



Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

April 2010

This following is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.

This list is not exhaustive but representative of various funding opportunities, resources and notices from the Federal Government of interest to the Fifth District. This information is subject to change and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Search for grant opportunities

For more info:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=?mode=CATSEARCH&fundActivity=RA>

www.recovery.gov

United States Office of Personnel Management

US Government Jobs

The US Office of Personnel Management recently launched a new web site devoted to Jobs with the US Government related to the RECOVERY ACT.

For more info:

Go to: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/a9recoveryjobs.asp> for details.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
Announcement

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan on March 31 announced HUD will speed federal disaster assistance to seven counties in Massachusetts and provide support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes following the ongoing severe storm and flooding this month. On Monday, President Obama issued a disaster declaration for Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester Counties. The President's declaration allows HUD to offer foreclosure relief and other assistance to certain families living in these counties.

- HUD granted a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures and forbearance on foreclosures of Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured home mortgages

For more info:

<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/states/massachusetts/news/HUDNo.2010-03-31>

United States Department of Treasury
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Information Center for Business

Find out information related to TAXES for Business:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act

Employers who hire unemployed workers this year (after Feb. 3, 2010 and before Jan. 1, 2011) may qualify for a 6.2-percent payroll tax incentive, in effect exempting them from their share of Social Security taxes on wages paid to these workers after the date of enactment. This reduced tax withholding will have no effect on the employee's future Social Security benefits, and employers would still need to withhold the employee's 6.2-percent share of Social Security taxes, as well as income taxes. The employer and employee's shares of Medicare taxes would also still apply to these wages. In addition, for each worker retained for at least a year, businesses may claim an additional general business tax credit, up to \$1,000 per worker, when they file their 2011 income tax returns.

For more info:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=220326,00.html>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Recent Grant Notices

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Targeted Areas of Need: Technology Assisted Care

This program enhances or expands the capacity of substance abuse treatment providers to serve clients who have been underserved. The underserved populations must be so because of lack of access to treatment in their immediate community due to transportation concerns, an inadequate number of substance abuse treatment providers in their community, or financial constraints. Underserved populations will be reached through therapeutic techniques that involve innovative, creative, and cost-effective advanced technology. Services may be delivered using various technological modalities, including the Internet, tele-behavioral health, chatlines, and videocams.

Application deadline: **April 27, 2010**

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development, Housing and Community Facilities Programs

The USDA has several different funding opportunities available through the Housing and Community Facilities Programs.

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:
Various

For more info:
http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/lut/pl/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?navid=RURAL_DEVELOPMENT&navtype=SU
Holden Area Office (508) 829-4477

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United States Department of Homeland Security
Grants

Grant guidance for the following programs has been released.

For more info:
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtm>

United States Department of Homeland Security
FEMA

Individuals and business owners, who sustained losses in the designated counties, can initiate the application for assistance process by calling:

FEMA Teleregistration numbers: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired

www.fema.gov

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will be open beginning Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in five locations in Massachusetts to assist individuals, households and businesses affected by the severe storms and record-rainfall that flooded large areas of the state beginning March 12, 2010.

Each DRC is staffed with FEMA and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) disaster recovery specialists, who are ready to help survivors through the process of applying for disaster assistance.

Homeowners, renters and business owners are urged to register before visiting a DRC by calling FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). Multilingual operators are available. Those with speech or hearing impairment may call TTY 800-462-7585 to apply. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 7:00AM to 10:00PM daily until further notice. Registration can also be done online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Once registered, FEMA disaster recovery specialists at a center can check an individual's case, answer questions about their claim, or request information FEMA needs to process their claim.

Recovery specialists can also supply contacts for other programs that may provide help as well as suggest low-cost risk-reduction measures to make homes or businesses safer. Other federal agency representatives at the centers include IRS tax specialists to discuss disaster-related issues. Representatives from volunteer agencies are also available to suggest existing community resources to help in the recovery process.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) representatives will be on hand at DRCs to meet with individuals and business owners to answer any questions about SBA's disaster loan program, help them complete their SBA disaster loan application and accept the completed disaster loan applications. Anyone not able to go to a DRC should call the SBA Customer Service Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, at 800-659-2955 for information and assistance or visit the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations. These loans are to repair or replace homes, businesses and personal property not covered by insurance and damaged by the recent flooding.

Hours of operation will vary at each center. Locations and daily hours are:

Essex County Flint Public Library 1 South Main Street Middleton, MA 01949 <u>Hours:</u> Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.	Middlesex County Billerica Public Library 15 Concord Road Billerica, MA 01821 <u>Hours:</u> Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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United States Department of Justice
Attorney General's Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program: Phase I

This program seeks to create a comprehensive service delivery system that strategically expands existing partnerships to prevent and reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence in their homes, schools, and communities. The Department of Justice will fund a community strategic planning process, resulting in action plans that will prepare communities to implement collaborative cross-agency policy strategies and evidence-based practices across the services continuum and the developmental age spectrum of birth through 17. Exposure to violence includes being a victim of violence or a witness to violence and encompasses abuse, neglect, or child maltreatment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, school violence, and community violence.

Application deadline: **June 1, 2010**

For more info:
<http://ojdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/AGCEV.pdf>

United States Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime - Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities

The goal of this grant program is to raise the awareness within traditionally underserved populations about the needs of children exposed to violence, as well as to improve their knowledge about accessing services available to child victims. Exposure to violence includes being a victim of violence or a witness to violence, and encompasses abuse, neglect or child maltreatment, domestic violence, and community violence. The Office for Victims of Crime will support the planning and development of public awareness campaigns focusing on services available to child victims of violence within underserved and socially isolated populations including, but not limited to, those historically underserved due to race, socio-economic status, disability, or sexual orientation.

Application deadline: **May 18, 2010**

For more info:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdfxt/2010PublicServices.pdf>

Small Business Administration

Small Business Innovation Research / Small Business Technology Transfer

PHS 2008-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, and FDA for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications
PHS 2008-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Applications

Receipt Date(s): **August 5, December 5**

For more info:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirsttr1/2008-2_SBIR-STTR-topics.pdf

Small Business Administration

Entrepreneurship Training for Veterans of the Iraq and Afghan Wars

The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced a three-year program to expand and deliver entrepreneurship training for veterans of the Iraq and Afghan wars. This management and mentorship program will expand the amount of small business assistance available to veterans, service-disabled veterans, reservists, and dependents or survivors looking to start or expand their own businesses. Additionally, SBA has launched a new online contracting tutorial on www.sba.gov which expands their services to veterans and military spouses who own small businesses. This tutorial identifies federal contracting opportunities that will benefit their small business.

This expansion of the SBA's entrepreneurship training initiatives is possible through the Patriot Express loan program. This loan program has supported nearly \$400 million in loans to more than 4,700 veterans and spouses looking to establish or expand their small businesses in the last two-and-a-half years.

For more info:

http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/sba_031612.pdf

United States Department of Education

Recent Grant Notices

For more info:

www.cfda.gov – type in Program Number to search for more information.

United States Department of Education

Investing in Innovation (i3) Grants

The Department of Education has announced the priorities and application process for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Grants, a \$650 million federal stimulus grant program to support and expand innovative approaches to education and students' achievement. The fund is intended to provide incentives for new ideas, expand promising programs, and scale up what works in an effort to dramatically improve schools. The purpose of this program is to provide competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement and growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates.

Application deadline: **May 11, 2010**

For more info:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-5139.htm>

National Endowment for the Arts
Access to Artistic Excellence Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts will provide support for a wide array of artistic creativity, including dance, literature, music, and more, that will preserve diverse cultural heritage and make the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. Applicants must select one of the following disciplines that is most appropriate to the project: artist communities; dance; design; folk and traditional arts; literature, local arts agencies; media arts; museums; music; musical theater; opera; presenting; theater; and visual arts. Access to Artistic Excellence supports projects for children and youth where the focus is exposure to or appreciation of the arts, whether activities take place in school, after school, during the summer, or in community settings. Such projects may include performances by or exhibitions of professional artists, and these arts events may be accompanied by ancillary learning activities, such as study guides for teachers and students, artists' visits prior to or following the event, workshops, lecture-demonstrations, or master classes).

Application deadline: **August 12, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status and public agencies

For more info:

www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html

National Endowment for the Arts
Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

The Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Funded projects apply national or state arts education standards.

Application deadline: **June 10, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, state and local governments, independent school districts, and institutions of higher education

For more info:

www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/LITA.html

National Endowment for the Arts
NEA Challenge America Fast-Track Grants

The Challenge America Fast-Track grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations, such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. This funding, as an essential component of the Arts Endowment's goal of providing wide access to artistic excellence, supports local projects that can have significant effects within communities. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.

Application deadline: **May 27, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Small and mid-sized, tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations

For more info:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/Challenge.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities
Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities, improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

Application deadline: **May 18, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Nonprofit organizations and state and local governmental agencies

For more info:

email: preservation@neh.gov

website: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

United States Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration
Community-Based Job Training Grants

Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community, technical, and tribal colleges.

Application deadline: **April 29, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

In order to be eligible for consideration under this solicitation, the applicant must be either: (1) an individual Community or Technical College, such as a public community college, a nonprofit community college, a tribally controlled college, or a tribally controlled university; (2) a Community College District; (3) a State Community College System; (4) a One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its Local Workforce Investment Board, that specifies one or more community or technical colleges where education/training activities will occur; or (5) an applicant proposing to serve an educationally underserved community without access to community or technical colleges that meet the requirements in section III.

For more info:

<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-09-07.pdf>

BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GRANTS:

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is the primary source of federal grants program information, although actual funding depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations. The Catalog is available free full-text on the Internet at <http://www.cfda.gov> and allows searching by keyword and by various indexes such as department, agency, program, subject, beneficiary, and applicant eligibility.

Federal grant funding opportunities are posted on the website **Grants.gov** <http://www.grants.gov>.

The website enables grant seekers to electronically find and apply for competitive grants from all federal agencies. Again, for full program information, CFDA numbers are given. The site also allows users to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities, to apply for federal grants online through a unified process, and to track their grant application after submission.

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius unveiled a new feature on **Grants.gov** to help users find and apply for The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant opportunities.

The launch of this Recovery Act feature on the homepage of Grants.gov will direct users to Recovery Act opportunities, other Recovery Act resources, upcoming Webinars and links to www.whitehouse.gov/recovery and www.recovery.gov.