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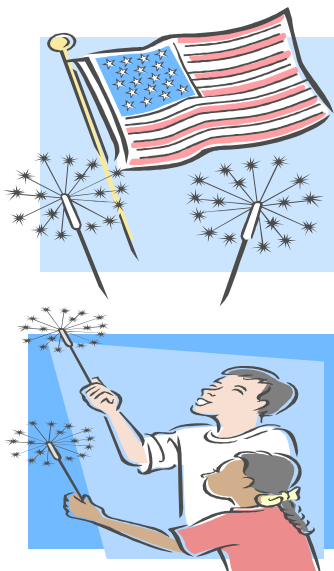
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2008 Regular Legislative Session

As reported in the June 2008 Newsletter: HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 4 & NO. 5 BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

HSR 4: Requests that the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice study and investigate the feasibility and effectiveness of expanding the educational and skills training to assist offenders with the transition back into society to reduce the costs of incarceration and the rate of recidivism and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

HSR 5: Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to study and investigate the feasibility and effectiveness of conditioning the earning of "good time" upon the inmate's enrollment and attendance in an adult education or reading program and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legisla-

ture prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

Other legislative accomplishments:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 95 by Representative Burrell has been filed with the Secretary of State. HCR 95 authorizes and requests the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the feasibility and effectiveness of providing substance abuse counseling in all jails and prisons in the state of Louisiana and to report its findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

HB 337 (featured in the April 2008 Newsletter) provides relative to tax sales and adjudicated property. It includes many major changes.

This proposed revision of the law on property tax payment and collection procedure, tax sales, and adjudicated property amends, restates, and reorganizes the law so as to encourage the payment and effi-

cient collection of property taxes, satisfy the requirements of due process, provide a fair process for the redemption of tax sale, and adjudicated property and otherwise encourage the return to commerce of such properties, and to retain existing procedures not inconsistent with the proposed revision. The law on tax sales and redemptions is consolidated into a new Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47, divided into seven Parts, with new numbering, all replacing a former Chapter 5 that was divided into three parts. The proposal consolidates the various retained statutes from the former Title 47 provisions, repeals those provisions inconsistent with the revision in that Title, in Title 13, and in Title 33, and retains and renumbers consistent provisions into a single comprehensive chapter.

For more info:

www.legis.state.la.us

Historical Pay Raises for Elected Officials

	1980	Today	% Difference
Governor	\$52,400	\$130,000	248%
Lt. Governor	\$42,400	\$115,000	271%
Statewide Elected Officials	\$37,500	\$115,000	306%
Supreme Court	\$61,635	\$136,967 (July 1, 2008)	222%
District Court	\$55,712	\$124,085	222%
Assessors	\$34,000	\$98,290*	289%
Teachers	\$13,770	\$47,000**	347%
State Representatives and Senators	\$16,800	\$16,800	0%

* This is an average base salary and does not include any additional monies received from other sources, including expense allowances, dedicated funds, or local government contributions, if applicable.

**Money is included for a \$1,019 teacher pay raise in the 2008 General Appropriations Bill.

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CHILDREN'S WELFARE

Mattel Children's Foundation -- Domestic Grantmaking Program



Application Deadline: July 15, 2008

Description: Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation are pleased to continue the Domestic Grantmaking Program. Through this effort, unsolicited applications for funds for organizations benefiting children in the United States are accepted.

Funding Amount: Charitable organizations demonstrating that they directly serve children may be eligible for grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Funds may be applied to programs or general operating costs.

Who May Apply: Organizations that are 501(c)(3) public charities may apply. If an organization is a project under a fiscal sponsor, that sponsor must have valid tax-exempt status. Organizations must serve children in communities within the United States. Organizations must not discriminate against a person or a group on the basis of age, political affiliation, race, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or religious belief.

For more information, go to:
http://www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

CRIME VICTIMS

U.S. Department of Justice -- Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: None (open solicitation contingent upon fund availability)

Description: The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$5,000 in funding to grassroots community- and faith-based victim-service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Who May Apply: Established organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal Victims of Crime Act victim-assistance grant funding and operate with \$50,000 or less in annual funding. Eligible organizations and coalitions must be operating for at least one year.

Funding Amount: Up to \$5,000

For more information, go to:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Tiger Woods Foundation

Application Deadlines: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 annually

Description: The foundation provides grants that support opportunities for underserved youth ages 5-17 through programs that focus on education and youth development in urban American cities.

Who May Apply: Organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and not be a 509(a) private foundation. Please note: Public schools are not 501(c)(3) tax-exempt. Individual organizations within a public school that are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt may apply.

For more information, go to:

http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org/grants_and_scholarships.php

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The Palmer Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation's board will review letters of intent each month (through January 31 for its spring meeting and July 31 for its fall meeting).

Description: The foundation seeks to

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empower young people to reach their potential to become responsible contributors to their families and communities. The foundation considers only proposals that empower young people ages birth to 25.

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

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

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The Jeff Gordon Foundation



Application Deadline: There is only one grant cycle per year. All applications and documentation must be submitted by August 1.

Description: Since more requests are received each year than can possibly be granted, the foundation has established certain criteria to help decide where funds may be most effectively utilized. Consideration is limited to tax-exempt organizations with programs that support the physical and emotional health of children, medical research for childhood diseases, and patient-assistance programs for children. Programs must be based in the United States. The foundation does not make loans or grants to individuals or endowment funds.

Funding Amount: Funding is awarded in amounts up to \$15,000 per grant for a specific program cre-

ated by the organization.

Who May Apply: Organizations that support the physical and emotional health of children, medical research for childhood diseases, and patient-assistance programs for children may apply. Programs must be based in the United States. Organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and not a 509(a) private foundation. Organizations must have been in existence for at least one year.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.jeffgordonfoundation.com/custompage/default.sps?itype=13119>

ADOPTION

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption



Application Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year. Funding decisions are made four times per year.

Description: The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's primary interest is in funding projects that directly impact permanency through adoption of waiting children in the United States and Canada. Emphasis will be given to programs and projects on a national or regional basis that help move children out of foster care and into adoptive

homes. The foundation is especially interested in addressing the permanency needs of children who are older, medically and/or emotionally challenged, from an ethnic minority, and/or of a sibling group who seek to be adopted together.

Who May Apply: Tax-exempt organizations in the United States and Canada

For more information, go to:
<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.org/html/grants/index.asp>

SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS

United States Department of Justice -- Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program Grant

Application Deadline: September 9, 2008

Description: The Weed and Seed strategy aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and gang activity. The Weed and Seed initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multiagency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. It is designed for neighborhoods with persistent high levels of serious crime and corresponding social problems. A Weed and Seed Community (WSC) must be developed in partnership with a variety of key local organizations and the local United States at-

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torney's office to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents in a community primarily through the re-deployment of existing public and private resources into the community. A WSC also helps address related social problems that, without proper intervention, often lead to violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity.

Funding Amount: If an applicant is competitively selected, it will receive the WSC designation and initial funding of up to \$175,000 for the first year. Continued funding will be dependent on meeting established Weed and Seed performance measures approved by the Community Capacity Development Office as part of the award process. Limited discretionary grant funding will be available for up to five years on an incremental basis. Total funding over this period will not exceed \$1,000,000.

Who May Apply: Per H.R. 3402 Sec. 103(b) and Sec. 105, eligible applicants include state governments, including Indian tribal governments, local governments, and neighborhood and community-based organizations.

For more information, go to:
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit.html

Twelve characteristics of a successful grant application

(from SAMHSA: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>)

1. Match ideas to the funding source and thoroughly understand what the program wants.
2. Use the program office for technical assistance and advice.
3. Begin the necessary groundwork before the notice of funding availability is published.
4. Establish a timetable and organize the necessary personnel as soon as funding availability is announced.
5. Follow the instructions and format.
6. Lay out a master plan.
7. Be reasonable and realistic.
8. Provide information on all the review criteria.
9. Explain omissions, rather than hope no one will notice.
10. Make a reasonable funding request and match the budget to the scope of work.
11. Address items regarding participant protection/human subjects.

12. Keep the application simple, reasonable, businesslike, and professional.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please let us know if you are successful with the grant information provided in the newsletter.

If you have information you would like to have included in the District 2 Newsletter, please submit it to Rep. Burrell's office.

If you would like to be added to the District 2 Newsletter email distribution list, simply send an email to larep002@legis.state.la.us with "add to D2 list" in the subject line.

You may also visit www.royburrell.com to view previous issues of this newsletter.

House District 2 Business Spotlight

"The Naked Bean"



Please stop by and support your new local Highland Area business, a coffee/sandwich shop near downtown at 976 Jordan St. @ Fairfield.

Hours of business: 7am-6pm. Lunch served from 10am-2pm, Mon-Fri. Please stop by or call in your order.

Food orders 318.560.9682 Coffee orders 318.676.3999

Thank you and we appreciate your business!! - Donald Durham

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