



Rural Development Funding Opportunities
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Geo Challenge Grants

Funding Source: Google.org and Tides Foundation
Funds Available: \$5,000 to \$100,000
Deadline: December 22, 2008

At Google.org, we believe maps are a powerful tool for non-profits of all kinds to communicate issues, understand needs, and create more effective implementation plans. Many of you have come to us with compelling ways that maps can help you and your organization increase impact, and we want to help you make your mapping ideas a reality. We're offering a pilot program of Geo Challenge Grants to organizations working in areas related to our core initiatives.

Overview: Through this program, we'll be offering grants valued between US\$5,000 and US\$100,000, either directly from Google.org, or through grant recommendations from the Google.org Fund of Tides Foundation. These grants will be issued through an open application process - legally qualified, public charitable organizations with a compelling idea about how maps can help them work more effectively are eligible. Smaller mapping applications requiring only static data might receive US\$5,000 in funding, while development of tools that enable many organizations to create maps might receive US\$100,000. We're partnering with Google Earth Outreach on this program to help evaluate proposals from a technical standpoint and to help us ensure the grants are successful.

For More Info: <http://www.google.org/geochallenge.html>

William T. Grant Distinguished Fellows

Funding Source: William T. Grant Foundation
Funds Available: \$175,000 Award Ceiling
Deadline: January 8, 2009 (letters of Inquiry)

The goal of the Distinguished Fellows Program is to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes and well-being. To accomplish this goal, the program gives researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice or policy settings and conversely gives influential mid-career practitioners and policymakers the opportunity to work in research settings. To be eligible for consideration, Fellows must:

- Overview:
- Be influential mid-career practitioners, policymakers, or researchers. Please see the Application Guide for definitions of terms.
 - Submit a proposal that advances the William T. Grant Foundation's Current Research Interests.
 - Propose one or two tax-exempt private and governmental organizations that are willing to "house" and mentor the Fellow.

Between two and five Distinguished Fellows are accepted annually, and fellowships may range from six months to two years.

For More Info: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646416

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program

Funding Source: Office of Violence Against Women
Projects serving 1-4 rural counties will be eligible to receive up to \$350,000.
Funds Available: Projects serving 5-8 rural counties will be eligible to receive up to \$700,000.
Projects serving 9 or more rural counties will be eligible to receive up to \$900,000.
Deadline: January 7, 2009 (letters of intent)

The primary purpose of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety

of child, youth and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. OVW welcomes applications that propose innovative solutions for achieving this goal. The Rural Program challenges victim advocates, law enforcement officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, and leaders of faith-based and community organizations to collaborate to overcome the problem of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to ensure that victim safety is paramount in providing services to victims and their children. Applicants are limited to States, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit, public or private entities, including faith-based, community and tribal nonprofit organizations, to carry out programs serving rural areas or rural communities.

For More Info: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/fy09-rural-prog-solicitation.pdf>

2008 National e-Commerce Initiative Program Implementation Mini-Grants

Funding Source: Southern Rural Development Center, in partnership with CSREES/USDA

Funds Available: \$3,000 Award Ceiling

Deadline: January 9, 2009

Overview: Since 2003, the SRDC has served as the lead entity for the National e-Commerce Extension Initiative, a focused effort designed to introduce, strengthen and expand the delivery of Extension-based e-commerce programs to small/micro businesses, governments, and communities in the United States. SRDC-led grant investments have resulted in the development of exciting new e-commerce educational resources that are now available to support the educational programming activities of Extension educators across the country, especially for those having an interest in community/economic development and information technology efforts. Four comprehensive educational products are being made available for use by Extension educators this fall and as such, the SRDC wishes to promote the delivery of these new educational programs to appropriate stakeholders in the coming months. A new set of e-commerce products will be released in 2009 and thus, a second round of implementation mini-grants is being planned for spring 2009 to promote use of these newest set of materials by Extension educators. While non-Land-Grant partners are encouraged to be actively involved in the delivery of these educational curricula, the lead entity for the grant proposal must be a land-grant Extension educator(s).

For More Info: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/ecommerce/>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

Funding Source: CSREES

Funds Available: \$191 million (\$4 million Award Ceiling)

Deadline: January 9, 2009-June 1, 2009 (Multiple deadlines depending upon research area)

Overview: AFRI is a new competitive grant program to provide funding for fundamental and applied research, Extension, and education to address food and agricultural sciences. While AFRI covers an equally broad scope of topics and will support many of the grant types offered by the former National Research Initiative (NRI), the new authority allows greater flexibility in the types of projects funded to include: single function projects in research, education and Extension, and integrated research, education and/or Extension award. AFRI is the new core competitive grant program for research, education, and Extension.

For More Info: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/afri/pdfs/program_announcement.pdf

YouthBuilds Grants

Funding Source: Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Funds Available: \$47,000,000 (\$1,100,000 Award Ceiling)

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Overview: The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$47 million in grant funds for YouthBuild Grants. YouthBuild Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. As part of their programming, YouthBuild grantees will tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families and to help youth develop the

leadership, learning, and high-demand occupational skills needed to succeed in today's global economy.

For More Info: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-08-07_YouthBuild.pdf

Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities: State and Regional AgrAbility Projects

Funding Source: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture

Funds Available: \$180,000 Award Ceiling

Deadline: January 30, 2009

Overview: AgrAbility increases the likelihood that individuals with disabilities and their families engaged in production agriculture (AgrAbility customers) become more successful. The primary outcome is enhanced quality of life for people with disabilities in agriculture. The program supports cooperative projects in which State Cooperative Extension Services (CES) based at either 1862 or 1890 Land-Grant Universities subcontract to private, non-profit disability organizations. Measures of success may include improvements in customers' financial stability or access to life activities and the capacity of states and regions to deliver services this population requires in a timely and satisfying manner. To address the specialized needs of AgrAbility's customers, the program builds service capacity on national, regional, state, and local levels through education and networking. In the absence of capacity, projects provide assistance to customers. Projects use marketing to direct the public to initiatives in education, networking, and assistance.

For More Info: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/agrability.html>

Economic Development Assistance Programs

Funding Source: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce

Funds Available: As of October 1, 2008, FY 2009 appropriations are not available. The FY 2008 amounts are provided for your information. Appropriations provided by the continuing resolution allocate a level of funding based on FY 2008 funding levels, but on a pro-rated basis until the enactment of another appropriation act, or March 6, 2009, whichever occurs earlier. Funds in the amount of \$249,100,000 were appropriated for FY 2008 and shall remain available until expended.

Deadline: September 30, 2009 (Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received).

Overview: Pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs that will promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in regions experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

For More Info: http://www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2008/single_5fapplication_5fedap_5fffo_5ffinal_2epdfv1/single_5fapplication_5fedap_5fffo_5ffinal.pdf