

Funding Opportunities

Government and Private Grant Sources for Education Programs

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Be sure to verify availability, eligibility, and instructions with the funding source before preparing proposals.

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U.S. Department of Education (ED)/Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

PROGRAM: Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL)

CATALOG of FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) #: 84.016A

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The UISFL program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

DEADLINE: March 30, 2011

ESTIMATED RANGE OF AWARDS: Single Institution of Higher Education (IHE): \$50,000–\$100,000.
Consortia of IHEs/Organizations/Associations: \$80,000–\$160,000.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: Single IHE: \$92,000. Consortia of IHEs/ Organizations/
Associations: \$130,000.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 28

MATCH REQUIREMENT: As stated in the funding announcement: “UISFL program grantees must provide matching funds in either of the following ways: (a) Cash contributions from private sector corporations or foundations equal to one-third of the total project costs; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind contributions including State and private sector corporation or foundation contributions, equal to one half of the total project costs. The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that are eligible to receive assistance under part A or part B of Title III or under Title V of the Higher Education Authority (HEA) that have submitted an application that demonstrates a need for a waiver or reduction.”

ELIGIBILITY: (1) IHEs; (2) Consortia of IHEs; (3) Partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and IHEs; and (4) public and private nonprofit agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

CONTACT: Christine Corey, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, room 6069, Washington, DC. Telephone: (202) 502–7631; or by e-mail: Christine.corey@ed.gov.
If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free: (800) 877–8339.

Link to full announcement: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-02-08/pdf/2011-2775.pdf>

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office of Justice Programs (OJP)/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

PROGRAM: Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

CATALOG of FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) #: 16.812

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated in the OJP announcement: “The Second Chance Act grant programs are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction. “Reentry” is not a specific program, but rather a research-driven process that starts when an offender is initially incarcerated and ends when the offender has been successfully reintegrated in his or her community as a law-abiding citizen. “

“The reentry process includes the delivery of a variety of research- and evidence-based program services in both a pre- and post-release settings, designed to ensure that the transition from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful. Mentoring of offenders can be a significant element of a successful reentry strategy.”

DEADLINE: April 21, 2011

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$300,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 100

MATCH REQUIREMENT: N/A

ELIGIBILITY: As stated in the OJP announcement: “Applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). Applicants must adhere to all of the eligibility and funding requirements of the Second Chance Act and any additional requirements that may be established through appropriations measures.”

CONTACT: Call the BJA Justice Information Center: (877) 927–5657 or via e-mail: JIC@telesishq.com. The BJA Justice Information Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the solicitation close date.

Link to full announcement: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11SecondChanceMentoringSol.pdf>

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

PROGRAM: Challenge Grants

CATALOG of FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) #: 45.130

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated in the NEH announcement: “NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds (that is, funds that are invested, with both the income and the principal being expended over a defined period of years) that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities. Grantees may also use funds for one-time capital expenditures (such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, and acquisitions) that bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly. Because of the matching requirement, these NEH grants also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support.”

DEADLINE: May 4, 2011

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: “Successful applicants will be offered a matching grant. The requested grant amount should be appropriate to the humanities needs and the fundraising capacity of

the institution. The federal portions of NEH challenge grants have ranged in recent years from \$30,000 to \$1 million, the maximum amount that may be requested. Requests over \$500,000, however, are unlikely to be funded at the requested level. Applicants wishing to apply for a grant of more than \$500,000 should consult with NEH staff about the size of their requests.”

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 20

MATCH REQUIREMENT: “Successful applicants will be offered a matching grant. Recipients must raise three times the amount of federal funds offered, except for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities, and two-year colleges. These three types of institutions are required to raise only two times the amount of federal funds offered”

ELIGIBILITY: “Applications are welcome from colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Programs that involve collaboration among multiple institutions are eligible as well, but one institution must serve as the lead agent and formal applicant of record.”

CONTACT: Contact the staff of NEH’s Office of Challenge Grants at (202) 606-8309 or e-mail: challenge@neh.gov. Hearing-impaired applicants can contact NEH via TDD at (866) 372-2930.

Link to full announcement: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>

Toshiba America Foundation

PROGRAM: Grades 6 – 12 Science Education Teacher Grants

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated on the Toshiba America Foundation website, “Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation is currently accepting applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Do you teach 6-12 science or math? Do you have a wish list of instructional equipment that will make learning more exciting for your students? If the answer is yes to these questions, Toshiba America Foundation would like to hear from you.”

DEADLINE: An application can be submitted any time for grants requests of less than \$5,000

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: Less than \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY: “If you are a public school, then you must provide evidence that you are a public school as recognized by an appropriate local or state government agency. For example, a copy of the state tax exempt certificate could be used to satisfy the eligibility requirement. If your organization is a not-for-profit or private school you must attach a copy of your Internal Revenue Service letter declaring your 501 (c) (3) status.”

TO APPLY: “Before submitting a completed proposal, teachers are encouraged to call the Toshiba America Foundation team to discuss their project ideas.”

CONTACT: To learn more about the application process and the Foundation's grant-making guidelines call (212) 596-0620. Toshiba American Foundation website with application information:
http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612_apply.jsp

The Dreyer’s Foundation

PROGRAM: Product Donations and Small Grants

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated on the Dreyer’s Foundation website: “In 1987, the company established the Dreyer's Foundation to give young people a better chance to achieve their potential. The mission of the Dreyer's Foundation is to promote family, school and community environments that build skills and foster talents in young people. The Foundation makes small grants (\$1,000 or less) and donates ice cream products and gift certificates/auction items for events.”

DEADLINE: “Requests are accepted throughout the year. Please allow an eight-week processing time for ice cream and gift item requests.”

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$1,000 or less

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be “bona fide nonprofit organizations.”

TO APPLY: Please note: “Due to the number of requests the foundation receives, we are no longer able to accept emails or faxes. We only accept hard copies in the mail.”

To request a small grant, products, gift certificates and/or auction item donations, please send a one-page letter on organization stationery with the information listed here:
http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/small_grants.asp

Applicants are asked to mail the request to: Dreyer's Foundation, 5929 College Avenue, Oakland, California 94618

CONTACT: Please see the information on the Dreyer’s Foundation Website:
<http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/>

Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association

PROGRAM: Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF)

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated on the BTF website: “The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a program formed by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, promotes the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses.”

DEADLINE: “Baseball Tomorrow Fund receives approximately 500 applications each year and awards grants on a quarterly basis after a selective review process. IMPORTANT NOTE: Applicants submitting applications after March 1, 2011 must use the application with the following notation in the lower left-hand corner of the form: 7 - 2/2011 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund - Grant Application.”

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: As stated in the BTF Frequently Asked Questions: “The Baseball Tomorrow Fund does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant award is approximately \$39,000. The applicant must determine how much funding is required for the project; however, written cost estimates and documentation to support the request are required.”

MATCH: “The Baseball Tomorrow Fund carefully considers the cash and in-kind funding that has been secured and committed toward a project. Generally, at least 50% of the total cost of the project should be committed by other sources of funding; however, the higher the ratio of matching funds, the better the application. Most successful applications demonstrate a high ratio of confirmed matching funds – a minimum match of 50% is generally required for further consideration.”

ELIGIBILITY: “Tax-exempt organizations (i.e. municipalities, school districts) and 501(c)(3) organizations involved in youth baseball and/or softball may apply for a BTF grant. If more than one organization is involved in the request, one must be selected to serve as the official applicant. The non-profit or tax-exempt organization that will be responsible for the administration of the project and grant funds should be the official applicant organization.”

TO APPLY: As stated on the BTF website: “Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) grants are awarded on a quarterly basis after a thorough and selective application process. The application evaluation process takes three-to-six months, which depends upon the date that the letter of inquiry is received. The selection process consists of the following steps: 1. Letter of inquiry review, 2. Application review and evaluation, 3. Site visit, and 4. Final selection by the BTF Board of Directors.

“The letter of inquiry and application (including required supporting documents) may be e-mailed as a PDF file to: btf@mlb.com.”

CONTACT: For more information, visit www.baseballtomorrowfund.com.

All correspondence can be addressed to the following: Baseball Tomorrow Fund, 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167.

The Dirksen Congressional Center

PROGRAM: Robert H. Michel Special Project Grants

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: As stated on the website,
http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_specialprojects.htm:

“The Dirksen Congressional Center (The Center) announces the resumption of its special project funding, now named the Robert H. Michel Special Project Grants. Through these financial awards, The Center will support work to enhance understanding of the U.S. Congress. Individuals and organizations may apply for a Michel Special Project Grant.”

Description

“The Center serves two primary audiences: scholars who conduct research about Congress and teachers who teach social studies, history, political science, and other subjects which relate to Congress. Accordingly, the Michel Special Projects grants are intended to fund work that advances the public understanding of the federal legislature through research and teaching. The projects must have as their central focus the U.S. Congress. We particularly value innovative endeavors that have the potential to reach a broad audience.”

“As important and worthwhile as they may be, the following would not qualify for a Special Projects Grant: the development of teaching materials for a single classroom or school, field trips for students, service-learning projects, travel to conferences, the costs of professional development courses or workshops, the purchase of equipment, and basic research projects, among others.”

DEADLINE: The Center accepts proposals at any time. A committee meets monthly to review proposals and make awards.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$2,500 to \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY: Scholars who conduct research about Congress and teachers who teach social studies, history, political science, and other subjects which relate to Congress.

TO APPLY: “The application process begins simply enough. E-mail a proposal to Frank Mackaman (fmackaman@dirksencenter.org) with the following information: (1) a brief description of the need your project will meet--why it's important or significant; (2) a more detailed explanation of what it is you propose to do, the deadline by which you will be finished, and a clear statement of the deliverables; (3) your budget, listing any matching funds; (4) how The Center's support will be recognized; and (5) a statement of your qualifications to conduct the work. The total length should not exceed the equivalent of three typed pages. Center staff will review this initial proposal and work with you to strengthen the application, if necessary.”

CONTACT: Call, write, or e-mail: Frank H. Mackaman, The Dirksen Congressional Center, 2815 Broadway, Pekin, IL 61554-4219 USA. Telephone: (309) 347-7113; e-mail: fmackaman@dirksencenter.org

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If you have questions about the electronic system, please contact: Mary Evans – e-mail: Mary.Evans@fldoe.org

If you have questions about the **Funding Opportunities** document, please contact: Office of Grants Training and Development – e-mail: GrantsTrainingandDev@fldoe.org
