

House District 2



THE HONORABLE ROY A. BURRELL

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Rep. and Mrs. Roy A. Burrell



First, let me thank each of you who helped make the occasion of our wedding nuptials a great success. A number of you were able to attend and others sent your regrets and gifts, all of which we greatly appreciated. Again, thanks for standing up for us at our wedding. Just as Cathy and I are starting a new chapter in life as husband and wife, I feel our beloved Louisiana has an opportunity to do likewise. With the present challenges we face, it brings renewed opportunities for innovative and open dialogue about what ails us as a state, along with directed strategies that can be used to help solve many of these challenges.

It was obvious in the last legislative session that some personal political relationships were strained. Also, there is a distrust by the public in the role of government that is ever growing. With the economy still loping along like a crippled nag in a horse racing derby, so we cannot expect an enthusiastic and anticipating crowd looking for a victorious finish. We must help the public be more hopeful and positive of a brighter future for Louisiana and the country by not allowing uncontrolled political rhetoric that only adds to the anxiety and problems of those we seek to serve.

On Friday, August 28th and Friday, September 11th, 2009, only two weeks apart, Louisiana and this nation will be recalling, not celebrating the 4th and 9th respectively, the anniversary of two major catastrophes—the Hurricane Katrina Disaster and the World Trade Centers' Bombing. These two occurrences changed the course of America's history--economically, politically, and socially. The trauma of such devastating events shocked this nation and the world as we all recognized the vulnerability, but yet, resiliency of a diverse people. God seemed to have wanted to teach a lesson of sorts to the peoples of Louisiana and America that our weakness lies in the separation of our people--economically, politically, and socially. Spiritually, so many of us still do not heed his call or welcome his warning of things that yet may come because of our disobedience and stubborn pride. Remember: Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before the fall. Proverb 16:18.

It is my sincere hope that all of us, regardless of race, color, creed, natural origin, religion, and doctrine, may find ways to make a new start toward a "kinder and gentler nation" that can once again be viewed by the world as a partner to a marriage of new ideas, new hope, and a profound courage that can lead other nations to the altar of love, reconciliation, and peace. The world will then know that America and its people are still setting the ultimate example of how God hoped his creation would be—a monument to his greatness. Amen!

Thanks,
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EDUCATION

Sprint Foundation

Application Deadline: The Sprint Foundation accepts and reviews unsolicited proposals from January 2 through November 21 annually.

Description: The Sprint Foundation reviews grant and contribution proposals relating to K-12 education, arts and culture, youth development, and diversity.

Who May Apply: The Sprint Foundation only makes grants to 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

For more information, go to:

http://www.sprint.com/responsibility/sprint_foundation/index.html

HEALTH

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 either declining the applicant's request or inviting the applicant 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.

Funding Amount: While the foundation does award some grants of more than \$25,000, it anticipates that most grants awarded will be under \$25,000.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax-exempt under Sec-

tions 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

For more information, go to:

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Profiles in Caring -- The Ambassadors of Caring Award

Application Deadline: There is no deadline to apply.

Description: Profiles in Caring is an internationally syndicated television show as well as a nonprofit organization. The purpose of the organization is to profile nonprofit humanitarian groups doing good work around the world. The Ambassador of Caring Award is a series of ongoing grants from Profiles in Caring.

Funding Amount: Up to four grants are awarded each year. Award winners receive:

- a \$10,000 grant to further the organization's good work
- a television feature about the organization, broadcast nationally and internationally to millions of households
- a copy of the feature to keep and duplicate at will for use in marketing and fund-raising efforts
- a beautiful keepsake award.

Who May Apply: In order to qualify for a grant, the applicant must be a registered nonprofit organization, not a person. In the United States, that means the organization must have 501(c)(3) status. There is no cut-off in budget, and no requirement that the staff of the group be unpaid volunteers; however, the percentage of the budget spent on overhead and personnel costs are factored in when considering grants.

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For more information, go to:

<http://www.profilesincaring.com/ambfaq.asp>

HUMAN SERVICES

The Heineman Foundation

Application Deadline: September 1 annually

Description: The Heineman Foundation provides seed money to start-up projects and new projects within existing organizations for a maximum of three to five years. The foundation's general areas of interest are:

- programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace, such as:
 - o on-site day-care centers for women in the workplace
 - o job-training programs
 - o language and leadership skills programs
- environmental research that will help prevent, reduce, or eliminate large-scale water degradation
- music as education and a preserver of culture
- research into prevention of, education about, and treatment for childhood illnesses
- programs that enable youth to think, create, and communicate effectively.

Funding Amount: The average range of the foundation's donations is \$20,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

Who May Apply: An organization must have 501(c)(3) status and upload copies of corresponding IRS documents to the online application form in order for the application to be considered.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/guidelines/>

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The McKenzie Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation reviews letters on a continuous basis, and they may be submitted at any time during the year.

Description: The purpose of the McKenzie Foundation is to encourage and support nonprofit programs, primarily in the areas of education, health, human services, and cultural and environmental concerns. Faced with the task of translating these broad-reaching goals into a more focused set of grant guidelines, the board has selected four initiatives that will shape its grant-making for the next few years:

- early childhood development
- education
- the environment
- arts and culture.

Who May Apply: The foundation makes grants only to tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification from the Internal Revenue Service. It does not support for-profit organizations or candidates for political office.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php>

NUTRITION

Allen Foundation

Application Deadline: The next deadline for submission of proposals is midnight (eastern standard time) on December 31. Proposals received after this date will be considered for review the following year.

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Description: Grants are limited under the terms of the foundation's charter to projects that primarily benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations

For more information, go to:

<http://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp>

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Prudential Foundation

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

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

- Education
 - o Education leadership to support reform in public education by increasing the capacity of educators, parents, and community residents to implement public school reform. The foundation also funds organizations whose efforts influence policy that adapts promising practices and evidence-based approaches to instruction and learning in schools.
 - o Youth development to build skills and competencies needed for young people to be productive citizens. This includes expanding arts education opportunities and supporting effective out-of-school programs for young people.
- Economic Development
 - o Workforce development programs to train and place individuals in high-demand occupations.
 - o Business development opportunities to create and grow businesses.
 - o Community revitalization initiatives to strengthen community development corporations.

- Arts & Civic Infrastructure
 - o Arts as an economic engine and as a quality-of-life issue to ensure that residents have access to quality arts programs.
 - o Capacity-building activities for nonprofit organizations to ensure their sustainability and growth.

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>

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Office Depot

Application Deadline: None

Description: Office Depot supports nonprofit organizations at the local level with donations of products, contributions of funds, and efforts to encourage employees and customers to become involved.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations that are aligned with Office Depot's mission to directly impact the health, education, and welfare of children. Funds provided by Office Depot must directly assist children. The inquiring organization must:

- provide background on the specific program and other funding sources
- have an established track record of community advocacy and a clear direction for its future initiatives
- have 501(c)(3) status
- provide a federal tax identification number.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp>

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Kresge Foundation -- Capital Challenge Grant Program

Application Deadline: Letters of intent are accepted year-round. See Web site for more details.

Description: Grants from the Kresge Foundation focus on the following six fields of interest:

- health
- the environment
- arts and culture
- education
- human services
- community development.

More information about each of these fields of interest can be found on the Kresge Foundation's Web site.

Who May Apply: All organizations applying for grants must have annual financial statements that have been prepared and certified by a certified public accountant (the auditor) in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or Government Accounting Standards (GAS).

- 501(c)(3) organizations that are not classified as private foundations
- Government entities
- Religious organizations that are operated by or within religious institutions and serve secular needs, have space formally dedicated to their programs, and have financial and governing autonomy from the parent religious organization
- Colleges and universities that are fully accredited associate-, baccalaureate-, and/or graduate-degree-granting institutions
- Elementary and secondary schools that predominantly serve students with physical and/or de-

velopmental disabilities

- Hospitals that are accredited by the Joint Commission

For more information, go to:

<http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=89>

THE ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH

The Lawrence Foundation

Application Deadline: Grants are awarded twice a year. 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>

National Night Out

While much of the nation celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, the mayors of Shreveport and Bossier City chose the alternate date of **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**. The 26th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

“As your State Representative, I promised to be the voice for District 2 to make sure that you are constantly and properly represented in Baton Rouge as well as help build the economy within our district. I have kept my promise and will continue to build our district in a way that will offer permanent growth opportunities for the community and you. My door is open for your questions, concerns and ideas. Let me hear from you. Feel free to contact me via telephone, fax, mail, email, or through my website. **Stop by the District Office on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for an Open House.** Have a safe National Night Out.” - Rep. Roy A. Burrell



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

Working for you!