

# N Grants Action NEWS

Information on available State,  
Federal and private grants

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much  
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## ... On the State Level

### Clean Water Grants

#### Department of Environmental Conservation

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation announces the availability of funds for Water Quality Management proposals that promote regional comprehensive water quality management planning activities as described in Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. The funds are a direct result of President Obama signing into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA provides \$1.7 million to New York State for planning activities associated with Green Infrastructure, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), Phase II Stormwater for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) and Water Quality Management. The grants will fund up to 100 percent of the total project cost. The funding is for projects that are ready to proceed immediately. The list of eligible applicants and other specific information about the ARRA 604(b) funding can be found on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Web site at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/53122.html>

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible applicants include regional public comprehensive planning organizations and interstate planning organizations working within New York State.

**FUNDING:** Grants will be available for up to 100 percent of the total eligible project costs.

**DEADLINE:** July 10, 2009.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Susan Van Patten, Division of Water, Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, 4th Fl., Albany, NY 12233-3507.

### Student Empowerment Grants

#### Office of the Attorney General

The New York State Attorney General's Office (OAG) invites eligible organizations to submit applications for Student Empowerment Grants. The OAG is awarding these grants through a competitive process to fund the projects described below. Eligible applicants are invited to submit applications for one or both of the following projects. The first project is a Web-based, Live-Operator Staffed Student Loan Center in which a grant will be provided for the development and implementation of a free Web-based, live-operator staffed Student Loan Center for use by students, graduates and parents throughout the United States (the Student Loan Center). The Student Loan Center will provide comprehensive information concerning how to minimize student loan debt, how to choose the best student loan options, and assistance for distressed borrowers. The second project will be a Public Service Announcement Campaign. A grant

will be provided for the development and implementation of a national public service announcement campaign that will provide consumer education about financing higher education. The campaign will also generate awareness of and interest in the Student Loan Center.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Not-for profit organizations, charitable organizations, and New York State government entities.

**FUNDING:** The OAG anticipates awarding up to \$13 million in grants.

**DEADLINE:** July 6, 2009.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Ron Wachenheim, Senior Purchasing Agent, Office of the New York State Attorney General, Budget and Fiscal Management Division, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; or by phone: 518-486-6669; or e-mail: Ron.Wachenheim@oag.state.ny.us.

## Disability Advocacy Education Training

### Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) announces the availability of funds to develop and operate regional osteoporosis resource centers. The DOH is seeking applications to support five regional centers statewide to provide leadership in the development and implementation of comprehensive programs of public and professional education regarding the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis. Each of the five centers will serve a designated region of the state. Eligible applicants must possess the ability to serve as a regional resource center partnership with an incorporated lead agency, as well as a demonstrated ability to create a regional capacity to accomplish the deliverables of this grant program. Additional information may be downloaded from the NYS Department of Health Web site at: [www.health.state.ny.us/funding/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/funding/), and is available on the Health Provider Network (HPN) at: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us./hpn/>.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible applicants include not-for-profit health-related community organizations.

**FUNDING:** Approximately \$295,500 is available for grants.

**DEADLINE:** July 10, 2009.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Annette Johnson, Department of Health, Bureau of Women's Health – Division of Family Health, Room 1805 Tower Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237; by e-mail: [amj02@health.state.ny.us](mailto:amj02@health.state.ny.us); or by phone: (518) 474-2093.

## ... On the Federal Level

### Public Housing Capital Recovery Grant Program

#### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The purpose of this program is to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide funding for capital and management activities as authorized under section 9 of the 1937 Act in accordance with four funding categories: improvements addressing the needs of the elderly and/or persons with disabilities; public housing transformation; gap financing for projects that are stalled due to financing issues; and creation of energy efficient, green communities. HUD has structured each notice of funding availability category to target specific needs for capital funds. If you have a question or need a clarification, you may contact the Office of Capital Improvements by sending an e-mail to [PIHOCI@hud.gov](mailto:PIHOCI@hud.gov). Please see <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>, which will link to the Office of Capital Improvements Web site: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>, for additional information.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Public housing agencies that own or operate low-income public housing and are eligible to receive capital funding under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

**FUNDING:** Approximately \$995,000,000 in total funding is available for an expected 5,000 awards.

**DEADLINE:** August 30, 2009.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Capital Improvements, 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410; or by phone: (202) 708-1112; or e-mail: PIHOCI@hud.gov.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and public educational institutions.

**FUNDING:** Awards considered up to \$40,000.

**DEADLINE:** June 30, 2009.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Adam Harbison, by phone: (202) 884-7663; or e-mail: paharbison@arc.gov. Or contact Henry King, by phone: (202) 884-7779; or by e-mail: hking@arc.gov.

## ... On the Private Level

### Substance Abuse Grants Program

#### Appalachian Regional Commission

This grant is being offered by the Appalachian Regional Commission, which is a partnership that works for sustainable community and economic development in Appalachia. The purpose of this grant program is to assist communities in building a sustainable capacity to provide for improved community interventions and services addressing issues of illegal drugs and prescription drug abuse. Applicants with proposals related to new technologies are encouraged to seek partners to expand the scope and impact of their projects to meet the grant threshold. The application is available at: <http://www.arc.gov/images/aboutarc/grants/pdf/ARCSubstanceAbuseRFP.pdf>.

## ... More Grants Information

For more information about privately funded grants, you may wish to visit the Rural Assistance Center at: <http://www.raconline.org/>. A product of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Rural Initiative, the Rural Assistance Center (RAC) was established as a rural health and human services "information portal." RAC helps rural communities access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

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## ...Grant Writing

### Grantsmanship Center

The Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to New York: **Buffalo, September 21-25, 2009**, hosted by the Salvation Army.

The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$895, which includes one-year enrollment in the TGCI Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000.

To register, or to apply for a scholarship, contact TGCI at (800) 421-9512 or visit [www.tgci.com](http://www.tgci.com).

### The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training opportunities during June 2009:

#### **Grantseeking Basics:**

*June 4, 16 and 24*

Attendees will learn how the Center's resources can help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

#### **Proposal Writing Basics:**

*June 17*

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their nonprofit organizations.

#### **Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online:**

*June 4 and 16*

This session provides a hands-on introduction to the Center's comprehensive Web subscription database.

#### **How to Approach a Foundation:**

*June 19*

Attendees will learn how to initiate contact with potential funders; plan calls and meetings; and build partnerships with donors. This class is intended for fundraisers with some experience, though not necessarily with foundations.

Classes are held at The Foundation Center, New York Library, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor in New York City. Space is limited and you can register on-line at [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org), in person, or by calling (212) 620-4230. You may also visit the Web site for information on other training opportunities available through the Center.