



CBO FUNDING CALENDAR

January 2010

BROOKLYN AIDS TASK FORCE

"A Bridge to a Better Life"

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Since 1992, created to help level the playing field for community-based organizations (CBOs) with few resources, serving poverty communities. **New/revised listings are in bold.** The Calendar can be accessed at www.batf.net or by email **AT-NO-CHARGE**, just email your name, organization, & phone number to Randi Baker at rbaker@batf.net /718-388-0028 X 122/Fax 718-388-0896.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, TRAINING & PUBLICATIONS:

Families Matter is a phone-based peer support organization for the family members of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (GLBT). It's a safe, supportive and confidential service for family members to talk one-on-one over the phone about their questions and concerns with a trained peer mentor who has "been there." Peer mentors are available at 646-827-3622 or with a visit to www.familiesmatterusa.org. *For individuals interested in becoming peer mentors, the next training begins in January 2010.*

A **Three Kings Day Health Fair** will be held on Friday, January 8th from 9-5 at Community Healthcare Network's CABS Health Center, 94-98 Manhattan Avenue in Brooklyn with FREE health screenings including blood pressure, glucose, pregnancy, HIV counseling and testing. For more information, call 718-388-0390 or email info@chnnyc.org.

Every Child Matters and Every Parent Matters beginning on Saturday, January 9th includes 8-weeks of 2-hour workshops in Anger Management and Parenting Skills which will be conducted in both English and Spanish for a \$10 donation at each workshop. (Private classes are also available for those parents that are unable to attend scheduled classes.) Classes are held at American Family Community Services, 37-63 76th Street in Jackson Heights, Queens. Find out more, or register by contacting Rodolfo Flores at Info@Americanfamilyny.org or 718-639-8370.

502 BERGEN STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11217
718-622-2910
F: 718-623-1158

260 BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR
BROOKLYN, NY 11211
718-388-0028
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25 CHAPEL STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11201
718-596-3635
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A FREE training for women who live in the Bronx on **Lead Poisoning and Pregnancy** sponsored by the Bronx Health Link will be held on Tuesday, January 12th from 10-Noon on the 2nd Floor at WHEDCO, 50 E. 168th Street. Register at 718-590-2648.

On Tuesday, January 12th from 9:30-Noon at the monthly meeting of the New York Association On HIV Over 50, Christine Rivera of the NY State Department of Health will present information on ADAP, Medicaid/Medicare coverage and eligibility. A continental breakfast will be served, and the

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meeting will take place in Room 405 of 119 West 24th Street. Meetings are scheduled for the rest of the year on February 9, March 10, April 13, May 11, June 8, (No meetings in July & August) September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. For more information, contact Ed Shaw 212-367-1009.

The next *HIV/AIDS Housing Advocacy Coalition meeting* will take place on Wednesday, January 13th from 10-Noon at Friends House, 130 East 25th Street (at Lexington Avenue) in Manhattan. The topic of discussion is the anticipated transition to mandatory enrollment in managed care plans for people with HIV/AIDS on Medicaid. Because space is limited, please send no more than two staff per agency. For more information, contact Jeremy Saunders at jeremy@nycahn.org or 971-676-8041.

The monthly orientation for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender (LGBT) Community Center will take place on Tuesdays January 19, February 16, March 16, and April 20 at 208 West 13th Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues) in Manhattan. The orientation provides useful information to people who are new to the metropolitan region or unfamiliar with the LGBT community, and “welcome” to members of the community who have never been to the Center before. For more information, contact Jessica Sachs 212-620-7310 X206 or jsachs@gaycenter.org .

The Brooklyn Courts Roundtable topic will be Foster Care on Tuesday, January 26th or Thursday, January 28th - the date for the program is still being finalized - and will be confirmed when you RSVP to Anushavan Margaryan 212-870-3515 or anushavan@interfaithcenter.org. The Roundtable will take place at Brooklyn Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 1137.

The *8th Bi-Annual City Wide – Interfaith Teach-In* will take place on Sunday, January 31 from 1:30 –4:00 pm at Grace Church Episcopal, 234 Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights. Round table conversations on Compassion and Action, how our values and/or faith foster healing and activism and how our traditions inspire different ways of restoring health to the world. Teachers are military and hospital chaplains and activists who work on the environment, human rights, hunger and domestic violence issues. Food will be available and FREE childcare, if reserved by January 20th. For more information, contact The Dialogue Project 718-768-2175 www.thedialogueproject.org or marcia@thedialogueproject.org .

Active, committed youth ages 16-24 are needed to inform the US Department of Health and Human Services on how best to approach engaging peers in sexual health and HIV prevention messages on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Blogging, Texting... where youth are the experts. Regional Youth Sounding Boards will be chosen in early 2010. Commitment only requires a few hours each month. Applications are due by February 5th, contact Lisa Cohen lcohen@icfi.com .

Religion and Social Work Program: To work effectively in NYC’s diverse communities, social workers need to know about the religions of their clients and the role religion plays in their lives from individual counseling to community organizing, from research to public policy. Students of diverse backgrounds will be engaged in a dynamic learning experience with community religious leaders and practitioners, as well as with each other, over the course of six Friday mornings: February 5 (Judaism); February 12 (Christianity); February 19 (Islam); February 26 (Hinduism and Sikhism); March 5 (Buddhism); March 12 (Afro-Caribbean Religions) at UJA Federation, 130 E.

59th Street in Manhattan. For more information, contact Raffaele Timarchi 212-870-3514 or rtimarchi@interfaithcenter.org .

On Monday, February 8 from 9am-1pm *Brooklyn Commemorates National Black AIDS Awareness Day* will take place at the Brooklyn College Conference Center at East 27th Street and Campus Road including presentations on the Brooklyn HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan, an Update on Brooklyn Linkage to Care Coalition (BLCC) activities, the Brooklyn Red Ribbon Campaign, and the “Brooklyn Knows” roll out in December 2010. For general questions about the event, call 718-951-5852 or email csb@brooklyn.cuny.edu. To register, contact Dana Burnett 718-613-8138 or Dana.Burnett@nychhc.org. To reserve a table or space to display and distribute materials, and/or have a representative from your organization available to answer questions, contact Maria Marrero at the Brooklyn College Conference Center at 646-340-6891 or marthacase55@yahoo.com.

The annual Albany AIDS Awareness Day will take place on Tuesday, February 23rd! Coordinated by the New York AIDS Coalition (NYAC) hundreds of People Living with HIV/AIDS, AIDS Activists and Community Organizers will be available to educate and convince state legislators to continue and increase support for HIV/AIDS and related services. Register with your borough’s HIV Care Network or contact NYAC@nyaidsc.org /646-744-1597/Fax 212-334-7956. To learn about NYAC visit their website at www.nyaidsccoalition.org , or speak to their new Executive Director Brittany Allen.

Four-Month Career exploration and job readiness PAID Internship at Old Navy and the Gap for 40 young people (ages 16-21) who are in High School, have a GED or are in College. Program begins in February 2010 and includes a full year of follow up services at the end of the internship period. Internship selections will be based on evaluation of performance, time and attendance, and interviews. Weekly sessions include: Career and Life Skills workshops, Gap Supplement Support services as needed including Academic Support/ College Prep, Legal, Counseling, Adolescent Health Clinic. To get involved, contact Monique De La Oz Monique@door.org or 212-941-9090 X3263.

A FREE *Bilingual Helpline on Nursing Homes* in the five boroughs is provided by FRIA, Inc., providing information on nursing homes and offering information to caregivers on how to advocate for their loved ones in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home care. FRIA's trained counselors are available Monday through Friday 10 – 5 at 212-732 4455.

Recently, **the Paul Rapoport Foundation announced that it will “spend down” its assets by 2014**, and has issued new guidelines which will go into effect for their April 1 deadline. “For its final years of grantmaking the Foundation's focus will be on three populations of low or no income: (1) transgender communities of color; (2) LGTBQ youth of color, ages 24 and under; and (3) LGTB seniors of color aged 60 and over. We will give priority to organizations and grant applications that meet our goals for achieving racial and economic equity within the LGTB community, that is, to those organizations and programs that serve a minimum of 50% LGTBQ people of color; and who can demonstrate that the composition of the organization's board and staff strives to reflect these communities in similar proportion.” Learn more at www.paulrapoportfoundation.org/ or be going to their entry on page 12.

Be Smart: Quit Smoking: an 8-session program at Albert Einstein Cancer Center/Montefiore Medical Center, North Division, 600 East 233rd Street in the Bronx. To register or for more information, call 718-430-2697 or e-mail besmartquitsmoking@gmail.com .

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES BY DEADLINE:

January 15 - Indigenous Contemporary Arts Programs, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN <http://www.americanindian.si.edu/icap/> Kathleen Ash-Milby ashmilbyk@si.edu Exhibitions & Publications Program - grants from \$7.5K -\$15K (with 50% match) for nonprofit or education-based organizations to support exhibitions, installations, publications, & critical writing that interpret & present the work of contemporary Native visual artists to the public & encourage dialogue & critical commentary. At least one-half of the proposed project team (artists, authors, curators, etc.) must be Native American or Native Hawaiian. Expressive Arts Program - grants to \$10K to support the creation/presentation of new works for public performance through the collaboration of 2 or more Native artists in music, dance, spoken word, electronic media, costume design, mask making, set design, performance art, photography, painting, and other forms of expressive culture. The award is open to all indigenous peoples who hold citizenship in the Americas. *

January 15 - First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars, LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/Programs/fbmdetail.aspx> 502-992-5432 Grants to \$40K to assist junior, non-tenured religion scholars of color to complete a major research & book project focusing on some issue pertaining to American Christianity that is also related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute. The program seeks to enable scholars to spend an entire academic year devoted to that research project while free of other professional responsibilities. *

January 15 - Champions for Healthy Kids Grant Program, GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx Beth Labrador 800-877-1600 X4821 Fifty \$10K grants for nonprofits, health departments, government agencies, schools & Native American tribes that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

January 15 - Community Action, AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm [319-337-1716 X60](http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm) Grants to \$10K for individuals, AAUW branches/state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education & equity for women & girls.

January 15, & May 15 – Grants for Nonprofits, HAVE IT YOUR WAY FOUNDATION <http://www.bk.com/companyinfo/community/hiywfoundation.aspx> Fax 305-378-7868 Grants for improving education, alleviating hunger, preventing disease & youth programs.

January 15 - Youth Service Mini-Grants, PAY IT FORWARD FOUNDATION <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html> Grants to \$500 for one-time-only service oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school neighborhood, or greater community.

January 15 - Assets for Independence Demonstration Program, US ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES James Gatz 202-401-5284 <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html> \$19M in grants to \$1M w/average of \$350 (50/50 match required) to provide an array of supports/services to enable individuals/families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. Participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training.

January 15 & August 15 – (Letter of Inquiry) Health Program, NATHAN CUMMINGS FOUNDATION <http://www.nathancummings.org/programs/index.html> 212-787-7300/Fax-7377 Grants to \$250K to ensure that all people in the US have access to high quality & affordable health care & live in a healthy environment. Primary objectives include: 1) Health Access; Environmental Health; & 3) Capacity Building.

January 18 –Tapestry Program Annual Science Grant Competition, TOYOTA <http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/> \$550K for 50 grants of \$10K & 20 minigrants to K-12 teachers for innovative science projects that enhance science education in their school and/or district over a one-year period.*

January 19 - Offender Reentry Program: (ORP), US SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-006.aspx William Reyes william.reyes@samhsa.hhs.gov / 240-276-1406 Anticipated \$13M in grants to \$400K annually for up to 3 years to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment & related recovery & reentry services to sentenced juvenile & adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses.

January 28 & May 20 – 2010 Special Projects Fund (Replacing Special opportunities Grants), NEW YORK STATE HEALTH FOUNDATION 212-664-7656/Fax 646-421-6029 http://nyshealthfoundation.org/section/funding/2010_special_projects_fund Grants to \$1M averaging \$250K for one-time, non-renewable funding opportunities outside of the Foundation's priority areas of expanding health insurance coverage, improving the management/prevention of diabetes, & encouraging the integration of substance use & mental health services, but working toward their broad mission of improving the health of NYS residents.

January 29 - Coming Up Taller Awards, PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE ARTS & THE HUMANITIES <http://www.pcah.gov/cut.htm> 202-682-5409 \$10K award to recognize & support outstanding community arts & humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people & provide them with learning opportunities & chances to contribute to their communities.

January 29 – Summer Leadership Program for African American Male College Sophomores, INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP www.i4rc.org/application.htm 202-659-2831. Paid Internship from June 5 to July 31, 2010 in Washington, DC.

January 29 - Summer Education Grants, FUND FOR TEACHERS <http://www.fundforteachers.org/> \$5K grants for educators to design and submit proposals for their own educational adventures next

summer. Eligible projects include tours, conferences, & independent studies anywhere in the world.*

January 30 - 2010 Competition for Music Composition & Visual Arts Fellowships, CINTAS FOUNDATION <http://www.cintasfoundation.org/> Fellowships of \$10K to acknowledge creative accomplishments & encourage excellence by artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba. Eligibility is limited to artists of Cuban citizenship or direct descent (having a Cuban parent or grandparent).

January 1-31 & June 1-30 (Periods when letters of intent will be accepted.) - BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF - formerly the Independence Community Foundation) <http://www.brooklyncommunityfoundation.org/> Stuart Post 718-246-6883 or spost@icfny.org The brand new, first & only community foundation devoted exclusively to the people of Brooklyn was founded on October 1, 2009 to strengthen communities through local giving, grantmaking & community service through the following Fields of Interest:

- Arts for All
- Caring Neighbors
- Community Development
- Education and Youth Achievement
- Green Communities

Grants will generally be under \$25K. BCF will accept only online applications, applicants will provide additional details about the proposed project or program in the Letter of Inquiry (LOI) stage, must select a Field of Interest Fund, and have 30 days to write their full proposal upon acceptance of their LOI. *Micro-Grants will still be available for \$500 or less, & accepted all year around.*

February 1 - 2010 Annual Award, COMMUNITY-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH <http://www.ccpb.info/> 206-666-3406 Recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities & higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, & the overall health of communities. Partnerships must nominate themselves & need not be members.

February 1 - 2010 GBC Awards for Excellence in Business Action on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria, GLOBAL BUSINESS COALITION (GBC) www.gbcimpact.org/awards Casey Levine-Beard awards@gbcimpact.org or 212-584-1651 Awards for business programs (addressing one or more of the diseases) in 6 categories: Workplace, Community Investment, Core Competence, Women & Girls, Performance Measurement & Partnership & Collective Action. *There is a \$350 fee for non-members who wish to apply.*

February 1 - Fellowship Program in Nonprofit Management, ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA Nida Saleem fellowship@isna.net /317-839-8157 www.isna.net/events/Special-Announcement/HRH-Prince-Alwaleed-Bin-Talal-ISNA-Fellowship-Program.aspx Ten Muslim graduate students will receive \$11K per year for tuition & a stipend of \$1K per month for 9 months to study nonprofit management, fundraising, capacity development, & other relevant subjects at the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy or similar institutions of higher education & centers of philanthropic studies. Fellows also serve as interns in the summer or on a part-time basis during the school year with the Islamic Society of North America or another nonprofit organization.

February 1 & August 1 - BARKER WELFARE FOUNDATION www.barkerwelfare.org/ 516-759-5592/Fax-5497 Grant more than \$2M annually primarily to non-profits providing services to youth, families & local cultural institutions in the 5 boroughs. *Letter of intent or call before preparing full proposal.*

February 1 (Letter of inquiry) - Grants for Children, THE MOCKINGBIRD FOUNDATION (PHISH) www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html One-time grants to \$5K for schools & nonprofits for music education particularly for disenfranchised groups.

February 2 - Big Read Program Offers Grants to Support Community Reading Projects, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS & ARTS MIDWEST 612-238-8010/thebigread@artsmidwest.org http://neabigread.org/application_process.php Approximately 75 grants to \$20K (with 1 to 1 match) & access to online training resources, educational & promotional materials, inclusion of the organization & activities on the Big Read Web site for nonprofits to conduct month-long community-wide reads between September 2010 & June 2011. *

February 3 - Creating Healthy Places To Live, Work & Play, NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH www.health.state.ny.us/funding/rfa/0809170456/index.htm Susan Millstein 518-408-5142/slm11@health.state.ny.us \$4.3M in NYS (one each grant of \$225K for Brooklyn, Staten Island, & Queens with additional/optional \$75K for worksite implementation) to establish programs to prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes & other chronic diseases through the implementation of sustainable policy, systems and environmental changes in communities where people live, work & play.

February 5 – Character Education Grant Program, SPRINT FOUNDATION
www.sprint.com/responsibility/education/character/index.html?id8=vanity:educationgrants
Grants to \$5K for individual schools, & to \$25K for school districts to purchase resources that facilitate & encourage character education among K-12 students.

February 5 - New Scholarship Program for Immigrant Families, WESTERN UNION FOUNDATION <http://foundation.westernunion.com/ourProgramsScholarships.html> 303-837-0788 Up to \$5K per family to be used for tuition for college/university education language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy. *

February 5 – Music Matters, MUZAK HEART & SOUL FOUNDATION 800-331-3340 X10512 803-396-3512 <http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx> Grants to \$12K for schools & nonprofits - which already employ a vocal or instrumental music educator - for program needs in particular for programs serving a minimum of 70 percent low-income students. *

February 5 - Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice, FAMILIES USA Melissa Rosenblatt at 202-628-3030 www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/wellstone-fellowship.html One individual will be chosen to serve from August 2010 to July 2011 in Washington, DC receiving a salary of \$38K plus benefits. The fellowship goals are to: 1) To address disparities in access to health care; 2) To inspire Fellows to continue to work for social justice throughout their lives; & 3) To increase the number & racial/ethnic diversity of up-and-coming social justice advocates/leaders.

February 10 (by 2pm) – Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Workforce Development Programs, NYC DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/contracting_opportunities_osy_workforce.shtml
Nearly \$14M per year for up to 6 years for anticipated 25 contracts cost per participant to

\$10K each to provide youth with the skills necessary to build a successful career. A pre-proposal conference will be held on January 15th.

February 10 - Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services (Recovery Community Services Program [RCSP]), SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-010.aspx William Reyes 240-276-1406 Anticipated \$2.2M for 6 grants to \$350K for up to 4 years to help prevent relapse & promote sustained recovery from alcohol & drug use disorders.

February 10 - Public Education Efforts to Increase Solid Organ Donation, US HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Rita Maldonado 301-443-3622 <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=236C2AD1-0BDC-4006-BA37-AB91E96187EA> \$1M in grants to \$200K to support the implementation of public education/ outreach programs that show promise in increasing organ donation.

February 11 (Letter of intent requested by January 11) - Disparities Research & Education Advancing Mission (DREAM) Career Transition Award (K22), NATIONAL CENTER ON MINORITY HEALTH & HEALTH DISPARITIES <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-10-001.html> Prabha Atreya 301-594-8696/Fax 301-480-4049/ atreyapr@mail.nih.gov Anticipated \$1M for 5 grants to \$200K for 2 years to facilitate the transition of early stage investigators working in health disparities or areas that address health disparity conditions and populations from the mentored stage of career development to the independent stage of investigator-initiated health disparities research. *The award may also include a follow-on period of up to 3 years of salary & mentored research support at the candidates current institution or organization or an academic or research grantee institution of the candidate's choice.*

February 11 - Community Reinvestment Program, NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES <https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=298> Theresa Portelli 518-474-1308/ CRPRFP@ocfs.state.ny.us \$4M for 7 grants to \$700K for up to 4 years for the development of a program to provide an alternative to detention & residential placement for youth (ages 11-15) who have been arrested or are in police custody residing in high risk communities in NYC, Long Island & Monroe county. *Bidders Conference on January 29th at 80 Maiden Lane Rooms 2349/2350 2449/2450 in Manhattan – must register to attend by January 15.*

February 12 - 2010 LGBT Scholarships, POINT FOUNDATION www.pointfoundation.org/instructions.html Scholarships to \$33K for students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs with demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills, community involvement, and financial need. *Particular attention is paid to students who have lost the financial and social support of their families and/or communities as a result of revealing their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.**

Next deadline February 15 – National Grant Program, BROADWAY CARES/EQUITY FIGHTS AIDS www.broadwaycares.org Brian O'Donnell odonnell@bcefa.org 212-840-0770 X226/Fax 212-840-0551 *While in the process of reviewing their grant programs, “and in light of their current financial position,” BC/EFA will only accept applications from previous grantees which may receive only one award per year. Currently, three annual programs: 1) Deadline:*

February 15, 2010 - Nationally-Recognized Service & Public Policy Grants from \$10K-25K for a small subset of nationally recognized AIDS service organizations (with budgets over \$12M) as well as a number of organizations doing advocacy & public policy work; 2) Deadline May 17, 2010 for Emergency Assistance Programs; Direct Services; Substance Abuse & Harm Reduction Services, & Quality of Life Programs Grants to \$7.5K, and 3) Last previous deadline December 15, 2009 - Food Service Programs – grants \$5K-\$25K.

February 15 - New Music Performance Fund, Meet the Composer, MARY FLAGLER CARY CHARITABLE TRUST <http://www.meetthecomposer.org/node/1351> 212-645-6949 Grants to \$10K to support new music activity by small-budget (under \$600K annual budget), grassroots, & emerging organizations whose opportunities for composers are a valuable contribution to the total arts community. *

February 15- Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship, US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION www.cdc.gov/PHPS/ 404-498-6120 Paid 3-year training & service fellowship for master's level public health professionals focusing on public health program management. Fellowship provides experience in program planning, implementation, & evaluation through specialized hands-on training & mentorship at the CDC & in state & local health agencies.

February 15 & August 15 – OPEN MEADOWS FOUNDATION www.openmeadows.org/ 718-885-0969 Grants to \$2K for projects that are designed & implemented by women/girls who have limited financial access & reflect the cultural/ethnic diversity of our society. *Applicant agencies must have annual budgets less than \$150K.*

February 15 & September 15 – HYDE & WATSON FOUNDATION 908-753-3700/Fax-0004 <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/hydeandwatson/guide.html> Grants of \$5-\$25K for capital projects in NY & NJ such as hard costs related to purchase or relocation of facilities and/or building improvements, purchase of capital equipment, limited medical research, & other one-time capital needs. Broad fields of focus include education, social services, arts, health, religion, & humanities.

February 16 –Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services, US SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Marsha Baker 240-276-1566 or marsha.baker@samhsa.hhs.gov www.samhsa.gov/grants/2010/ti-10-010.aspx \$2.2M annually for up to 4 years for in grants to \$350K for 3 RCOs - recovery community organizations & 3 FOs - facilitating organizations.

February 16 & October 16 - Building System Capacity for Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention (R34), NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE Lori Ducharme 301-443-2279 <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-105.html> Grants to \$225K for 1st year & no more than \$450K over 3 years to facilitate research on the adoption, implementation, & sustainability of evidence-based clinical treatment practices, prevention approaches, & business practices in community-based service delivery settings. It is intended to foster collaboration between service providers & entities that directly influence their capacity to deliver such practices, including Single State Agencies, other funders, licensing & regulatory bodies, referral sources, educational entities, & other social services agencies that interact with the treatment and prevention systems. Applications are encouraged that will advance the field of implementation science while simultaneously building the capacity of systems & service providers to conduct process improvement research. The overarching goal of this initiative

is to enhance the quality of drug abuse prevention and treatment services through the implementation of evidence-based practices in ways that are likely to have replicable, sustainable, systemic impacts.

February 22 – Get Ur Good On, MILEY CYRUS & YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA
<http://www.ysa.org/grants/announcements/get-ur-good-grants-launched> **100 grants of \$500 for youth (5 to 25) from around the world to support projects that address critical community issues such as poverty, education, & environmental sustainability. ***

February 22, April 20, June 21, August 20, October 20, December, 20; In 2011: February 22, April 20, June 21, August 22, October 20, December 20; In 2012: February 21, April 20, June 20, August 20, & October 22 - Small Grant Program for Conference Support, AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY (AHRQ) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-231.html> 40 grants to \$50K available to support conferences that help to further the AHRQ mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, & effectiveness of health care for all Americans. Eligible for support are conferences for Research development; Research design & methodology; Dissemination & implementation; and/or Research training, infrastructure & career development. *AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that demonstrate strategies that include plans for disseminating complimentary conference materials & products beyond the participants attending the event.*

February 24 - Ethnic Community Self-Help Grant – US OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (ORR) <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ORR-RE-0117.html> Between 3-8 grants to \$125K to connect newcomer refugees & their communities with resources.

February 24 - Supplemental Services for Recently Arrived Refugees Grant, US OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ORR-RU-0113.html Susan Benjamin 202-401-4851 Susan.Benjamin@acf.hhs.gov \$4.8M for up to 22 grants of \$500K for services to arriving refugees or sudden & unexpected large secondary migration of refugees where communities are not sufficiently prepared in terms of linguistic or culturally appropriate services.

February 28 – Literacy & Education, Bear Hugs Foundation, BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/ Grants to \$10K averaging \$2,500 to provide support for children in literacy/education programs such as summer reading, early childhood education, & literacy for children with special needs.

March 1, July 1, & November 15 – Building Healthy Communities Grant Program, HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants> **\$2.5K gift cards for nonprofits, public schools or tax-exempt public service agencies using volunteers to improve the physical health of their community to purchase tools or materials.**

March 1, July 1 & November 1 – NEW YORK FOUNDATION 212-594-8009 www.nyf.org In 2006 gave nearly \$4.5M in grants to \$50K for 3-5 years to CBOs doing advocacy/ community organizing including start-up grants to new, untested programs with few sources of support; Grants

to established institutions for new projects with a high probability of ongoing support in the future; & General support to organizations that meet their guidelines. *Excellent TA provided.*

March 1 (Letter of inquiry) - Health Clinic Opportunity Fund, Caring Communities, KRESGE FOUNDATION www.kresge.org/index.php/what/caring_communities/#fund 248-643-9630 Up to 20 grants to \$150K per year for 2 years to help charitably funded clinics, public health clinics, & those designated federally qualified health center look-alikes sustain or increase their capacity to meet growing demand for their services. *Federally qualified health centers are not eligible to apply.*

March 1 - 2010 Family Planning Services Announcement (Region 2 - New York State, Puerto Rico), US OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SCIENCE Renee Scales 240-453-8822 www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=10456 \$10.5M for NYS available to establish/operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated.*

March 1- Skateparks, TONY HAWK FOUNDATION 760-477-2479 www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/ Grants to \$25K to build skateparks in low-income areas. *

March 1 - Awards for Community & Youth Gardens, MANTIS GARDEN TOOLS <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis-criteria.asp> 25 nonprofit organizations receive a tiller/ cultivator with border/edger & kickstand, and their choice of [gas-powered 2-cycle engine](#) or [electric motor](#) with a value of \$349.

March 5 – Purpose Prize, CIVIC VENTURES <http://www.purposeprize.org/index.cfm> Alexandra Cespedes Kent 415-222-7486 Five \$100K grants for social innovators age 60 or older working to address society’s biggest challenges.

March 13, & June 15 & September 15 - Affiliate Community Grants Program , M·A·C AIDS FUND <http://www.macaidsfund.org/support/grantprogram.html> 212 965-6300/Fax 646 613-6674 Grants to \$50K for direct services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, programs addressing the link between poverty & HIV/AIDS, & HIV prevention. Our goal is to support programs & services that enable individuals to live as independently & fully as possible.

March 14 & Fall – CITIZENS COMMITTEE www.citizensnyc.org/grants.html Saleen Shah or Arif Ullah 212-822-9580 *New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Awards:* Grants to \$3K for volunteer-led projects by grassroots community groups in economically under-resourced neighborhoods that improve & strengthen communities, & that involve neighbors in a meaningful way. *Mollie Parnis Dress up Your School Awards:* Grants to \$3K to support student led projects that beautify schools or neighborhoods immediately surrounding schools.

March 15, June 15, September 15, & December 15 – Seed Grant Program, All Roads Film Project, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/all-roads/seed-grants/> Up to 16 grants annually to \$10K for indigenous & underrepresented minority-culture filmmakers as well as filmmakers who can demonstrate that they have been designated by indigenous or minority communities to tell their story. *

March 15 – APF Visionary & Weiss Grants, AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION www.apa.org/apf/grantguide.html Kim Palmer Rowsome 202-336-5622/ krowsome@apa.org
One-year seed grants to \$20K for innovative research, education, & intervention programs that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas: 1) Understanding/fostering the connection between mental & physical health to ensure well-being; 2) Reducing stigma/prejudice to promote unity & harmony; 3) Understanding/preventing violence to create a safer, more humane world; and 4) Supporting programs that address the long-term psychological needs of individuals & communities in the aftermath of disaster. Additionally, a \$10K Raymond A. & Rosalee G. Weiss Innovative Research & Programs Grant is also available.

March 15 - Energy Conservation Study American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Program, NYS ENERGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Ben Fox 518-862-1090 X3444 <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/0004Announcement.pdf> Grants for the lesser of \$30K or 100% of the cost of the study, or 25% of the annual energy cost of studied buildings (electricity, heating fuel), or vehicle fleets (vehicle fuel) for nonprofits to complete Energy Conservation Studies, which can be used to support applications to upcoming project implementation funding opportunities.

March 16 – COLOMBE FOUNDATION Dini Merz 203-439-0076 <http://www.proteusfund.org/programs/colombe-foundation/guidelines> Grants to support the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, foreign policy that is balanced with diplomacy & prevention rather than dominated by war and aggression, & a shift from military spending to investments in programs that create real national security including environmental protection, alternative energy, education, & human services. *

March 31, June 30, September 30, & December 31 - Youth Athletic Program Grants, FINISH LINE FOUNDATION <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp> Grants to \$5K for organizations focusing on youth athletic programs, specifically, CBOs that address active lifestyles & team building skills for disadvantaged & special needs children.

March 31 - 2010 Tech Awards Nominations, TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION 408-795-6219 <http://techawards.thetech.org/nominate/> Three laureates in each of 5 categories receive \$50K to inspire global engagement in applying technology to humanity's most pressing problems. Categories include health, education, environment, economic development, & equality & awards are available to individuals, organizations, & companies including for-profits from around the world. *

April 1 & October 1 (Letter of intent) - PAUL RAPOPORT FOUNDATION 212- 888-6578 www.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/rapoport/guide.html Grants from \$50K-\$500K, and “For its final years of grantmaking the focus will be on three populations of low or no income: 1) transgender communities of color; 2) LGTBQ youth of color, ages 24 & under; & 3) LGTB seniors of color aged 60 & over giving priority to organizations/grant applications that meet our goals for achieving racial & economic equity within the LGTB community, that is, to those organizations and programs that serve a minimum of 50% LGTBQ people of color; & who can demonstrate that the composition of the organization's board & staff strives to reflect these communities in similar proportion. *The Foundation will no longer fund start up organizations & requests that applicants speak with a staff member about their proposed request before submitting a letter of intent.*

April 1 – Community Service Grants, AMERICAN MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/grants_community.html Alison Pittas 847-

869-5019 X167/apittas@massagefoundation.org Grants to \$5K to provide massage therapy to communities or groups who currently have little or no access to such services.

April 1 (Letter of intent requested by March 2) - Seek, Test, & Treat: Addressing HIV in the Criminal Justice System (R01), US NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-10-017.html> David Burns 301-435-8896/Fax 301-496-8530 Grants to \$500K annually for up to 5 years to reach out to high risk, hard to reach groups who have not been recently tested (seek), engaging them in HIV testing (test), & initiating, monitoring, & maintaining HAART for those testing positive (treat). Researchers are encouraged to develop, implement, & test strategies to increase HIV testing & the provision of HAART to HIV seropositive individuals involved with the criminal justice system, with particular focus on continuity of HAART during & after community re-entry following incarceration.

April 12 - Shade Structure Program, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY
www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html Grants of \$8K for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade & ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas in schools or other nonprofits.

April 12 & August 12 - Grant Program for Large or Recurring Conferences (R13) US AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY Linda Franklin 301-427-1904/Fax-1562
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-257.html#SectionIV> Grants to \$100K over 3 years to support conferences that help to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, & effectiveness of health care for all Americans including: 1) *Research development* - conferences where issues or challenges in the practice & delivery of health care are defined and a research agenda or strategy for studying them is developed; 2) *Research design & methodology* - conferences where methodological & technical issues of major importance to the field of health services research are addressed or new honors individuals who have made significant efforts to promote the full inclusion of youth with disabilities in society. The focus of the efforts may include, but is not limited to, helping to create a culture of inclusion within an organization or community or developing innovative strategies for inclusive programming in school activities, after-school programs, community service, and leadership development.

April 30 - Pierre Toussaint Essay Contest, HAITIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
<http://haitianmemorialfoundation.org/docs/PTWritingContest.pdf> 914-751-3303/Fax-3304
Three prizes totaling \$2K for essays to 1,500 words written by high school students in French or English evoking a solid understanding & appreciation of Toussaint & his achievements.*

April 30 - Unsung Heroes ®, ING 507-931-1682/800-537-4180/ ing@scholarshipamerica.org
www.ingusa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm
Three K-12 educators will receive awards from \$25K-\$5K & 100 will receive \$2K for utilizing new teaching methods/ techniques that improve learning.*

May 7 & January 7 – Meetings, Conferences, & Networks for Research Partnerships to Improve Functional Outcomes, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH Michael Weinrich 301- 402-4201/Fax-0832 <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-207.html> Conference grant (R13/U13) for meeting & networks that facilitate interdisciplinary research partnerships among investigators – creating opportunities for forming strong & effective multi-disciplinary scientific

teams to address basic, translational, or clinical research problems in rehabilitation or management of chronic disease, including mental disorders.

May 15 – Anna Lalor Burdick Program, LALOR FOUNDATION 617-426-7080/Fax-7087
<http://www.lalorfound.org/albguidelines.html> Grants to \$50K to educate young women about human reproduction in order to broaden & enhance their options in life. *

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH NO DEADLINES:

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/funding-guidelines.aspx> Grants for national & local programs for: 1) Safe & vital communities; 2) Economic empowerment; & 3) Tolerance, inclusion & diversity.

Pets & Women's Shelters Program (PAWS), AMERICA HUMANE 703-836-PETS
<http://www.americanhumane.org/human-animal-bond/programs/pets-and-womens-shelters/>
Technical assistance & grants to encourage domestic & family violence emergency housing shelters allow residents to bring their pets with them. *

Caring Attitudes, ARTHUR VINING DAVIS FOUNDATIONS Dr. Jonathan Howe 904-359-0670
<http://www.wavdfdn.org/programs-healthcare.htm> Grants to \$200K for efforts to encourage caring attitudes in the delivery of patient care. Projects should have the potential for widespread practical application & be of interest to other groups.

Letter of Interest, BEN & JERRY'S FOUNDATION 802-846-1543 X7485
www.benjerry.com/company/foundation/success-stories/ Generally give \$1.1M annually in grants to \$15K for grassroots organizations fomenting progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal or environmental problems.

Community Grants Program, BRISTOL MEYERS SQUIBB
http://www.bms.com/responsibility/building_our_communities/apply_for_community_grants/Page/default.aspx Grants for programs/ organizations that improve public health, help children succeed in school, and assist people in communities where employees live & work - in particular, to address unmet medical needs, reduce health disparities, improve education in schools & provide essential services to people in need through community programs.

Healthy Living Grant (*Letter of Inquiry*) CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION
<http://www.charleslafitte.org/applications.html> Small foundation supporting innovative & effective ways for people to help themselves & others around them lead healthy & satisfying lives with in the areas of education, youth advocacy, & medical research.

CIGNA Community Grant, THE CIGNA FOUNDATION
http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/grant_application_details.html
Grants to projects that focus their efforts on priority areas including: 1) the health of women, children & families, 2) obesity awareness & prevention, 3) patient/doctor communications & health literacy, 4) elimination of gender & ethnic disparities with health care, & 5) maintenance of healthy minds/bodies.

Charitable Grants, CITIZENS BANK GRANT FOUNDATION

<http://www.citizensbank.com/community/corporate/grants.aspx> Grants to 1) promote affordable housing; 2) encourage the development of innovative responses to basic human needs; 3) encourage community-based services targeted to low & moderate-income families & individuals; and 4) promote new ways to address issues of economic self-sufficiency.

Children Welfare Grant Program, HECKSCHER FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

www.heckscherfoundation.org/guidelines/grant_guidelines/index.html 212-744-0190/Fax-2761
Grants for program support, capacity-building, capital projects & general operating support.

Monthly on the 15th - Helping Hands Fund, ALL STARS HELPING KIDS <http://adjix.com/ir5d>
Grants to \$3.5K to promote a safe, healthy & rigorous learning environment for disadvantaged children in low-income communities.

JEROME ROBBINS FOUNDATION <http://jeromerobbins.org/> Christopher Pennington 212-367-8956 AIDS-related programs that address the basic adult necessities of life including medication, direct care, shelter, food, & employment training.

Giving, JP MORGAN CHASE

www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community/grants

Contacts for: Manhattan (South of 96th Street) - Jenny Low jenny.low@chase.com; The Bronx/Manhattan (96th Street & North) - Gale Jennings O'Bryne gayle.jenning@jpmorgan.com; Brooklyn/Staten Island - Seth Edwards seth.edwards@chase.com, & for Queens/Long Island - Vinford Mentar vinford.mentar@chase.com Applications require internet access & can be made in the following areas: Community development - addressing issues related to poverty & social exclusion by building economic infrastructure, promoting self-sufficiency, and supporting efforts to narrow social inequities; Education - ensuring that all children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to high quality educational opportunities with a particular focus on K-12 public schools that help them acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive, engaged citizens; and Arts & Culture – increasing community access to rich cultural resources that foster creativity, promote self-expression, celebrate diversity, & strengthen our environment.

KRESGE FOUNDATION <http://www.kresge.org/> 248-643-9630/Fax-0588 Gave grants of nearly \$205M in 2008 primarily in matching funds for capital projects in health, the environment, arts & culture, human services & community development. New Green Building Initiative provides planning grants to advance environmental sustainability, & new & evolving Health & Environmental Programs go way beyond the traditional Kresge challenge grants. *Relief Loan Fund (following) for Human Service Agencies responding to the Effects of the Economic Crisis, & newly implemented Caring Community Grants.*

Bridge Loans, KRESGE FOUNDATION www.kresge.org/index.php/what/community_relief_fund/

Interest free, 24-36 month loans to \$500K for program-related investments to high-performance human service organizations providing food, shelter, & other emergency services including homeless & domestic-violence shelters, safety-net providers, affordable housing & supportive services, legal aid services, emergency assistance providers, & multi-service health and human service organizations are encouraged to apply.

Environmental Medicine Internship for Minority Students, MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Send written request for information to Olivia.ramirez@mssm.edu or Fax 212-996-0407, ATTN: Olivia Ramirez Ten-week training program including \$1700/month plus funds for materials, for students enrolled in a Bachelor's or master's program in the sciences, public health or science writing. Interns will be paired with a faculty mentor and will complete a research project in environmental medicine or public health.

MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION Fax 512-347-1744
www.msdf.org/Grants/Grant_Application/default.aspx Grants to support/initiate programs that directly serve the needs of children living in urban poverty in 5 essential focus areas: education, health, safety, youth development, & early childhood care. *Dell Scholarship Program applications can be submitted November 1-January 15.*

Until March 31, 2014 - Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance, Bureau of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance (BRIA), NY STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY & DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (OTDA) Thomas Keenan 518-402-3022 or thomas.keenan@otda.state.ny.us
For NYC health care providers to administer initial refugee medical screening & immunization services to newly arriving refugees & other eligible populations at a per capita medical screening rate of \$346.39 for two office visits. Applicants must demonstrate appropriate clinical & staffing capacity as well as linkage to refugee resettlement agencies & ancillary care. Applicants must also meet the requirements of NYC Executive Order 120, a citywide policy on language access to ensure the effective delivery of city services to individuals that may have limited-English proficiency.

Letters of Inquiry - Education, Community & Medicine/Health Grants - RGK FOUNDATION www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines#programs 512-474-9298/ Fax -7281
Gave nearly \$9M nationally in 2008 in grants averaging \$25K to nonprofits providing services in the areas of Community, Education & Medicine/Health, more specifically for children & family services, early childhood development, parenting education, after-school educational enrichment programs, promotion of the health & well-being of children, & programs that promote access to health services. Few grants to NYC!

Health Impact Project, ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON & PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS
www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20921 202-540-6012 Up to 15 grants to \$150K (over 24 months) to encourage the use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to help decision-makers better assess proposed policies, projects, & programs with respect to their impact on health so that they may avoid adverse health consequences & costs and improve health. *

ROBIN HOOD FOUNDATION www.robinhood.org/index.cfm 212-227-6601 Grants to \$200K for general/operating support, program development & seed money as well as technical assistance to organizations serving very low income NYC residents in Early Childhood & Youth, Education, Jobs & Economic Security, & Survival.

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE www.pcusa.org/sdop 888-728-7228 X5782/Fax (502) 569-8963 Small committee of Presbyterian Church (though grantees need have no religious affiliation) providing grants internationally to grassroots groups run by the people who benefit from their organizations' work, addressing the impact & structure of historic patterns of oppression, marginalization, racism, & poverty.

Mix It Up Grants – SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp
\$500 grants for youth ages (13 & older) who serve as decision-makers in a project focusing on identifying, crossing & challenging social boundaries in schools & communities.

Shared Planet Youth Action Grants, STARBUCKS FOUNDATION

[www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-](http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22)

[BBF9A860BE884D22](http://www.starbucksfoundation.com/index.cfm?objectid=525D51E7-1D09-317F-BBF9A860BE884D22) Grants to \$25K for organizations that provide young people (6 to 24) with a continuum of service opportunities in social entrepreneurship. *

UNION SQUARE AWARDS - www.unionsquareawards.org/v2/home.asp Grants to \$30K for grassroots organizations in NYC. In spring awards for Arts Organizations working with youth & families in low-income communities in ongoing, innovative, & creative ways, & in the fall for organizations working in the areas of homelessness & hunger; HIV/AIDS prevention, education and treatment; youth leadership & organizing; family & community development; economic self-sufficiency and conflict resolution.

UNITED HEALTHCARE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

http://www.uhccf.org/pdfs/UHCCF_General_Brochure2008.pdf Grants to \$5K to help pay for children's health care services such as speech & physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, & medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, & eyeglasses. Families of children 16 & younger must meet economic guidelines, reside in the US, & be covered by a commercial health benefit plan.

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Hope (HOPE) Grants, US OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html 202-307-5983/F 202-514-6383
Grants of \$5K for grassroots community/faith-based victim service organizations/ coalitions to improve outreach/ services through support of program development, networking, coalition building, development of program literature, training advocates; newsletters, victim outreach efforts, & recruiting volunteers.

Community Needs, WACHOVIA FOUNDATION Deborah Smith 212-214-4390

<https://www.wachovia.com/foundation/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=93b85ef43a0aa110VgnVCM1000004b0d1872RCRD&vgnextfmt=default> Grants to support organizations working to improve communities with low-to moderate-income with the priorities of improving education,

Charitable Giving Grants, WALGREENS

http://diversity.walgreens.com/ourcommunity/corporate_giving.html Grants available to organizations that focus on improving community access to health & wellness, civic & community outreach, & mentoring initiatives. Health is the major area of focus and will receive the largest share of the budget.

** Source found through Foundation Center Website www.fndcenter.org // "HIV/AIDS Grant Opportunities" from the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute provides FREE research/statewide listings as well as email updates. Contact Dr. Kathryn Henningson 518-473-230/ Fax 518-486-6888/ kah15@health.state.ny.us*

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Please contact Randi Baker at 718-388-0028 X122 or rbaker@batf.net, if you have something of interest you would like to share or think should be mentioned here.

As the new year begins, we should be particularly thankful for advocates from very small (underfunded) coalitions and often ‘unsung heroes’ such as Judy Wessler of CPHS (Commission on the Public’s Health System New York City ladyhealth@cphsnyc.org <http://cphsnyc.org/>) and Sean Barry of NYCAHN (New York City AIDS Housing Network barry@nycahn.org <http://nycahn.org/>) who not only make us aware of - in detail - what the issues facing our constituents are, keep us aware of ways in which our voices can be heard, but also explain the issues in a way we can understand! (Use the email addresses listed next to their organizations to join their list-serves, and the websites to learn more about their coalitions, and “the issues.”) Following is recent information from each of them in their own words:

Hospitals in New York State Score Worst on Avoidable Use and Cost of Care Commission on the Public’s Health System New York City. – by Judy Wessler

“(Dec. 5, 2009) Data from a recent Commonwealth Fund report on State Scorecard on Health System Performance was reported in the December 2, 2009, Crain’s Health Pulse Extra. Each state is compared to the other states in two categories in this report: Potentially Avoidable Use of Hospitals and Costs of Care and Healthy Lives. On the avoidable use of hospitals and costs of care, New York is number 50, for the worst record of all states. This category compares statistics in such areas as: hospital admissions for pediatric asthma; ER visits for adults with asthma; Medicare hospital admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions, and more. Under the category of Healthy Lives, New York State ranks much better among all states, number 17. However, in some sub-categories the state still ranks poorly. We rank 28th for mortality amenable to health care; 31st for breast cancer deaths; and 34th for percent of children aged 10-17 who are overweight or obese. Not a good picture.”

“The full report is available at <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Publications/Fund-Reports/2009/Oct/2009-State-Scorecard.aspx> . A summary of the NYS data is available at <http://www.crainsnewyork.com/assets/pdf/CN677571124.PDF> .

From Sean Barry: “NYCAHN/VOCAL is working with Citizen Action, Demos and progressive elected officials such as Senator Schneiderman, Assembly Member Espailat and Council Member Jackson to change the way prisoners are counted for the purpose of electoral redistricting in New York.”

" ‘Prison-based gerrymandering’ undermines our democracy by inflating the power of upstate electoral districts containing prisons while diluting the power of neighborhoods and districts where prison inmates come from. While nearly all prison beds are located upstate, 66% of prison inmates come from New York City. Elected officials who benefit from mass incarceration have no interest in considering alternatives, including drug policy reform.”

“Ending prison-based gerrymandering has the potential to transform the state legislature, and the Senate in particular, into being much more progressive and reflective of the interests of low-income and working class communities. According to an analysis by Prisoners of the Census, seven Senate districts in New York would have to be redrawn if we counted prison inmates in their home communities instead of where they are incarcerated.”

NYCAHN leader Ramon Velasquez recently participated in a press conference after City Council passed a resolution calling for this practice to end. Copied below is an article from the Amsterdam News. We hope to release a fact sheet on why ending prison-based gerrymandering is important for HIV/AIDS and drug policy reform policies in New York soon. For more information, check out the excellent resources available from our colleagues at Prisoners of the Census online at <http://www.prisonersofthecensus.org/newyork.html>.”

Prisoners will count

By STEPHON JOHNSON

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“This bill is about justice,” said New York State Sen. Eric Schneiderman on Monday at City Hall. “This bill is something I’ve been working on for quite a while.”

“Joined by Council members Robert Jackson, Ydanis Rodriguez, Larry Seabrook and Debi Rose, Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat and others, Schneiderman spoke of a resolution passed by the Civil Rights Committee that calls on Albany to amend the Election Law so prisoners are counted as residents of the county they resided in prior to incarceration and not the county of the prison they’re in on the Census. The bill will eventually go to a vote on the City Council floor.

According to Schneiderman, the United States as a whole has 2.4 million people in prison, which means even though the country has 5 percent of the world’s population, it has 25 percent of the world’s prison population. “America went to a policy of mass incarceration as a way to make us feel better,” he said. “This is a disaster for many reasons. It doesn’t reduce crime [and] it results in 700,000 people a year being dumped into poor communities all across America with poor job prospects and no support services.” This, according to Schneiderman, brings about massive benefits for the rural and small towns that prisons usually call home and leaves the poor urban areas of major cities, where many prisoners come from, in the dust.

The argument brought forth by the resolution states that counting voters as residents of counties where they’re imprisoned creates a huge population shift from the urban to rural areas of New York, which results in more funding for said rural areas, more seats in the State Assembly and more seats in the State Senate. Jackson broke things down for everyone in the room.

“If you look at New York as a prison system, you have approximately 65,000 prisoners. Where do the majority of them come from? The urban areas—mainly New York City,” Jackson stated. “Once they’re not incarcerated anymore, where do they go? They come back to the neighborhoods they have had resided in.” Jackson also emphasized that unless it’s an emergency, most prisoners don’t use the town facilities and therefore shouldn’t be counted as citizens. “In prison, they don’t go to the community centers up there to play basketball or to play soccer. They don’t use the parks up there,” he said. “They may clean them, but they don’t use them. They don’t use the schools up there. They don’t use any of the facilities up there except possibly one. If there’s an emergency medical procedure, they may have to go to the hospital.”

‘Everything [else] is done within the prison,’ said Jackson. “So the funding from the government needs to come to the areas where it’s needed most, from which they come and where they’re going to return.”

This resolution comes off of the recently published Prison Policy Initiative Census Project study, which can be found online. In the study, 76 percent of New York State’s prison population comes from New York City and seven State senatorial districts meet the minimum population size requirements only if they count the prisoners as residents. “It really was mechanically done, in my view, to maintain the Republican majority in the Senate,” said Schneiderman.

It’s something that Ramon Velasquez, member of the New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN) agrees with and doesn’t appreciate. “As someone who was incarcerated upstate for many years, it’s not fair that I was counted in towns where I had no rights instead of where I was from,” said Velasquez. “The people there didn’t care about those of us in the

prison.” Schneiderman believes that this policy of gerrymandering in New York State is just another reflection of past practices from America’s early years.

“This has been compared to the ‘three-fifths’ clause in the Constitution where slaves were counted as three-fifths of a person for reapportionment,” said Schneiderman. “If our bill passes, New York will become the first state in country to use the information we already have. It’s in the court files. Count them [the prisoners], return the voting power, return the economic power and return justice to the communities.” It’s that very power where many see the true battle of prison gerrymandering.

Jackson stated such and didn’t sugarcoat the advantage that the Democrats have as a reason to act immediately. “We have a Democratic governor from New York City. If the legislature passes it, he knows the impact [it will have] so he will sign it,” Jackson said. ‘This is the first opportunity where the state Senate is in Democratic control. So you don’t have, in essence, that steel roadblock that will make sure it never hits the floor in the Senate.’

The prison industrial complex has been at the center of the culture wars of the late 20th century and early 21st century. It’s the story that, locally, has been at the center of many battles between New York City and the rural areas upstate. It’s a story that Seabrook has seen too many times and is looking forward to its ending very soon.

‘We’ve been dealing with this every 10 years and I’ve been in capacity for almost 30,” said Seabrook. “And we’ve been doing the same bills telling people they should be in front of this. This is not a new thing, it’s just that we dust it off every time the people don’t want to deal with it because it’s a money issue and it’s an issue of representation.’ ”

COBRA Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Extended *(from the Bronx Health Link)*

“The United Hospital Fund is trying to spread the word that new legislation has extended the federal COBRA premium subsidy program which pays 65 percent of the COBRA health insurance premiums for laid-off workers. The benefit had been scheduled to lapse on December 31. The extension provides relief in three important ways:

- * The original nine-month subsidy period in the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (for laid-off workers who maintain employer-sponsored coverage under federal COBRA and state continuation laws) has been extended to 15 months. This means that workers who enrolled in the program when it began in March 2009—and all subsequent enrollees—are now entitled to 15 months of premium subsidies, instead of nine months.

- * Most immediately, special transition rules grant new rights for two categories of employees who were caught up in the expiration. First, those employees who allowed their COBRA coverage to lapse because they lost subsidies as of November 30, 2009, will have a new right to reenroll in COBRA and take advantage of the ongoing premium subsidy by making retroactive payments towards the premium owed, based on their former 35 percent payment. Second, employees who paid the full premium for COBRA coverage after their subsidy lapsed will be entitled to a refund or credit that reflects the subsidy. Affected workers are entitled to notice of these new rights and have until February 19, 2010, or 30 days after they receive the notice—whichever is later—to exercise their rights to extend the subsidy period or reenroll in COBRA.

- * Congress also approved a two-month extension of the eligibility period for program participation, which previously applied only to those who enrolled in COBRA prior to January 1, 2010, as a result of job loss. Now, anyone who becomes COBRA-eligible as a result of job loss prior to February 28, 2010, may obtain the subsidy, even if their COBRA enrollment occurs after that date. Since COBRA enrollment often lags behind job loss, this extension also provides subsidy eligibility to those who lost their jobs in November or December, but were not yet enrolled in COBRA by January 2010.

“This will be welcome news to many New Yorkers who have been struggling with the decision to risk going without insurance coverage because of the loss of this important subsidy,” says Peter

Newell, co-director of the United Hospital Fund's Health Insurance Project. 'Taken together, these changes are intended to affect a seamless extension of COBRA subsidies from nine to 15 months and to include people who continue to lose jobs up through the end of February.'

Additional information can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor website: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/cobra.html>."

People Living in Poorer Neighborhoods at Increased Risk for Death, Worse Health Risks
American Association for Cancer Research (*from the Bronx Health Link*)
www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-12/aafc-pli120109.php

“(Dec. 8, 2009) Regardless of an individual's dietary and lifestyle risk factors, living in a poorer or more socioeconomically deprived neighborhood may increase a person's risk for death, according to data presented at the American Association for Cancer Research Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research, held Dec. 6-9, 2009.

Researchers conducted the NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study and found that people living in poorer neighborhoods, as determined by U.S. Census data, reported higher health risks, including heart disease and cancer, and were more likely to die sooner regardless of lifestyle and other risk factors.

‘We were expecting that once we controlled for these lifestyle and medical risk factors, the differences would go away,’ said Chyke Doubeni, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of family medicine and community health and assistant vice provost for diversity at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. "We weren't surprised by the unadjusted differences, but we were surprised that the differences persisted after controlling for lifestyle factors such as smoking, diet, exercise and medical risks." Previous data have demonstrated that people from lower socioeconomic groups have poorer health outcomes. Doubeni and colleagues prospectively evaluated whether people living in more deprived neighborhoods have a higher mortality risk....