

Funding Opportunities March 20, 2008

National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation: Economic Development Research Projects

In today's worldwide marketplace, competition no longer comes from just the company or county next door. Increasing competition comes from any person on the globe with a good education, a good idea, and a good Internet connection. In order to succeed, U.S. communities will require a comprehensive, holistic approach to economic development; an appreciation and understanding of the challenges of thriving in the 21st century economy; and an international economic development perspective.

Pursuant to its NTA Program, EDA is soliciting applications for three individual economic development research projects addressing the areas of:

- (i) Regional innovation systems;
- (ii) Urban economic development policy; and
- (iii) Global economic development strategy.

An applicant may apply for one or more research projects under this announcement. However, applicants may submit only one application per individual research project under this FFO and must submit a separate application for each project. If

Application deadline: May 9, 2008

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Regional Training Center

The purpose of this program announcement is to develop, implement, and evaluate new training programs, and/or enhance current training programs for medical and allied health students and practitioners regarding the prevention, identification, and treatment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs), using the "FASD Competency-Based Curriculum for Medical and Allied Health Education and Practice". While significant accomplishments have been made by the current CDC-funded RTCs, much work remains to be done. Thus, CDC is re-announcing the availability of funds to replicate and build upon these prior efforts. This announcement is open to competition by university or college-based programs. For more information about eligibility, see sections III.1 and III.3. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) of Maternal, Infant, and Child Health.

Application deadline: May 13, 2008

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections

The purpose of this program announcement is to award a cooperative agreement to operate Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (CCEERC) for five years. The CCEERC will work to support family economic self-sufficiency and child care quality for families with children ages 0-12 or with special needs by fostering a child care and early education knowledge management and support system.

Application deadlines: Letter of Intent- April 14, 2008; full proposal May 13, 2008

Child Care Research Scholars

Funds for Child Care Research Scholars grants are available to support dissertation research on child care policy issues in partnership with State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) lead agencies.

Application deadlines: Letter of Intent- April 14, 2008; full proposal May 13, 2008

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

ERS is accepting economic research proposals that focus on USDA's food assistance and nutrition programs. All proposals should have important implications for these programs.

Anticipated funding in fiscal 2008 for competitive grants and cooperative agreements is approximately \$2 million. Funds awarded through this announcement cannot be used to support demonstration projects or provide benefits, but can support evaluations and other studies of demonstration and pilot projects.

Three research areas highlight priorities for proposed competitive grants or cooperative agreements. They are:

- I. Food Choices: Economic Determinants and Consequences
- II. Economic Incentives in Food Assistance Programs
- III. Food Assistance as an Economic Safety Net

Application deadline: May 19, 2008

Gates Foundation Seeks Proposals for Innovative Global Health Research

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced that beginning March 31, 2008, it will accept grant proposals for the first funding round of the Grand Challenges Explorations, a new \$100 million initiative to help scientists pursue ideas that have never before been tested for solving major health problems.

The first Grand Challenges Explorations funding round will consider proposals in four topic areas:

- 1) Creating new ways to protect against infectious diseases: Untried or unproven approaches to protect against infectious diseases, including harnessing natural or synthetic immune responses, or eliminating the need for an effective immune response.
- 2) Creating drugs or delivery systems that limit the emergence of resistance: Innovative ideas for discovering or delivering drugs that are less likely to lose effectiveness because of resistance developing in the disease-causing agent.
- 3) Creating new ways to prevent or cure HIV infection: Innovative ideas for HIV prevention or treatment methods that fall outside current research on vaccines, antiretroviral drugs, and other biomedical and behavior-change strategies.
- 4) Exploring the basis for latency in TB: Unconventional approaches to understanding latent TB infection, with the goal of discovering new ways to identify and eliminate latent infection and break the cycle of TB transmission.

Initial grants through the initiative will be for \$100,000 each. Projects showing success will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of \$1 million or more. Once the first Explorations funding round is complete, the Gates Foundation will announce subsequent funding rounds. Topics may vary over time in order to cover a range of priorities in global health research.

Grant proposals for the first funding round will be accepted from March 31 through May 30, 2008; applicants must register their intent to submit a proposal by May 15, 2008. Full descriptions of the initial topic areas and application instructions are available at the program's Web site.

Application deadlines: May 15, 2008 (Intent to Submit);

March 31-May 30

Microsoft Launches HealthVault Be Well Fund to Enable Patient-Centric Health Solutions

[Microsoft Corp.](#) has announced the Microsoft HealthVault Be Well Fund and Request for Proposals. The \$3 million initiative is designed to empower providers with targeted funding to stimulate the research and development of online tools that improve health.

The fund is aimed at stimulating solution development across a broad range of health disciplines that have the potential to improve health outcomes for both patients and health-conscious consumers. Proposals will be evaluated on their potential to significantly advance the state of health in one or more areas of focus and demonstrate the potential for expansion into a large-scale program.

Eligible organizations must be either an accredited degree-granting college or university with nonprofit status and awarding degrees at the baccalaureate level or above, or a research or health institution with nonprofit status. Private-sector organizations may partner with these institutions and qualify for the grant. All qualifying organizations must be based in the United States.

Proposals must make use of the Microsoft HealthVault platform, a free Web-based platform designed to put people in control of their health data, and leverage HealthVault Search to reinforce the project's value through contextual information and education. Use of non-Microsoft applications on Windows, cross-platform development, and interoperability with other operating systems and applications are all encouraged. Award amounts will range up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any individual proposal.

Application deadline: May 9, 2008

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Accepting Proposals for Local Funding Partnerships

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program is designed to forge relationships between the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities.

Projects must be new, innovative, collaborative, and community-based. Significant program expansions — into new regions or to new populations — may also be considered. Please note that this program does not fund existing projects.

Projects must be nominated by a local grantmaker interested in participating as one of the funding partners. Local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period. These funders may include independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies. Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. In-kind services may not be used to match foundation funds.

Application deadline: July 8, 2008

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

Autism Speaks Offers Family Services Community Grants

[Autism Speaks](#) invites grant applications which promote services that will enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorders. Recognizing that there are multiple needs in this expansive and varied community, the focus of these grants will be on proposals that serve to build the field of services for individuals with autism and expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community.

Autism Speaks will accept family services community grant proposals that address one of the following areas of need: education; recreation/community activities; equipment/supportive technology; and young adult/adults services.

Autism Speaks will not award grants to individuals or fund an individual or family for participation in personal programs. Autism Speaks Family Service Community Grants do not fund scientific research projects.

Application deadline: March 28, 2008

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

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

Application deadline: March 27, 2008

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

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Accepting Applications for Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research

The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program supports highly qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of America's most challenging policy issues in health and health care.

Grants are awarded to investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance.

Applications are welcomed from investigators in the fields of anthropology, business, demography, economics, engineering, ethics, genetics, health and social policy, health services research, history, journalism, law, medicine, nursing, political science, psychology, public health, science policy, social work, sociology, and others. The program seeks a diverse group of applicants, including minorities, researchers early in their careers, and individuals in non-academic settings. Applicants must be affiliated either with educational institutions or with 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the United States. Past awardees and teams of more than two investigators may not apply.

Approximately ten awards will be made in this grant cycle. The maximum award is \$335,000 and includes personnel, direct, and indirect costs to be calculated at a rate of up to 12 percent.

Application deadline: Mar 26, 2008

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Launches National Program to Build Next Generation of Academic Nurse Leaders

The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) has announced a new scholars program to develop the next generation of nurse leaders in academia and boost the stature of junior faculty in nursing schools. The RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars program will provide a total of \$28 million over the next five years to outstanding junior nursing faculty to help them advance in their fields and seek faculty positions earlier in their careers by providing mentorship, leadership training, and research support.

Scholars will be given opportunities to develop a research program and other scholarly activities; work closely with institutional and national mentors; participate in leadership training; and network with scholars, experts, and colleagues in their field and other related fields. Scholars also will be able to gain protected time to get the critical skills needed for a successful career in academic nursing.

The program will be run out of the [Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing](#).

The program will award up to \$350,000 for three years to each RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholar; up to fifteen scholars will be selected each year. Applicants must be junior faculty members with at least two but no more than five years of experience in a faculty role. Candidates who completed their doctoral degree within ten years of receiving their initial nursing degree are encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: April 1, 2008 (Applicant Registration)

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation to Offer Medical Assistance Grants

The [UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation](#) is offering support to meet the needs of children across the United States with assistance grants for medical services not fully covered by health insurance.

Parents and caretakers across the country will be eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for healthcare services that will help improve their children's health and quality of life. Examples of the types of medical services covered by UHCCF grants include speech therapy, physical therapy, and psychotherapy sessions; medical equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids, and eyeglasses; and orthodontia and dental treatments.

Any child 16 years old or younger living in any UnitedHealthcare region of the United States and in need of financial assistance for healthcare services will be considered eligible for a grant. Families must meet economic guidelines, reside in the United States, and be covered by a commercial health insurance plan.

For program guidelines and eligibility requirements, visit the UHCCF Web site.

Application deadline: open
