

# House District 2



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*Working for you!*

As the summer progresses with the sweltering heat Louisiana is known for, I will be starting a new chapter in my life once again as a married man. Yes, on August 15, 2009, I will take a new bride, Cathy Ellis, as my soul mate for life. We are looking forward for this to be a wonderful occasion for both our families. I look to see many of you at our wedding.

This year's legislative session nearly put a damper on the joyful nuptials I looked so forward to. Some of the gloominess from a tumultuous session, plagued with uncertainties of how we were to balance the State budget with a \$1.3 billion deficit, nearly overshadowed my wedding bliss. Although there were clearly missed opportunities to raise additional state revenue, allowing for fewer cuts to education and health-care, political ambitions and partisan maneuvering of the law-making process nearly derailed all efforts for a meaningful and successful session.

I believe every legislator, whether new or veteran, recognized the need for some government reforms and budget reductions. The condition of the national economy dictated as much. But to hurriedly thrust excessive cuts in major human services and higher education while our State is reeling from one of the most catastrophic economic downturns since the Great Depression is nothing short of ludicrous.

With Louisiana lurking near the bottom of every list in critical areas of need, we can not afford to become a testing ground for national ambitions. Our people are hurting and crying for economic relief, not prestige. We hope that our governor can hear the bell toll, ringing a cry for economic and social relief, and not the sound of somberness and sleep—the message of finality and death.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Working for you,  
Your State Representative,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy A. Burrell".

Roy A. Burrell



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### EDUCATION

#### The Prudential Foundation

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The Prudential Foundation provides grants focusing on education, economic development, and civic infrastructure.

- **Education:** The foundation supports initiatives that strengthen public education. Emphasis is placed on:
  - o systemic school reform
  - o improving leadership skills for education stakeholders
  - o increasing parent involvement and community engagement
  - o providing opportunities for arts education and out-of-school-time youth development programs
  - o 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 training and placing individuals in demand occupations, creating jobs through business development, and promoting neighborhood development activities. Programs involve workforce development and increasing entrepreneurship through training and access to capital.
- **Civic Infrastructure:** The foundation supports initiatives that see the arts as an economic engine and a community-building tool, create capacity-building activities to ensure the sustainability of non-profit organizations, and create and preserve public parks and playgrounds.

**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>

### CHILD ADVOCACY

#### Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF)

**Application Deadline:** None

**Description:** CLF's mission is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others 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 issues and research, and the arts.

**Who May Apply:** The foundation funds organizations throughout the country but is limited to supporting 501 (c)(3) institutions.

**For more information,** go to:

<http://www.charleslafitte.org/applications.html>

### ANIMAL WELFARE

#### American Humane Association -- Second Chance Fund

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The medical costs of treating and rehabilitating an abused animal can easily become overwhelming for any animal welfare organization -- particularly when long-term care is necessary. The Second Chance Fund is one way the American Humane Association works to support member organizations in their vital work. By providing financial assistance to animal welfare organizations responsible for the temporary care of animals as they are prepared for adoption into permanent, loving homes, the program provides animal victims of abuse or neglect with a second chance at life.

**Funding Amount:** Funding to any one agency is limited to \$2,000 per fiscal year.

**Who May Apply:** Only American Humane Association member animal-sheltering agencies (private or public) are considered for the Second Chance Fund.

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For more information, go to:

<http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-animals/shelter-professionals/grants/second-chance-fund/>

### HEALTH

#### MetLife Foundation

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The foundation makes grants in the following areas of concern: health, civic affairs, education, and culture.

**Who May Apply:** The MetLife Foundation makes contributions only to organizations that have been granted exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation/index.html>

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Bradley Foundation

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The foundation aims to encourage projects that focus on cultivating a renewed, healthier, and more vigorous sense of citizenship among the American people, as well as those that improve education, promote economic growth and prosperity, strengthen private initiative, and defend and advance freedom.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations and institutions exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and publicly supported under Section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3) may apply.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.bradleyfdn.org/>

### USDA

United States Department of Agriculture

#### Economic Research Service

Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE)

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48289>

#### HUD

US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48364>

#### HHS

Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health

Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment (R01)

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48368>

#### DOI

Department of the Interior

National Park Service

RECOVERY - Trail Maintenance / Repair

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48369>

#### HHS

Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Public Health Emergency Response (PHER)

Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48370>

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### HHS

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
Hazardous Materials Worker Health and Safety  
Training (U45)**

#### Grant

[http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?  
&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48375](http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48375)

### HHS

**Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health  
Hazmat Training at Doe Nuclear Weapons Com-  
plex (U45)**

#### Grant

[http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?  
&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48377](http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48377)

### USAID

**US Agency for International Development  
Strengthening Health Outcomes through the Pri-  
vate Sector (SHOPS)**

#### Grant

[http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?  
&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48379](http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=48379)

### POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

#### The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation

**Application Deadline:** There is no deadline. Grant applications are considered as they are received.

**Description:** The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals. By making grants to other charitable organizations (designated as IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations), the foundation seeks to fund programs that directly impact the lives of individuals. The foundation has identified the following as special areas of interest:

- funding programs that assist orphaned chil-

dren and promote their adoption

- intervention in the lives of troubled youth.
- However, funding is by no means restricted to the above-mentioned areas.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations must have proof of 501(c)(3) status. No grants to individuals will be considered.

For more information, go to: [http://  
www.swettfoundation.org/index.htm](http://www.swettfoundation.org/index.htm)

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Open Meadows Foundation

**Application Deadlines:** August 15 and February 15 annually

**Description:** Open Meadows Foundation offers grants to projects that:

- are designed and implemented by women and girls
  - reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and its organization
  - promote building community power
  - promote racial, social, economic, and environmental justice
  - have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding.
- Organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000.

**Funding Amount:** Grants up to \$2,000

**Who May Apply:** Organizations and individuals interested in applying must have tax-exempt status or a fiscal sponsor that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.openmeadows.org/>

### CHILD SAFETY

**FedEx Corporation -- Volunteer Assistance and Grants for Pedestrian and Child Safety, Education, Health/Human Services, and Emergency/Disaster Relief**

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### **Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Grants fund organizations that support pedestrian and child safety, education, health/human services, and emergency/disaster relief. Funding for pedestrian and child safety supports organizations that work to promote and improve child and pedestrian safety and enhance the safety of transportation systems. Education grants fund organizations that enhance education in the following areas: technology, global economics and trade, cultural diversity, and innovative learning programs. In the area of health and human services, FedEx supports youth development organizations and others that meet basic human needs. With regard to emergency and disaster relief, FedEx provides contributions and logistics/transportation support for emergency and disaster needs.

**Funding Amount:** Amount not specified. FedEx is especially interested in supporting nonprofit organizations that request 5% or less of a total project budget, contingency grants, or seed monies with the thought that other sources will contribute matching amounts.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations with 501(c)(3) status

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/charitable\\_contribution\\_guidelines](http://about.fedex.designcdt.com/charitable_contribution_guidelines)

### **PET CARE**

#### **Laura J. Niles Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The Laura J. Niles Foundation encourages and supports efforts that offer learning and economic growth opportunities for the motivated poor. Of equal importance are charitable initiatives that foster life enrichment through canine and other types of animal companionship. The foundation has a particular interest in education, economic self-sufficiency, and programs that alleviate unhealthy dependencies. With regard to animals, most notably dogs, the foundation's areas of concentration center

around canine health research, animal protection and adoption, search and rescue training, human assistance, and similar fields.

**Funding Amount:** Grants may range from a few thousand dollars up to \$50,000.

**Who May Apply:** Applicants must have tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status as a nonprofit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.ljniles.org/index.htm>

### **PARENTING**

#### **Sony USA Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Sony's company-wide philanthropic efforts reflect the diverse interests of its core businesses and focus on several distinct areas: arts education, arts and culture, health and human services, civic and community outreach, education, and volunteerism. While positive consideration is given to efforts that promote literacy and basic educational competency, the company also seeks to apply its financial, technological, and human resources to the encouragement of the creative, artistic, technical, and scientific skills required of tomorrow's workforce.

**Funding Amount:** Varies

**Who May Apply:** Organizations with 501(c)(3) status

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.sony.com/SCA/philanthropy/guidelines.shtml>

### **Domestic Violence Prevention**

#### **Verizon Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous basis from January 1 through October 31.

**Description:** The Verizon Foundation awards grants to

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charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on helping people across the country increase their literacy and educational achievement, avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence, and achieve and sustain their health and safety. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas:

- Literacy
- Education
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- Health Care and Accessibility
- Internet Safety

**Who May Apply:** Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

**For more information,** go to: <http://foundation.verizon.com/>

### Human Services

#### **Wells Fargo Bank**

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen communities. The company directs its giving to areas that it believes are important to the future of the nation's vitality and success: community development, education, and human services.

**Who May Apply:** Eligible organizations must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or be a qualified governmental or tribal entity.

**For more information,** go to: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/>

### Education

#### **The Lawrence Foundation**

**Application Deadline:** The next deadline is October 31. See program Web site for more details.

**Description:** The Lawrence Foundation is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, educational, health, human services, and other causes.

**Who May Apply:** Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible for contributions or grants.

**For more information,** go to:

<http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.php>

### Community Impact

#### **The Nationwide Foundation -- Grants for Individual and Community Enrichment, Emergency Needs, and Stabilization Needs**

**Application Deadline:** September 1 annually

**Description:** The Nationwide Foundation provides funding to organizations that transform lives at critical moments. In order of emphasis, it supports efforts that meet:

emergency and basic needs -- such as food banks, disaster relief efforts, and emergency shelters

crisis stabilization needs -- such as drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and organizations providing safety-net programs and services

personal and family development needs -- such as youth mentoring, financial literacy, and home-ownership programs

community enrichment needs -- such as arts and culture organizations, higher education, and civic improve-

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ment.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations with 501(c)(3) status may apply. The foundation normally funds organizations located in areas with large Nationwide associate populations; please see the following link for company locations: <http://www.nationwide.com/about-us/where-we-fund.jsp>

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.nationwide.com/about-us/about-nationwide-foundation.jsp>

### Community Development

#### **Protective Life Foundation**

**Application Deadlines:** Deadlines for 2009 are August 20 and November 20.

**Description:** The objectives of the foundation are to contribute to the welfare and the quality of life of the local community; to be a corporate leader and pacesetter in giving; and to work in partnership with other organizations, corporations, and individuals to find solutions for some of the difficult human and economic situations in our communities. The foundation supports the following fields of interest:

- arts and culture
- civic and community
- education
- health and health initiatives
- human services
- United Way
- youth and youth services.

**Who May Apply:** All grant recipients must be charitable organizations as designated by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, proposals from the following organizations will not be reviewed:

public or private schools with grades K-12  
churches, public facilities, or state organizations

animal-related causes

sporting events

other corporate or private foundations.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.protective.com/default.asp?id=168>

### **ExxonMobil Operations Employment Opportunities**

*In order to be considered for Operations employment, you must first take and pass a pre-employment test. Apply online and register for a test session.*

*Logon to [www.ExxonMobil-employment.com](http://www.ExxonMobil-employment.com)*

*Operations Pre-Employment Testing will be held in Baton Rouge, LA on August 14 and August 15, 2009. Test Sessions will be available for booking beginning July 13, 2009.*

*Operations Pre-Employment Testing will be held in Houma, LA on August 28 and August 29, 2009. Test Sessions will be available for booking beginning August 1, 2009.*

### **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD INTERESTED IN THEATRE?**

*Shreveport Little Theatre & Academy announces: 2009 Fall Informational Packets are now available with information regarding SLTA's fall classes and auditions for YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN, how to apply and/or audition.*

*To receive a packet via email simply reply to [SLTA-academy@gmail.com](mailto:SLTA-academy@gmail.com) or stop by our SLT Box Office Monday - Friday from Noon - 4 PM. to have one printed for you.*

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From: Ken E. Uffman, State Coordinator  
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### SPECIALTY REPORTING AGENCIES

In addition to the big-three credit reporting agencies, (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), there are other, lesser known, Specialty Reporting Agencies. The information these Specialty Reporting Agencies collect can have an impact on you.

If you are being underwritten for credit or other permissible purpose covered by the FCRA and FACT ACT, the person reviewing your application will most likely request a report from a specialty agency in addition to a traditional credit report from one of the big three bureaus.

The list of these specialized agencies is long and changes frequently; and they are not specifically named by the Federal Trade Commission in the FCRA or FACT ACTS.

Among the better know specialty report providers are the insurance bureaus, such as Choice Trust, which sells its CLUE Products based on your auto and homeowners insurance claims history; as well as information for background employment and rental checks. The Medical Information Bureau (MIB) accumulates and sells your medical insurance claims history report. Choice Point Tenant History reports on rental information and Central Credit Services specializes in gaming-patron gambling histories.

ChexSystems, SCAN, TeleCheck, and Certegy/Equifax, sell various check-verification products. They only contain negative information about your history. Each of these repositories has a database of information its members, retailers, and other subscribers use to help make decisions regarding the acceptance of checks or the opening of accounts. This information helps members reduce their financial loss from NSF checks, improve customer service and safeguards against identity-theft and fraud.

You have a right to obtain reports from these agencies for free annually, just as you do with the three traditional Credit Bureaus. Some contain only negative information, or they have absolutely no information about you. Call any specialty bureau you want a report from, and ask how to order your free annual report.



**Rep. Roy A. Burrell would like to hear from the constituents of House District 2. Visit the Contact Us page at [www.royburrell.com](http://www.royburrell.com) and share your ideas for how to make District 2 and the State of Louisiana better.**

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