

# Funding Opportunities

## March 28, 2008

### **Innovative Small Research Projects to Advance Public Participation Related to Public Transportation Planning**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is soliciting proposals for applied research in the area of public participation as it relates to the planning of public transportation projects and programs. The purpose of the Public Transportation Participation (PTP) Program, as called for under Section 3046 of the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU), is to support the research and development of innovative approaches to enhance the quality and level of public participation in public transportation planning.

Application deadline: May 1, 2008

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### **Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program**

The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for cooperative agreements to support exchange programs and relationship building between American high school students and those who have just graduated, and host communities in selected countries with significant Muslim populations.

Application deadline: May 15, 2008

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### **HRSA Planning Grants**

The purpose of planning grants is to provide assistance in the development of viable proposals to establish new health center sites that will meet Federal requirements for governance, community involvement, quality of care and financial feasibility under the Health Center Program (i.e., Community Health Center (CHC), Migrant Health Center (MHC), Health Care for the Homeless (HCH), and Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) Programs) authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended.

The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status. The program includes: 1) Community Health Centers, section 330(e); 2) Migrant Health Centers, section 330(g); 3) Health Care for the Homeless program, section 330(h); and 4) Public Housing Primary Care, section 330(i). The populations served by these programs include: 1) medically underserved populations in urban and rural areas; 2) migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families; 3) homeless people, including children and families; and 4) residents of publicly subsidized housing.

Application deadline: April 21, 2008

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### **Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants**

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities and non-profit organizations to provide training, research, and technical assistance to communities facing brownfields cleanup and revitalization challenges. EPA is particularly interested in funding brownfields training, research and technical assistance projects in the subject areas of protection of human health and the environment, sustainable development, and equitable development.

Application deadline: May 1, 2008

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### **Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education - Comprehensive Program**

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Program supports innovative grants and cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education. The program supports reforms, innovations, and significant improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance and serve as national models.

Application deadline: May 5, 2008

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### **Learn and Serve America School-Based STEM FY 2008**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$2 million to qualified organizations to provide financial resources, training, and other assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) to implement service-learning projects as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum in grades 6-12. These funds will be awarded to an estimated 3 to 4 eligible applications with awards ranging from approximately \$500,000 to \$800,000 for a project period of up to 3 years. Eligible applicants include Grantmaking Entities (GMEs, which are public or private non-profit organizations that can make subgrants in two or more states) that are not currently Learn and Serve America grantees. A key role for GMEs is to manage subgrantees at the LEA level through frequent communication, training and technical assistance, and financial oversight. The 2008 School-Based competition is intended to bring service-learning that addresses STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) objectives into high-poverty schools that have little service-learning history. The focus responds to the Corporation's strategic goals to spread service-learning to 50% of K-12 schools and to avail many more youth from disadvantaged circumstances of service-learning opportunities.

Consequently, applicants should focus their awarding of subgrants to schools in which more than half the students receive free or reduced price lunches. A crucial part of a grantee's role is to ensure high-quality implementation among subgrantees and to promote effective and efficient use of resources at the subgrantee level. Specifically, this role involves monitoring of program quality, overseeing LEA expenditures, identifying grantee and subgrantee staff roles, and providing needed training and technical assistance. Successful applicants will describe a program design that provides student participants with the opportunity to:

- Use the knowledge and skills of one or more STEM discipline(s) to identify and address community problems;
- Collaborate with

peers and community members to set and achieve goals; and • Develop skills and attitudes useful for the workplace and for participating in civic affairs.

Application deadline: April 30, 2008

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### **American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation Invites Applications for Medication-Use Safety Awards**

The [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation](#) created the Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety to honor a pharmacist-led multidisciplinary team for its significant institution-wide system improvements relating to medication use. The \$50,000 award, which is sponsored by the [Cardinal Health Foundation](#), recognizes on a national level pharmacy professionals who have assumed a leadership role in promoting safety in the medication-use process. The award also honors two finalists, each of whom will receive \$10,000.

Application deadline: May 16, 2008

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### **ESRC/SSRC: Collaborative Visiting Fellowship**

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) provide fellowships for scholars from the Americas (North, Central, South and the Caribbean) to visit and engage in collaborative activities with members of ESRC-supported projects in Britain, or for British scholars at ESRC-supported projects to visit collaborators in the Americas, between June 2008 and September 2009. Approximately eighteen research fellowships of up to \$9,500 (approx. 5000 British pounds) will be awarded. Funds may be used to cover such costs as transportation, accommodation and living expenses.

Application deadlines: Apr 04, 2008

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### **Joint Commission, National Quality Forum Accepting Applicants for John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards**

The [Joint Commission](#) and the [National Quality Forum](#), two organizations dedicated to improving the safety and quality of American health care, are accepting applications for the 2008 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards, which recognize individuals and health care organizations that are making significant contributions in improving the safety and quality of patient care.

The awards are presented each year in up to four categories, including individual achievement and project-related achievements in research and innovation in patient safety and quality at both the national and local level. The accomplishments of award nominees must be focused on either improving patient safety or the quality of health care, leadership in advancing methods for measuring and reporting healthcare quality, expanding the public's capacity to evaluate the quality and safety of health care, and promoting healthcare choices based on information about safety and quality.

The December 2008 issue of the Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety will feature articles describing the achievements of the award recipients.

Nomination forms are available at the Web sites of both the Joint Commission and the National Quality Forum.

Application deadline: April 14, 2008

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**Grammy Winner Common, MTV, and Kaiser Family Foundation Launch Lyrics Contest to Promote HIV Testing**

Application deadline: March 27, 2008

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**William Bingham Foundation Offers Support to Programs Serving Low-Income Breast Cancer Patients**

The [William Bingham Foundation](#), which makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Cleveland and other areas across the United States, is accepting applications for its 2008 funding priority, which is to assist organizations working to increase access to health care and services for low-income breast cancer patients, particularly in Cleveland, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. This focus is in effect only for 2008.

Projects should seek to improve healthcare access through public education, diagnosis, treatment, and other means. Program activities can include breast cancer prevention and education programs, medical services for low-income women diagnosed with breast cancer, and support services for low-income breast cancer patients.

Application deadline: April 30, 2008

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**Harry S Truman research grants**

The Harry S Truman Library invites applications for its research grants. Grants of up to \$2,500 are intended to enable graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and other researchers to come to the Harry S Truman Library for one to three weeks to use its collections. Awards are to offset expenses incurred for this purpose only. Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are particularly encouraged to apply, but applications from others engaged in advanced research will also be considered. Preference will be given to projects that have application to enduring public policy and foreign policy issues and that have a high probability of being published or publicly disseminated in some other way. The potential contribution of a project to an applicant's development as a scholar will also be considered.

Application deadline: April 1 and October 1 annually

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**Mechanism for time-sensitive research opportunities (R01)**

The National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Drug Abuse invite applications for their mechanism for time-sensitive research opportunities. This R01 funding opportunity announcement is intended to support public mental health or substance abuse services research in rapidly evolving areas where opportunities for empirical study are, by their very natures, only available through expedited award of support. There are three distinguishing features of an eligible study:

- the study's scientific value and feasibility are clear;
- rapid review and funding are required in order for the scientific question to be answered and for the research design to be carried out;
- the knowledge gained from the study cannot be obtained through the regular NIH cycle of review and award.

This FOA will utilize the NIH research project grant (R01) award mechanism and runs in parallel with FOAs of identical scientific scope, PAR-06-249 and PAR-06-250, that solicit applications under the small research grant (R03) and the clinical exploratory/developmental grant (R34) award mechanisms, respectively.

Application deadline: letters of intent four weeks prior to submission date; full proposals accepted 9 of each month until August 10, 2008

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### **Small scientific conference grants**

The Food and Drug Administration invites applications for its small scientific conferences grants. Grants for health related sciences range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 per conference, and are for direct costs only. Grants are available for the US components of US- or Canada-based international conferences. The length of support will last for up to one year from date of award.

Deadline: every January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15

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