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2008 1st Extraordinary Session

Special Session on Ethics, the Results:

"A bill passed during a special session of the Louisiana State Legislature makes substantial changes in the state's financial disclosure standards, an analysis by the Center for Public Integrity shows. The new law, which takes effect in January 2009, will provide more information to the public about the personal financial interests of state legislators and public officials. The law earned 99 out of a possible 100 points on a survey used by the Center to rank public disclosure requirements for state legislators and puts Louisiana's law on par with the nation's best financial disclosure laws."—The Center for Public Integrity, <http://www.publicintegrity.org/Content.aspx?source=home&context=article&id=939>

Louisiana has a better, more transparent ethics system

- Two and a half weeks of hard work
- Bipartisan effort

Top reforms

- Detailed income disclosure for state, local elected officials
- ban on state contracts for legislators and executive department heads
- strict limits on how much lobbyists can spend on legislators
- comprehensive disclosure for lobbyists
- ban on free tickets
- increased penalties for ethics violations
- protection for whistleblowers
- online access to government functions

Democrats welcomed this reform of our ethics system

- It's something that Democrats started several years ago
- We knew state's perception needed changing
- Democrats knew session was about more than perception
- The governor may

have called the session for political reasons, but Party Politics did not stand in the way of a successful session of substantive reform.

Gov. Jindal called this special session to change perception of state government

- In Louisiana
- around the nation

We created a new ethics system for state AND local officials

- Bipartisan effort
- Slowed down a rush to completion to ensure transparency
- Allowed time to correct unintended consequences in bills
- Asked Gov. Jindal to include members of his administration

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The Isabel Allende Foundation -- Esperanza Grants

Application Deadlines: Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Submission deadlines for review are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

Description: Grants are awarded to grassroots organizations working to make the world a safer, more compassionate place for women and children through the development of programs addressing health care, education, literacy, shelter, micro-loans, and the arts. The foundation does not fund capital campaigns; individual trips or tours; conferences or events; or projects that benefit political, religious, and/or military organizations.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations (and equivalent international organizations) are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to receive grants and should not apply. Priority is given to programs in the San Francisco Bay Area and Chile.

Funding Amount: Grants typically range from \$500 to \$5,000.

For more information, go to: <http://isabelallendefoundation.org/iaf.php?l=en&p=programs>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Starr Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation board meets regularly during the year and considers applications on a rolling basis.

Description: The foundation currently has assets of approximately \$3.5 billion, making it one of the largest private foundations in the United States. It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and health care, human needs, public policy, culture, and the environment.

Who May Apply: IRS 501(c)(3) organizations

For more information, go to: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/#guidesched>

RGK Foundation

Application Deadline: There is no deadline for submitting an electronic letter of inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, but asks that applicants allow up to two weeks for a response. The foundation will send an e-mail message to each organization either declining its request or inviting it to submit a formal application packet for further consideration.

Description: The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of

education, community, and medicine/health.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

Funding Amount: While the foundation does award some grants of more than \$25,000, the average grant will be under \$25,000.

For more information, go to: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF)

Application Deadline: Grant requests can be made at any time.

Description: CLF's mission is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves -- and those around them -- to lead healthy, satisfying, and enriched lives. To fulfill this mission, the foundation acts as grant maker, innovator, and volunteer for four main programs: education, children's advocacy, medical research and issues, and the arts.

Who May Apply: The foundation funds 501(c)(3) organizations throughout the country.

For more information, go to: <http://www.charleslafitte.org/>

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Public Welfare Foundation

Application Deadline: Requests for new funding may be submitted at any time during the year. The review committee considers letters of inquiry on a regular basis.

Description: The Public Welfare Foundation supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities. Funding priorities for 2008 include:

criminal and juvenile justice

health reform

special opportunities

workers' rights

Who May Apply: Primarily, IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations are eligible, but the foundation's Web site outlines alternatives for organizations without 501(c)(3) status whose activities for which they seek funds are charitable.

Funding Amount: Most grants fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000, though some may fall on either side of that range.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.publicwelfare.org>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Max and Anna Levinson Foundation

Application Deadline: April 1 each year

Description: Funding is evenly distributed among three categories, one of which is social concerns, which includes protection of civil rights and immigrants' rights; local economic development and responses to globalization; empowerment of youth; and community health and violence prevention.

Who May Apply: All grants are subject to the restriction and tradition required by the foundation's federal tax exemption as an educational and charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its status as a private foundation. The foundation does not consider grants for capital programs or traditional charitable programs.

Funding Amount: Grants are currently awarded once a year and are mostly in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range.

For more information, go to:
http://www.levinsonfoundation.org/?How_to_Apply

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services -- Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

Application Deadline: March 25, 2008

Description: The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts, in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching, including training on money management and consumer issues.

Funding Amount:

Anticipated total priority area funding: \$19,000,000
Anticipated number of awards: 55 to 65

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Average projected award amount:
\$350,000 per project period

Who May Apply:

State, county, local, city, township, or special district governments

Regional organizations

Independent school districts

Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Historically black colleges and universities

Tribally controlled colleges and universities

Alaska-Native- and Native-Hawaiian-serving institutions

Hispanic-serving institutions

Indian/Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Indian/Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized)

Indian/Native American tribally designated organizations

Public/Indian housing authorities

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher edu-

cation)

Nonprofit entities that do not have 501(c)(3) status may only apply as a joint applicant with an entity that is so certified. State, tribal, county, or local governments; school districts; public housing authorities; and other governments or agencies are eligible only as joint applicants with a nonprofit organization that has 501(c)(3) status.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The LEGO Group -- LEGO Children's Fund

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The LEGO Group is committed to helping children develop their creativity and learning skills through constructive play. The LEGO Children's Fund extends this commitment to local and national organizations that support innovative projects and programming to cultivate and celebrate a child's exploration of personal creativity and creative problem-solving in all forms.

Funding Amount: Typical awards are between \$500 and \$5,000.

Who May Apply: The foundation awards grants to qualified tax-exempt organizations, as determined

under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including educational organizations as defined in USC 26 § 170(c) with specific, identifiable needs primarily in these areas of support:

early childhood education and development

technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities

sports or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth.

Geographic Limitations: While the fund's main interests are local, there are no restrictions based on geography. The LEGO Children's Fund supports local and national programs in the United States. Applications from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts may be given preferential consideration, but applications from other geographical areas will not be excluded.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html>

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation, Inc.

Application Deadlines: All proposals must be received by April 1 to be eligible for funding July 15, and by

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October 1 to be eligible for funding January 15.

Description: The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation believes that education is the cornerstone for today's youth, and that for America to remain competitive in the global marketplace, a stronger emphasis should be placed on exposing youth to educational experiences and career-related opportunities. By focusing on preparing students for the demands of today's global society, the foundation strives to be a major force in improving education. The foundation believes that the physical well-being of today's youth is at the heart of building a healthy and civil society. Therefore, the foundation is committed to investing in health-related organizations and cultural programs that impact a diverse population of youth.

Funding Amount: Proposal funding limits: \$10,000-\$25,000

Who May Apply: 501(c)(3) organizations

For more information, go to:
<http://www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/grantdeadlines.html>

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Chatlos Foundation

Application Deadline: There are no deadlines for submission of a request,

and all requests are responded to in writing. The process should take approximately 120 days.

Description: The Chatlos Foundation funds nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the globe. The foundation's areas of interest are:

Bible colleges/seminaries

religious causes

medical concerns

liberal arts colleges

social concerns.

Who May Apply: Only those nonprofit organizations based in the United States and recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS may apply for a grant.

Funding Amount:

Medical Concerns: Grants to medical organizations total 26 percent of foundation distribution. History has shown that grants in this category range in size from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Social Concerns: Grants to organizations involved in social concerns total 4 percent of distribution. History has shown that grants in this category range in size from \$2,500 to \$10,000. This category encompasses secular community programs that provide direct services, such as child wel-

fare; vocational training; prison alternatives; concerns for the aged and disabled; and men, women, and families in crisis.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.chatlos.org/default.htm>

YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) -- Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Application Deadline: March 21, 2008

Description: DFC is a collaborative initiative sponsored by ONDCP in partnership with SAMHSA to achieve two major goals:

establish and strengthen collaboration among communities; private nonprofit agencies; and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth

reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. (Substances include, but are not limited to, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, inhalants, alcohol, and tobacco, where

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their use is prohibited by federal, state, or local law.)

Funding Amount: DFC expects to award approximately \$19,000,000 for 150 FY 2008 DFC grants. DFC grants will be available to eligible coalitions in amounts of up to \$125,000 per year over a five-year period, known as a funding cycle.

Who May Apply: DFC grant funds are intended to support community-based coalitions.

For more information, go to:
http://samhsa.gov/grants/2008/sp_08_002.aspx

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Prudential Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation receives and reviews proposals throughout the year.

Description: The Prudential Foundation provides grants focusing on education and economic development.

Education: The foundation supports initiatives that strengthen public education. Emphasis is placed on:

systemic school reform

improving leadership skills for education stakeholders

increasing parent involvement and community engagement

providing opportunities for arts education and youth development programs

ensuring that parents and caregivers have the resources needed to support the development of their children.

Economic Development: The foundation supports initiatives that increase employment opportunities by strengthening job skills, creating jobs through business development, and promoting neighborhood development activities. Programs involve workforce development and increasing entrepreneurship through training and access to capital. In addition, the foundation promotes creation of decent, affordable housing.

Who May Apply: The Prudential Foundation supports nonprofit, charitable organizations and programs whose mission and operations are broad and nondiscriminatory, or whose activities address social needs or benefit underserved groups and communities.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.prudential.com/view/page/public/12334>

PREGNANCY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treat-

ment (CSAT) -- Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

Application Deadline: March 18, 2008

Description: The purpose of these grants is to expand the availability of comprehensive, high-quality residential treatment, recovery support, and family services for pregnant and postpartum women (postpartum refers to the period after childbirth up to 12 months) who suffer from alcohol and other drug problems, and their minor children, impacted by the perinatal and environmental effects of maternal substance use and abuse. In addition, grantees are encouraged to include fathers of the children, partners of the women, and other extended family members of the women and children in treatment when their inclusion in nonresidential treatment services is deemed appropriate and beneficial.

Funding Amount:
Anticipated total available funding: \$7,870,000
Anticipated number of awards: 16
Anticipated award amount: up to \$500,000
Length of project period: up to 3 years

Who May Apply: Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including state and local governments, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native

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tribes and tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges, and community- and faith-based organizations. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

For more information, go to:

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti_08_009.aspx

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools -- Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program

Application Deadline: March 14, 2008

Description: The Safe Schools/Healthy Students program supports the implementation and enhancement of integrated, comprehensive community-wide plans that create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy childhood development.

Funding Amount:

Estimated available funds:

\$72,000,000

Estimated range of awards:

up to \$750,000 for a local educational agency (LEA) with fewer than 5,000 students

up to \$1,500,000 for an LEA with at least 5,000 students but fewer than 35,000 students

up to \$2,250,000 for an LEA with at least 35,000 students

Estimated number of awards: 55

Project period: up to 48 months

Who May Apply: LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law, and consortia of LEAs

For more information, go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-1208.pdf>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION

Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation

Application Deadline: Proposals are due April 30 each year, and grants are made in September.

Description: The foundation provides funding for community and economic development, health and human services, education, and literacy.

Who May Apply: Organizations must be classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation focuses its resources in the southeastern United States.

Funding Amount: Grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Average grant

size is \$30,000.

For more information, go to:

<http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/grant/>

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Hamburger Helper/General Mills -- My Hometown Helper Grant Program

Application Deadline: March 31, 2008

Description: General Mills and Hamburger Helper are searching for people in towns across the country who are raising funds to help the community.

Funding Amount: Hamburger Helper will fund initiatives to help hometowns across America with monetary grants of up to \$15,000.

Who May Apply: Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations or public schools. Applicants may include, but are not limited to, social welfare organizations, homeowners' and tenants' associations, veterans' organizations, organizations supported by the government, social and recreational activities organizations, police and firefighters' relief organizations, health-care organizations, and local associations of employees.

For more information, go to:

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

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The following grant opportunity postings were made on the Grants.gov Find Opportunities service:

U.S. Department of Education:

Partnerships in Character Education Program CFDA 84.215S Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16939)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16939>

Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities Program CFDA 84.325T Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16940)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16940>

Department of Defense:

Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA—DOD Ovarian Cancer Career Development Award Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16943)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16943>

Department of Health and Human Services:

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Adminis.—Technical Assistance Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16951)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16951>

National Institutes of Health: Innovations in Lower Limb Prosthesis Attachment (R01) Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16956)

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16953>

National Science Foundation:

Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2009 Grant

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppld=16956)

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