

Grant Opportunities

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United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Program - Designated Funding for Public Libraries

This American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding for Rural Libraries is a grant and/or loan opportunity for libraries serving communities of 20,000 and less. The Secretary of Agriculture has designated \$100 million of USDA's Community Facilities funds for public libraries. The stimulus funding will help give rural communities the opportunity to improve their library facilities, enhance educational opportunities, and improve economic conditions in America's rural communities.

Loans and grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Applicants must have the legal authority necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility. They must also be financially sound and able to organize and manage the facility effectively.

Funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve public libraries. This can include costs to acquire land needed for a facility, pay necessary professional fees, and purchase equipment required for a facility's operation. Funds can be used to purchase shelving, furniture, computers, audio-visual equipment, distance learning equipment, and bookmobiles. A loan may be made in combination with other Community Facilities financial assistance such as a grant, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources.

Applications are handled by USDA Rural Development field offices. Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available from USDA. Field staff can provide application materials and current program information, and assist in the preparation of an application.

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***Remember,
you can
combine the
USDA Grant
AND
other grants
(i.e. the NYS
Construction
Grant, Special
Legislative
Grants, etc.)
to minimize
your library's
out-of-pocket
expense for a
project!***



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How much good could you do?

My friends,

Yes, I am giving away two million dollars. The first million has already benefited thousands of people in 2008 and now I am looking for more "Heroes." If you want to help your community, please send me your idea and let me know how much you need, up to \$25,000. Show the world how much of a difference one person can make.

All you need is a dream.

I can make it come true.

These Librarians are "Heroes" - Wouldn't you like to join them?

Read their stories at:

<http://www.jennysheroes.com/>



Jenny Jones Community Grant Program

Talk show host and philanthropist Jenny Jones has announced that she will donate an additional \$1 million to continue her successful Jenny's Heroes (<http://www.jennysheroes.com/>) community grant program. The Jenny's Heroes program awards grants to individuals who submit the best ideas for tangible, lasting community projects. Jenny's Heroes provides grants of up to \$25,000 each to fund projects that promise long-term community benefits. Through the fifty grant recipients so far, funds have been used to provide items and services such as library books, school computers, and coats for children in domestic violence shelters. The program's focus is primarily on smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult. For more information on Jenny's Heroes and grant guidelines, visit the program's Web site. RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016232/jennysheroes>

Deadline: Ongoing



*Capital Campaigns...
securing the funds for your future!*



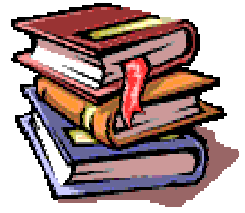
Kresge Foundation Capital Challenge Grants

The Kresge Foundation's mission is to strengthen organizations that advance the well-being of humanity. Eligible and past applicants include libraries. The Capital Challenge Grant Program is designed to support an organization's immediate capital needs and to build its capacity to raise private support for the future. An organization applies to the Foundation after it has recruited campaign volunteers, secured leadership gifts, and developed firm project costs. A Kresge grant is awarded on a challenge basis. It is an "all or nothing" challenge and is usually one-third to one-fifth of the amount an organization has to raise to complete its campaign goal. <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=98>

Deadline: Ongoing



Is your library in need of books or the funding to purchase books?



Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program

The Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program (DUC) distributes books on contemporary art and culture free of charge to rural libraries nationwide. The program aims to actively further a more egalitarian access to contemporary art, and is committed to fostering partnerships between publishers, non-profit organizations, librarians and readers to enrich and diversify library collections. The program offers well over 490 titles by more than 90 different publishers. The program reaches readers in all 50 states and has placed over 200,000 free books in public libraries, schools, and alternative pedagogical venues. For more info and how to order these free books visit: <http://www.ducprogram.org/orderform.php>

Usborne Literacy for a Lifetime Matching Grants

This is a matching grant program for schools and organizations that support literacy, including churches, to buy Usborne books. If your school or organization receives a grant or donation and uses it to purchase Usborne Books, EDC (Educational Development Corporation) will match it by 50% in additional books.

For example, a \$1,000 grant is matched with an additional \$500 and the organization receives \$1,500 in educational Usborne Books for their use.

Literacy for a Lifetime **can be used as often as grants or donations become available**, and there is no cap on the amount matched. The receiving school or organization can select the books, from over 1,800 titles. The books are shipped free (within the US).

For more information, visit <http://www.bookskidslove.com/grantmatching.htm>

Deadline: Ongoing

Libri Foundation Grants for Children's Books

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. The Foundation awards grants three times a year.

The library director/library manager of each library participating in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist have been judged as outstanding or highly recommended by recognized authorities in the library and education fields and have been published in the last 3 years or are classics. The guidelines and application can be found here: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, your library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books (about 70 books). Local sponsors have five months (or longer, if necessary) after their library has been selected as a participant in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program to raise the matching funds.

Deadlines: Annually, January 15th, April 15th, and August 15th



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Pepsi Refresh Grant Project

In an effort to support those who generate innovative, optimistic ideas, the Pepsi Refresh Project (www.refresheverything.com), will award more than \$20 million in 2010 to move communities forward. The program launched on January 13 and exceeded expectations by receiving the monthly limit of 1,000 submissions in less than seven days with at least one from each state in the U.S. So submit your grant project as close to the first of the month as possible.

Individuals and organizations can apply for grants to benefit a variety of projects. Visitors to the site vote for the best ideas for funding. Pepsi will fund projects that make a difference in six categories: Health, Arts & Culture, Food & Shelter, The Planet, Neighborhoods, and Education. Simply submit an idea and get your supporters to vote and vote and vote — the projects with the highest number of votes each month win the grant. Grants are accepted for \$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$250,000.

Deadline: New Grant Cycle Every Month

NEH 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. Preservation Assistance Grants may be used for general preservation assessments; consultations with professionals to address a specific preservation issue, need, or problem; purchase of storage furniture and preservation supplies; purchase of environmental monitoring equipment for humanities collections; or education and training. For more information visit <http://neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

Deadline: May 18, 2010



Could your library use a little "SPACE?"



Second Round of Free NASA Space Shuttle Artifacts

NASA is offering a second round of free space artifacts to museums attended by the public and free libraries serving all residents of a community, district, state, or region. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is helping NASA reach out to eligible institutions that might be interested in acquiring one of the 2,500 free objects from the space shuttle, Hubble Space Telescope, or the Apollo, Mercury or Gemini programs. Museums and libraries must first be determined as eligible by contacting a representative of their State Agency for Surplus Property in their state. Once they are determined to be eligible, institutions will receive a log-on and password so they can view available artifacts at the Web site <http://gsaccess.gov/NASAWel.htm>. The artifacts are free, but eligible recipients must cover shipping and special handling fees. Shipping fees on smaller items will be relatively inexpensive, while larger items may involve extensive disassembly, preparation, shipping, and reassembly costs. NASA will work closely with potential recipients, on a case by case basis, to address any unique special handling costs.

Each artifact will be screened for 90 days. Once the screening period closes, and at completion of the allocation process, requestors will be notified about the status of their request. For the latest information about NASA shuttle transition and artifacts, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/transition>.

If your library has grant information or grant acquisition stories to share in *Grant Opportunities*, please contact Dawn Vincent at NCLS: 782-5540 or dvincent@ncls.org