areas: 1) clinic efficiency models; 2) service integration; and 3) targeted populations.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: January 15, 2010.

Funds: Approximately \$750,000 is available to fund 4 awards up to \$200,000.

Information: Eugenia Eckard at (240) 453-2800 or Eugenia.Eckard@hhs.gov; or go to: http://www.hhs.gov/opa/news/sdi_032508.pdf.

GrantID: GD2740

FY 2008 Learn and Serve America Higher Education College Student Social Media Initiative. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to support the facilitation of better engagement of college students in service through social media. Some examples of social media include: social networking (i.e. Facebook, MySpace, Ning, or integrating social networking capacity into existing sites), wikis, podcasts, blogs, RSS feeds, mashups, social bookmarking, widgets, etc.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: May 7, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$2,300,000 is available to fund 12 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$750,000. A match is required.

Information: (202) 606-7510 or lsahighered@cns.gov; or go to: http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=56.

GrantID: GD2749

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Improvement of Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Program. *Department of Education* announces funds to improve postsecondary education. Grants support reforms, innovations, and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: May 5, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$2,584,000 is available to fund 5-7 awards, ranging from \$400,000-\$600,000.

Information: Levenia Ishmell at (202) 502-7668 or Levenia.Ishmell@ed.gov; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-5782.pdf>.

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: GD2734

Small Grants to Libraries: Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project-Library Outreach Programs.

National Endowment for the Humanities announce funds to support projects that will give public audiences the opportunity to participate in library-sponsored humanities programs that explore the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Writers' Project through the American Guide series of state and regional travel guides, regional cultural studies, oral history interviews, films, and photographs.

Eligibility: Independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: July 11, 2008.

Funds: Approximately 30 awards up to \$2,500.

Information: (202) 606-8269 or publicpgms@neh.gov; or go to:

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SGL_Soul_of_a_People.html#program.

GrantID: GD2739

Susan Harwood Training Grant. *Department of Labor* announces funds to support programs to train employees and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent safety and health hazards in their workplaces. This program emphasizes four areas: 1) educating employees and employers in small businesses; 2) training employees and employers about new OSHA standards; 3) training at-risk employee and employer populations; and 4) training employees and employers about high risk activities or hazards identified by OSHA.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: May 23, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$6,700,000 is available.

Information: Cynthia Bencheck at (847) 297-4810 or bencheck.cindy@dol.gov; or go to:

<http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/ote/sharwood.html>.

GrantID: GD2737

Technical Assistance (TA) and Dissemination to Improve Services. *Department of Education* announces funds to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing TA, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

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

Deadline: April 24, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$9,500,000 is available to fund 54 awards up to \$575,000.

Information: Anne Smith at (202) 245-7529 or Ann.Smith@ed.gov; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-6057.pdf>.

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: GD2735

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Technical Assistance (TA) and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities - State Technical Assistance (TA) Projects To Improve Services and Results for Children Who Are Deaf-Blind. *Department of Education* announces funds to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing TA, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research to improve services and results for children who are deaf-blind.

Eligibility: City or township governments, independent school districts, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: April 24, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$9,500,000 is available to fund 54 awards up to \$575,000.

Information: Ann Smith at (202) 245-7529 or Ann.Smith@ed.gov; or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-6057.pdf>.

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: GD2736

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Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA). *Office of Victim Services* announces funds to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance and services necessary to speed their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process. Victim assistance includes services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency transportation to court, temporary housing and criminal justice support and advocacy.

Eligibility: City or township governments, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: May 19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

Funds: Approximately \$1,185,000 is available. A match is required.

Mandatory Training Session: May 12, 2008, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 441 4th Street, Room 1117. To RSVP no later than April 21, 2008, go to: <http://ovs.dmpsdc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp>.

Information: Nicolette Gantt at (202) 727-5047 or nicolette.gantt@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2751

Edward Byrne Memorial - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. *Justice Grants Administration* announces funds to support a range of activities to prevent and control crime in addition to improving the criminal justice system. Priorities include programs that provide direct services in juvenile crime prevention, reentry, and gun and gang violence reduction.

Eligibility: City or township governments and nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: May 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

RFA Release Date: April 4, 2008. A hardcopy may be picked up at JGA, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 407, Front Desk.

Information: Phyllis McKinney at (202) 727-9541 or phyllis.mckinney@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2744

FY 2009 Senior Wellness Center Operations Grants. *Office on Aging* announces funds to operate four DC Government-owned senior wellness centers. Senior wellness centers promote healthy lifestyles, good nutrition, exercise, and general wellness among the District's elderly population, aged 60 and above. Specifically, this request seeks applications to operate senior wellness centers in the following locations: Ward 4–Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center; Ward 5–Model Cities Senior Wellness Center; Ward 7–Washington Senior Wellness Center; and Ward 8–Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center.

Eligibility: Nonprofits and for-profit organizations.

Deadline: June 13, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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Funds: Approximately \$1,150,000 is available to fund 1-4 awards.

RFA Release Date: April 16, 2008.

A Pre-Application Conference: May 1, 2008, 10:00 a.m.-noon, DC Office on Aging, Conference Room 950 South.

Information: Aurora Delespin-Jones at (202) 727-6405 or [Aurora Delespin-Jones@dc.gov](mailto:Aurora.Delespin-Jones@dc.gov); or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2743

FY 2008 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Title V). *Department of Health* announces funds to provide services addressing the needs of women (before, during and after pregnancy and childbirth), and families raising children with special health care needs. Funds will be able to support services in the following priority areas: 1) Increased Existing Community-based Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs; 2) Planning and Implementation of a DC Parent Information Network for families raising children with special health care needs; and 3) Clinically-based Health Risk Prevention Program to reduce infant mortality.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and Hospitals.

Deadline: May 5, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$750,000 is available.

RFA Release Date: April 4, 2008.

Pre-Application Meeting: April 9, 2008, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., DOH Headquarters, 825 North Capitol St, NE, Conference Room 4131.

Information: Charles Nichols at (202) 442-9342 or charles.nichols@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2753

FY 2009 Lead Agency Grant Program. *Office on Aging* announces funds to provide services and activities that are designed to enhance the overall health and well-being of the District's elderly population, aged 60 and above. Funds shall complement existing educational services and start up programs that target the senior population living in DC. Examples of the service areas include, but are not limited to the following: case assessment/case management; congregate meals; counseling; health promotion; home delivered meals; literacy; nutrition counseling and nutrition education; recreation socialization; transportation of home delivered meals; transportation to site and activities; weekend congregate meals; and weekend home delivered meal service.

Eligibility: Nonprofits and for-profit organizations.

Deadline: May 23, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Funds: Approximately \$4,629,200 is available to fund 1-8 awards.

RFA Release Date: April 9, 2008.

A Pre-Application Conference: April 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m.-noon, DC Office on Aging, Conference Room 950 South.

Information: Aurora Delespin-Jones at (202) 727-6405 or Aurora.Delespin-Jones@DC.Gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2742

S*T*O*P Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. *Office of Victim Services* announces funds to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary community response to combat violence against women and encourage collaborative efforts between members of law enforcement, prosecution, non-profit victim service providers and the courts to address the issues of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault in a manner that promotes victim safety and offender accountability.

Eligibility: City or township governments, nonprofits, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: May 19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

Funds: Approximately \$672,217 is available.

RFA Release Date: April 1, 2008.

Mandatory Training Session: May 12, 2008, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 441 4th Street, Room 1117. To RSVP no later than April 21, 2008, go to: <http://ovs.dmpsj.dc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp>.

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Information: Nicolette Gantt at (202) 727-5047 or nicolette.gantt@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.
GrantID: GD2752

Title II Formula Grants and Title V Community Prevention Grants. *Justice Grants Administration* announces funds for Title II Formula Grants which supports the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the areas of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system. Program priorities include alternatives to detention, delinquency prevention, Juvenile Justice System improvement, and serious crime. Title V Community Prevention Grants focuses on reducing risks and enhancing protective factors to prevent youth at risk of becoming delinquent.

Eligibility: City or township governments and nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: May 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

RFA Release Date: April 4, 2008.

Information: CharLynn Bolden at (202) 727-9541 or charlyn.bolden@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2745

Victim Assistance Fund Core Services. *Office of Victim Services* announces the availability of funds to meet the needs of victims of violent crime by providing them with assistance and services. The services support victims through their recovery process as well as assist them with all stages of the criminal justice process.

Eligibility: City or township governments, nonprofits, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: May 19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

RFA Release Date: April 1, 2008.

Mandatory Training Session: May 12, 2008, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 441 4th Street, Room 1117. To RSVP no later than April 21, 2008, go to: <http://ovs.dmpsdc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp>.

Information: Daniza Figueroa at (202) 442-4936 or daniza.figueroa@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

GrantID: GD2750

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* 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 |
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| Department of Human Services (DHS) | FY 2008 Mini-Subgrants to Small Nonprofit Community-Based Organizations | March 31, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. |
| Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) | National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative – Nonprofit Security Grant Program | April 1, 2008. |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Online Database of Available and Affordable Housing Units | April 11, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. |
| DC Public Library (DCPL) | Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) | April 18, 2008. |
| Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) | 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program | April 25, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. |
| Serve DC | DC Citizen Corps Emergency Preparedness Grants | May 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. |
| Department of Human Services | FY 209 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant | May 9, 2008, at 4:00 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. |
| Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning | Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) | July 31, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. |

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| <i>and Economic Development (ODMPED)</i> | <i>Predevelopment Grant and Project Grant Fund</i> | <i>or fund exhaustion</i> |
| <i>Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)</i> | <i>Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)</i> | <i>Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.</i> |

Foundation Opportunities

District of Columbia Healthy Marriage Initiative: “Together is Better” (TIB) Project. *The National Center for Fathering (NCF)* announces funds to improve child well-being by strengthening marriages and relationships through the provision of healthy marriage/relationship education and financial incentives to strengthen family formation and financial stability. TIB project seeks to support activities that deliver and/or directly provide healthy marriage, relationships, and responsible fatherhood promotion, activities, education, and financial literacy services to target population(s) city-wide (Wards 1-8).

Eligibility: Faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: May 2, 2008.

Funds: Approximately \$120,000 is available to fund awards ranging from \$5,000-\$20,000.

A Pre-Application Conference: April 11, 2008, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, 401 H Street, NE. To RSVP, contact DLC & Associates, LLC at (202) 298-4538.

Information: (202) 298-4538 or go to: www.dlcassoc.org.

GrantID: GD2754

Homeownership Grant Program. *Wells Fargo Housing Foundation* is committed to increasing homeownership through the development of affordable housing in communities throughout the U.S. The foundation announces funds to support organizations that have demonstrated the ability to create homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income families. Funds are provided in the following categories: Construction/Rehab; Home Repairs; Education, Counseling, and Prevention; and Subsidies.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: May 1, 2008.

Funds: Awards up to \$7,000.

Information: https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/wfhf/about_wfhf.

GrantID: GD2747

Small Grants to DC Based Nonprofits: D.C. Community Heritage Project Grants. *D.C. Historic Preservation Office and the Humanities Council of Washington DC* announce funds for projects on community heritage, history, and preservation in the District. Projects may focus on a range of ideas and issues from communities across the district, and may include a wide variety of formats, from an historical resource center for your neighborhood to an oral history project for your community.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: May 1, 2008.

Funds: Approximately 16 awards up to \$4,000.

Grant Assistance Workshops: April 9, 2008, noon-1:30 p.m. and April 17, 2008, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Humanities Council, 925 U Street NW, Washington, DC (U Street/Cardoza African-American Civil War Memorial on the Green Line).

Information: (202) 387-8391 or grants@wdchumanities.org; or go to:

http://www.wdchumanities.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=194.

GrantID: GD2741

Youth Prevention Initiative. *The M·A·C AIDS Fund* announces funds to support organizations addressing HIV/AIDS prevention in youth around the world. This initiative will directly respond to the increased risk of HIV infection among young people by supporting innovative youth prevention programs aimed at groups at greatest risk.

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Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: April 21, 2008.

Funds: Awards ranging from \$100,000-\$500,000.

Information: http://macaidsfund.org/dev/support/rfp_youth_prevention.html.

GrantID: GD2746

Announcements and Resources

Announcements

Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Adrian Fenty. *DC Office on Ex-Offenders Affairs* will host a town hall meeting to discuss challenges, strengths, and strategies for the District's ex-offenders. The meeting will be held on April 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., The Ralph Waldo Petey Green Center, 2907 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, Washington, DC. For further information, contact (202) 715-7670.

Previous Announcements and Resources

Advisory Panel

Advisory Panelists Nominations. *DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (DCCAH)* is seeking nominations for an Advisory Panelists to make funding recommendations for its programs. Artists, administrators, educators and critics in the arts with at least a two year history of involvement in the District's arts community are eligible for nomination. If you would like to be considered for panelist opportunities, please complete the Advisory Panelist Nomination Form and attach a current copy of your resume. For further information, call (202) 724-5613 or go to: www.dcarts.dc.gov, under "volunteering".

Announcements

FY 2008 Super NOFA General Section and Policy Requirements. *Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* has posted the General Section and Policy Requirements for the upcoming FY 2008 Super NOFA. This early publication is one of several steps instituted to improve the funding process for the grantee community. This publication gives prospective applicants additional time to become familiar with and address provisions in the General Section which constitutes part of almost every individual program application. For further information, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm#imp>.

New Program Partners. *DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)* is looking to partner with District-based organizations to provide a variety of programs at DPR centers throughout the District. From bilingual story time for toddlers and arts and crafts for children, to book clubs for girls and GED prep classes for adults, this opportunity is for organizations that have experience in providing outstanding programs and yet are challenged with finding space. For further information, contact (202) 673-7681 or dprpartnerships@dc.gov.

Next Generation Scholarship Fund. The Council on Foundations and Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy established a scholarship fund to help reduce the financial barrier related to attendance at the Council on Foundations Philanthropy Summit, May 4-7, 2008 at the Gaylord National Harbor (near Washington, DC). The scholarships are available to next generation leaders to ensure widespread participation at this unique opportunity for significant educational and networking opportunities. For further information, go to: www.philanthropysummit.org.

Reclaiming Futures: Communities Helping Teens Overcome Drugs, Alcohol and Crime. *Reclaiming Futures* changed the way juvenile courts in 10 pilot sites help teens receive care for drug and alcohol problems. A new national dissemination program supported by a grant from the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* will spread this proven approach to additional communities through a learning collaborative that shares resources, improves data collection and utilization, and promotes new standards of practice. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2007. Eligible applicants include juvenile courts, public and nonprofit treatment agencies, state, local and tribal juvenile

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justice, and alcohol and drug abuse treatment authorities. For further information, go to:
<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19852&c=EMC-FA144>.

Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy. *Sports Philanthropy Project and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* celebrate professional sports organizations and individual athlete philanthropies that have made an exceptional effort to deploy their unique resources, not just money, but leadership, energy, and a demonstrated commitment toward a mission that serves and improves the lives of others. Nominees should reflect strategic use of distinctive assets available to them as sports philanthropies, including but not limited to community outreach programs, public education, media, campaigns, name recognition, game tickets, and player appearances as incentives earned by young people that reach educational, behavioral, or community-service goals. The deadline for nominations is April 18, 2008. Awards up to \$5000 are available. For further information, go to:
<http://www.sportsphilanthropy.com/patterson/index.php>.

Awards

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 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.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. *The Barron Prize* honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Nominees, from 8 to 18 years old, must have been the prime mover of a service activity, and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Deadline for nominations is April 30, 2008. Nominees must be nominated by responsible adults who are not related to the nominee and who have solid knowledge of the young person's heroic activities. This could include teachers, librarians, civic or religious leaders, among others. For further information, go to:
http://www.barronprize.org/nominate/to_nominate.html

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/>.

Rosa Parks Sculpture Design Competition. *National Endowments for the Arts* announces funds for the production of a statue to memorialize civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks that will be placed in National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. The statue will be: made of bronze and finished with a traditional patina; life size; traditional in style, as required for inclusion in National Statuary Hall; and placed on a hollow, granite-clad pedestal with a simple inscription. Eligible applicants include citizens of the U.S. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/RosaParks.html>.

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Policy

Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity: Foundations Ask the Presidential Candidates What They'll Do for America. *Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Eos Foundation* created this initiative to build momentum for national action addressing poverty in 2009. The initiative has invited the presidential candidates to answer five questions concerning poverty and economic opportunity. Spotlight will also seek to provide other opportunities for the candidates to set forth their views on these important issues, including a forum in Washington, DC in May 2008. Recent reports, analyses, and data on poverty and opportunity, profiled on the Spotlight website, will be readily available to policy makers. For further information, go to: <http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/>.

Reports

Ready to Lead? Next Generation Leaders Speak Out. *CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Meyer Foundation, and Idealist.org* have partnered together to produce this national study. A skilled, committed, and diverse pool of next generation leaders would like to be nonprofit executive directors in the future, according to a new national survey of nearly 6,000 next generation leaders. However, the survey also finds that there are significant barriers: work-life balance, insufficient life-long earning potential, lack of mentorship and overwhelming fundraising responsibilities which may prevent many younger nonprofit staff from becoming executives. The survey is the largest national survey to date of emerging nonprofit leaders. For further information, go to: http://www.meyerfoundation.org/newsroom/meyer_publications/ready_to_lead.

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>.

Pro Bono Architectural Services for Nonprofits. *Washington Architectural Foundation* provides pro bono architectural services to area-wide nonprofit organizations that could not otherwise afford these services. Professional architects provide consultations and conceptual documents for a variety of purposes, which may include seeking funding for project development and construction costs. Community Design Services (CDS) is the catalyst for projects that might not otherwise get started. For further information, contact Beth Judy at (202) 667-5444 or bjudy@wafonline.org; or go to: www.wafonline.org.

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