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MARYLAND 4-H UPDATES

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Upcoming Events

Jan 18, 2007 - Jan 21, 2007
Horse World Expo
Volunteers Staff 4-H Horse Program Booth
Location: Timonium, MD
Contact: Kristen Wilson
301-596-9478

Jan 20, 2007
4-H Camp Directors Inservice
Location: Patuxent River 4-H Center
Contact: Denise Frebertshauser
301-314-7819

We hope you enjoy this issue of Updates. For more information about the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program, visit our website:

Find Your Treasure in 4-H!

Teens from across the state are invited to ***Find Your Treasure in 4-H!*** The State 4-H Teen Focus Conference will be held June 19-21 at the University of Maryland College Park. Check out the Teen Focus promotional video on the Maryland 4-H website: (<http://www.maryland4h.org>). (PLEASE NOTE: This video can only be viewed in Internet Explorer [IE]; it will not play if you are using Netscape.) Each county, Baltimore City, and Maryland 4-H military partners will receive a copy of the video on DVD within the next week. Printed promotional materials and the registration website will be available in early March. Registration opens March 15 and ends May 15. Spread the word. This year's conference promises to top all the rest!

The Maryland State 4-H Teen Awards and Recognition Dinner will be held at the conference on Tuesday night, June 19th. Details to follow after the selection of the final 2007 out-of-state trip winners.

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2007 ESRI GIS Grant Program for U.S. 4-H

Application Period: January 1-February 28, 2007

ESRI, in cooperation with National 4-H Headquarters and Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)/U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),

Jan 24, 2007

Volunteer Curriculum Committee In-service

Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Location: Howard County Fairgrounds
Contact: Lisa Dennis
410-651-1350

Jan 31, 2007

Human Sciences In-Service Training

Snow Date: 02/07/2007
Time: 9:30a.m.-3:00p.m.
Location: Maryland 4-H Center
Contact: Sandy Corridon
301-694-1594

Feb 1, 2007

Maryland Ag Dinner

Location: Glen Burnie
Contact: Dick Byrne
301-314-7829

Feb 3, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

Interview judges will be given a set of questions in the area of citizenship, leadership or life skills that they will ask each candidate. Interview lasts about 10-12 minutes with several minutes in between to do scoring.

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Westminster
Contact: Cynthia Warner
410-638-3255

Feb 6, 2007

MCE Volunteer Training - CHANGE OF DATE

MCE Volunteer Training original schedule for Feb. 1st has been changed to 2/6/07
Time: 1pm - 3 pm
Location: Garrett Co. Extension Meeting Room
Contact: Wanda Guard
301-334-6960

Feb 9, 2007

Dog Bowl Questions Due

In 2007, for each county participating in the state contest, must submit 50 questions per team per age level. QUESTIONS ARE DUE February 9th. Questions must be in MSExcel format using the provided file MD 4H Dog Bowl_County Question Entry and must be s
Contact: Stacey Hofmann
410.822.1244

Feb 10, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

Interview judges will be given a set of questions in the area of citizenship,

and American Forests announces two 2006 ESRI GIS Grants for U.S. 4-H to support its geospatial outreach, education, and community involvement efforts. The goal of this program is to foster and support the integration of geographic information system (GIS) software in U.S. 4-H clubs.

Grant categories include an introductory grant for 4-H clubs new to GIS and an intermediate grant for those 4-H clubs that received previous ESRI 4-H grants and completed the grant requirements.

Eligible Applicants: A U.S. 4-H community or in-school club, 4-H after-school program, 4-H special interest group, 4-H school enrichment group, 4-H camp, or similar 4-H unit that meets regularly and is recognized as an authorized 4-H group within its state's 4-H program.

Application guidelines for this grant are accessible at http://www.esri.com/grants/esri/2007_4h.html. For additional information, please contact Esther Worker at eworker@esri.com.

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2007 4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Awards Program

Information about the 4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Awards program: This awards program provides 5 \$15,000 awards annually to outstanding 4-H programs that significantly reach disadvantaged families especially in rural areas. 2007 will be the third year that we will be providing these awards through the generous contributions of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The application form for the 2007 awards is now on the National 4-H Council website under programs. We have made one significant change this year. The definition of rural has been changed to include communities up to 50,000. We believe that there are many good programs across the country that were not being recognized because of our former definition. As in the past, these programs must first be a Program of Distinction through National 4-H Headquarters. Dr. Suzanne LeMenestrel continues to provide strong leadership to the POD process. The application deadline for the award is June 1, 2007.

I am also pleased to share that I have a new co-worker at National 4-H Council assisting with this program. Gregg Tabachow recently joined our staff and also attended NAE4-HA in Milwaukee. Therefore, he too is able to answer questions or share ideas regarding this program. Gregg can be reached at gtabachow@fourhcouncil.edu.

We are pleased to share that the 4-H Inaugural Distinguished Family Strengthening Lecture given by Dr. Stephen Small from the University of Wisconsin-Madison is now on the National 4-H Council website and can be viewed

leadership or life skills that they will ask each candidate. Interview lasts about 10-12 minutes with several minutes in between to do scoring.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Queenstown

Contact: April Hall

410-996-5280

Feb 11, 2007

State 4-H Teen Council Meeting

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Kendra Wells

301-314-7317

Feb 11, 2007

4-H Foundation Board Meeting

Location: Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis

Contact: Quyen Tran

301-314-7835

Feb 13, 2007

Out of State 4-H Trip Interview

Interview judges will be given a set of questions in the area of citizenship, leadership or life skills that they will ask each candidate. Interview lasts about 10-12 minutes with several minutes in between to do scoring.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: Alga Piechocinski

301-590-2804

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4-H Day in Annapolis

To download the Flyer, go to the URL listed below and click on 2007, then February 19th.

Location: Senate Office Building

Contact: Cynthia Warner

410-638-3255

by you or any of your staff or volunteers. The lecture focuses on effective programming within the extension service especially as it relates to youth and families. The link to the site is

<http://fourhcouncil.edu/4HFamiliesProgram.aspx>. We also have additional copies of the DVD of the lecture which you can receive by contacting Gregg.

Because the winners of this award are asked to share their program information with others throughout the system, I am providing this [LINK](#) to a one page document about our 2006 winners. Please feel free to contact any of them for ideas and suggestions regarding their programs.

In a recent issue of Family Economic News, Jim Terry from CSREES shared a document on Rural America at a Glance—2006 Edition. This document has a wealth of information about rural populations and issues relating to rural families. You might find this helpful as you work with potential applicants for this awards program. The site for the document is

www.ers.usda.gov/publications/eib18/eib18.pdf.

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Youth Today's Grants E-Blast

Week of Jan. 8, 2007

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* Denotes grants added since our last e-mail to you.

Afterschool

Grant: Coming Up Taller Awards – For in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for young people, including programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses and eligible government entities.

Funder: President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, units of state or local government or federally recognized tribal communities or tribes that operate programs for children and youth outside of the school day. Pre-school, after-school, weekend and/or summer programs may have a school-based component or use school space. Multi-site initiatives that meet the eligibility criteria also are eligible.

Deadline: Jan. 31.

Amount: Each award recipient will receive a \$10,000 award and a plaque at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Contact: www.cominguptaller.org/downloads/2007CUTApplication.pdf

Child Welfare

***Grant:** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Grants – New funds for CASA/Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) programs applying in the categories of New Program Development, Program Expansion and Diversity Implementation. In general, grants must increase the number of CASA volunteers or volunteer guardians ad litem advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are the subjects of civil child abuse proceedings. Funder: National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association administers funding provided by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Eligibility: CASA/GAL programs (consult program announcement for specific eligibility requirements).

Deadline: March 2.

Amount: As many as 75 grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000 each (depending on the category) are available.

Contact: www.casenet.org/download/ncasaa-grants/0611_07_announcement_0062.pdf

Civic Engagement

***Grant:** The Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community – Awards for up to 10 high school seniors each year in recognition of exemplary service and community involvement. Funder: The Hitachi Foundation.

Eligibility: High school seniors can be nominated.

Deadline: April 2.

Amount: \$5,000 over two years.

Contact: www.hitachifoundation.org/faqs_yoshi.html

Grant: Youth Organized for Disaster Action – Grants to schools to organize youth teams that connect disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to their classroom curriculum.

Funder: Institution for Global Action and Service-Learning.

Eligibility: Schools in Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Deadline: Jan. 31.

Amount: Maximum award of \$5,000 for the first year and \$10,000 for the next two. Contact: www.igesl.org/html/yoda_mini_grants.html

Grant: Disney Minnie Grants – For youth ages 5-14 to plan and implement service projects in their communities.

Funder: Youth Service America and Disney.

Eligibility: Youth, teachers, older youth (ages 15 to 25), youth leaders and youth-serving organizations.

Deadline: Jan. 24.

Amount: \$500.

Contact: www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable

Grant: Pay It Forward Mini-Grants – For one-time youth-identified service projects that benefit their schools, neighborhoods or greater communities. Projects must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with ever-expanding results.

Funder: Pay It Forward Foundation.

Eligibility: Schools, churches and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor). Youths or adults may write the application.

Deadline: April 15, Oct. 15 and Jan. 15 of each year.

Amount: \$500.

Contact: <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

Education

Grant: Interdisciplinary Centers – Five-year grants to up to 42 entities designated as University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service to provide interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education of students and fellows, community services, research and dissemination of information. The centers are interdisciplinary education, research and public service units of universities, or public nonprofit entities associated with universities, that address issues such as quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and other services.

Funder: U.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, public, private and state higher education institutions.

Deadline: Feb. 12.

Amount: 42 grants totaling \$21 million.

Contact: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ADD-DD-0096.html

Grant: School Nutrition Certification – State assistance to implement mandatory direct certification, optional direct verification and other procedures to certify and verify students' eligibility to receive free and reduced price meal benefits in the breakfast and lunch school nutrition programs. Specifically, funding should facilitate the development of new procedures that improve accuracy and access to benefits, and reduce paperwork. Funder: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

Eligibility: State agencies – or consortia – that administer school nutrition programs.

Deadline: Jan. 31.

Amount: \$9 million.

Contact: www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Grants/FY2007Application.pdf

Grant: Lowe's Toolbox for Education – Grants for grass-roots community and school projects in the communities where Lowe's does business.

Funder: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF).
Eligibility: Schools and school parent-teacher groups.
Deadline: Feb. 1.
Amount: The requested grant amount must be between \$2,000 and \$5,000.
Contact: www.toolboxforeducation.com

Grant: Special Projects in the Humanities – Supports public humanities public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences or symposia that take place at diverse venues, including community centers, places of worship, 4-H clubs, neighborhoods, parks, visitor centers, workplaces, state fairs or in fields under tents, and in front of audiences that include youth. Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities.
Eligibility: Nonprofits, state and local governments, and tribal governments.
Deadline: Jan. 23.
Amount: Up to \$300,000 for 24- to 36-month projects.
Contact: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html#program

Grant: ING Unsung Heroes® – Awards for innovative classroom projects.
Funder: ING.
Eligibility: All full-time K-12 education professionals or classified staff who are employed by an accredited U.S. K-12 public or private school located in the United States.
Deadline: April 30.
Amount: 100 finalists will receive an award of \$2,000. Of the 100 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards: first place, \$25,000; second place, \$10,000; and the third place, \$5,000.
Contact: www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/communityconnections/ineducation/unsungheroes/index.htm

Grant: Thinkquest International 2007 – Invites students and teachers to take part in collaborative projects to promote cross-cultural learning by encouraging youths to team with peers in other regions to build educational websites.
Funder: Oracle Education Foundation.
Eligibility: Youths ages of 9 to 19 and their teacher-coaches.
Deadline: April 16.
Amount: Laptops and \$1,000 school grants for the top 10 teams in each age division, travel to the ThinkQuest Live event for the top three teams in each division, and digital cameras for the team that receives the Global Perspectives Award. Contact: www.thinkquest.org

Health

Grant: Distance Learning – Support for the development, implementation, creative use, application and evaluation of distance-education opportunities for maternal and child health professionals. Funder: U.S. Health Resources and

Services Administration.

Eligibility: Public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning.

Deadline: Feb. 2. Amount: \$500,000 for five awards.

Contact: [https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?](https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=B4AA6956-5259-4329-9310-3A64112E372D)

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Grant: Religiosity and Spirituality Influence on Health Risk Behaviors in Children and Adolescents – Research grants to examine the way in which religious and spiritual beliefs develop and are transmitted across generations, and whether and how these beliefs influence early sexual behaviors, alcohol or other drug use, and other factors that facilitate the transmission of HIV in children and adolescents.

Funder: National Institutes of Health.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits, faith-based organizations and others.

Deadlines: Feb. 5, June 5 and Oct. 5.

Amount: Varies.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-401.html>

Grant: Early Child Care and Youth Development Research – Funding to encourage scientists in the U.S. and internationally to study questions about family, child care, school and child development through analyses of data sets from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Early Child Care and Youth Development study.

Funder: National Institutes of Health.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits, among others.

Deadline: Varies.

Amount: Individual grants of \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-093.html>

Grant: Champions for Healthy Kids – Grants to develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle.

Funder: General Mills Foundation. Eligibility:

Community-based nonprofits.

Deadline: Feb. 1.

Amount: 50 grants of \$10,000. Contact:

www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx

Grant: Mental Disorders in Children and Adolescents – For research on the early identification and treatment of mental disorders in children and adolescents, including schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder, bipolar disorder, depressive disorders, anorexia nervosa and obsessive-compulsive disorder, either alone or combined with other mental or substance abuse disorders. Funder: U.S. NIH.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits, among others.

Deadline: Feb. 5

Amount: Varies.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-442.html>

Grant: Child Health – The Community Access to Child Health implementation funds – Support pediatricians in the initial stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative. Priority will be given to projects serving communities with the greatest demonstrated health care access needs and health disparities. Strong collaborative community partnerships and future sustainability of the project are encouraged. Funder: American Academy of Pediatrics.

Eligibility: Pediatricians and pediatric residents.

Deadline: Jan. 31.

Amount: \$10,000 grant.

Contact: www.aap.org/catch/2007CIFGuidelines.pdf

Juvenile Justice

Grant: Tribal Youth Program – To prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth, including addressing the chronic under-funding of tribal justice systems, the lack of access to law enforcement and justice personnel training, and the shortage of comprehensive programs that focus on prevention, intervention and appropriate sanctioning. Funder: U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.

Eligibility: Native American tribal governments (federally recognized).

Deadline: Jan. 24.

Amount: Up to \$1.2 million for four awards of no more than \$300,000 each.

Contact: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/TYP.pdf>

Grant: Tribal Juvenile Accountability Grants – To assist federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities with the development and implementation of programs that hold AI/AN youth accountable for delinquent behavior and strengthen tribal juvenile justice systems. Funder: U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.

Eligibility: Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments).

Deadline: Jan 31. Amount: Up to \$1.4 million for 26 awards of up to \$300,000 each.

Contact: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/TYPJADG.pdf>

Grant: Preventing Rape in Correctional Facilities – Support for outcome evaluations of programs or technologies that can prevent sexual violence in correctional confinement facilities, including evaluations of programs in male and female prisons, jails and juvenile facilities. Funder: National Institute of Justice. Eligibility: States, local governments (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments)

that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofits, for-profits, institutions of higher education and qualified individuals.

Deadline: Jan. 23.

Amount: \$1 million is available for up to four awards.

Contact: Andrew L. Goldberg (202) 307-1135 or

Andrew.Goldberg@usdoj.gov, and online at

www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/

[nij/si000777.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/si000777.pdf)

Grant: State Justice Institute – Funds state and local courts, nonprofits and others to improve the quality of justice, including juvenile justice, in the United States.

Funder: State Justice Institute. Eligibility: State and local courts and national nonprofits.

Deadline: Most grant categories have rolling deadlines.

Amount: \$2 million to \$4.5 million.

Contact: www.statejustice.org

Mental Health

Grant: Effectiveness, Practice and Implementation Children's Mental Health Services – For researching the services delivered to children, adolescents and their families through the Center for Mental Health Services's Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families program. Research can include the effectiveness of interventions delivered at these sites, the nature and impact of routine prevention or clinical practice, and factors related to successful implementation of preventive or treatment interventions. Funder: National Institute of Mental Health, among others.

Eligibility: For-profits, nonprofits, public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories, units of government, federal agencies, faith-based and community organizations and tribal agencies and organizations.

Deadline: Feb. 5.

Amount: Varies.

Contact: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-526.html)

[pa-files/PA-06-526.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-526.html)

Grant: Statewide Family Network Grants – Aim to orient state capacity and infrastructure to the needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

Funder: U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Eligibility: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including faith-based entities, tribal family organizations and currently funded Statewide Family Network grantees that are family-controlled organizations.

Deadline: Jan. 31.

Amount: \$1.4 million for 21 awards.

Contact: [www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/sm_07_001.aspx)

[Grants/2007/sm_07_001.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/sm_07_001.aspx)

Parenting

Grant: Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) - State seed grants to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when the biological parents are unable to do so.

Funder: The Brookdale Foundation.

Eligibility: Public state agencies that can generate new relative caregiver activities, locally and statewide, for grandparents or other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting.

Deadline: Feb. 8 (state proposals).

Amount: Up to five state agencies may each receive a \$10,000 seed grant, which must be matched in cash or in kind.

Contact: www.brookdalefoundation.org/relativesasparents.htm

Recreation

Grant: Saucony Run For Good – To encourage healthy behaviors among youth by initiating running programs.

Funder: Stride Rite Corp.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: March 30. Amount: Up to \$10,000.

Contact: www.sauconyrunforgood.com

Grant: GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards – To recognize teams that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity.

Funder: Women's Sports Foundation and corporate sponsors.

Eligibility: Schools, and amateur, community and/or nonprofit-affiliated teams whose members are female, are enrolled in 9th-12th grade and are residents of the United States, its territories or protectorates.

Deadline: Feb. 16. Amount: A total of \$50,000 in grants to 20 teams. Contact:

www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=34

Grant: Early Childhood Care and Education Grants – Direct service support to organizations throughout the contiguous United States, with a priority for projects operated by experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income, major urban areas, where families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Grants pay for tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction and staff development.

Funder: Rosie's For All Kids Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: Open for letters of intent.

Amount: \$15,000-\$30,000.

Contact: www.forallkids.org (and click Early Education)

Safety

***Grant:** Community-Police Partnership Awards – Support innovative partnerships between community groups and

police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Applications are invited for two categories: Neighborhood Revitalization (community group/police partnerships that reduce crime and improve economic development) and Special Strategy (community group/police partnerships that yield significant outcomes in certain areas, including youth safety).

Funder: MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corp.

Eligibility: Community organizations, community development corporations, police departments, community partnerships, weed and seed programs, and collaborations. Public agencies (including police departments and public schools) must apply in conjunction with at least one nonprofit to serve as the fiscal agent.

Deadline: Feb. 23.

Amount: Six revitalization awards of \$10,000 to \$25,000 each; and five special strategy awards of \$15,000 each.

Contact: www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec1/safety/awards

Grant: Rural Domestic Violence – Funding to enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child victimization by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. Funder: U.S. Office of Violence Against Women (OVW).

Eligibility: State, county, city or township governments, nonprofits, and state and local courts (including juvenile courts).

Deadline: Feb. 15. Amount: A total of 70 awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$900,000. Contact:

www.usdoj.gov/ovw/currentsolicitations.htm

Grant: Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange – Grants for communities to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

Funder: Office of Violence Against Women.

Eligibility: Native American tribal governments, county governments, city or township governments, and state governments.

Deadline: Feb. 13. Amount: \$14 million for 35 awards.

Contact: <http://usdoj.gov/ovw/currentsolicitations.htm>

Grant: Action Partnerships – Funding to advance victims' rights and services by forming partnerships among the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, the victim services field, and membership and professional organizations through training, public awareness and education, and promoting a collaborative response to victims of stalking, domestic and dating violence, and child abuse.

Funder: U.S. Office of Victims of Crime.

Eligibility: National nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Jan. 24. Amount: \$75,000 to each of five organizations.

Contact: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/dakit.htm.

Substance Abuse

***Grant:** Targeted Capacity Expansion for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services – To enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and/or outreach and pretreatment services in conjunction with HIV/AIDS services in African-American, Latino/Hispanic and/or other racial or ethnic communities impacted by substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Applicants must target certain high-risk substance abusing populations, including women and their children, adolescents aged 12-17 and individuals recently released from prison or jail. Funder: U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Eligibility: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities.

Deadline: Feb. 28.

Amount: A total of 65 awards (\$500,000 each for treatment services and \$400,000 for outreach and pre-treatment services).

Contact: www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/TI_07_004.pdf

Grant: Preventing High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students – To develop or enhance, implement and evaluate campus- and community-based strategies to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students. Funder: U.S. Department of Education.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education or consortia, and public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations and individuals.

Deadline: Feb. 5.

Amount: 18 awards averaging \$125,000.

Contact: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/E6-21987.htm>

Grant: Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants – To share knowledge about practices within the mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment fields and to integrate that knowledge into real-world practice.

Funder: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits. **Deadline:** Jan. 31.

Amount: \$50,000 for a 12-month project period.

Contact: www.samhsa.gov/Grants/conference/PA_06_001_Conference.aspx

Violence

Grant: Social Science Research on Emerging Issues in Forensic Science – To investigate questions related to forensic science's impact on the criminal justice system, including questions related to collections of adult and juvenile DNA.

Funder: National Institute of Justice.

Eligibility: States, local governments (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofits, for-profits, institutions of higher education and qualified individuals.

Deadline: Jan 23. Amount: \$2 million.

Contact: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sI000784.pdf

Grant: Crime and Justice Research – For social and behavioral research on and evaluations related to crime and justice topics relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice.

Funder: National Institute of Justice.

Eligibility: States, local governments, Indian tribal governments (that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofits, for-profits, educational institutions and individuals.

Deadline: Jan. 23.

Amount: \$2 million for grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$400,000.

Contact: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sI000765.pdf

Grant: Maximizing Protective Factors for Youth Violence – To conduct secondary analyses of existing data to identify potentially modifiable protective factors to prevent youth violence. Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eligibility: Individuals with prior violence research experience whose work has been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Deadline: Jan. 26 (letters of intent); Feb. 28 (final proposals). Amount: Up to \$400,000 for two awards.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CE-07-003.html>

Grant: Risk and Protective Factors for Sexual Violence and the Overlap with Bullying Behavior – To explore the association between bullying experiences and co-occurring and subsequent sexual violence perpetration, and to test associations between these forms of violence and shared risk and protective factors.

Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits, for-profits, educational institutions and others.

Deadline: Feb. 21.

Amount: \$600,000 for two awards.

Contact: <http://cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE07-005.htm>.

Grant: Weed and Seed Communities – Funds for projects to weed out criminal behavior, seed in neighborhood restoration services and address persistent gang activity, drug abuse and violent crime.

Funder: U.S. Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office.

Eligibility: Any urban, rural or Indian tribe and tribal community with a persistent high level of serious violent crime that has not been previously funded under the program.

Deadline: Jan. 31 for final proposals.

Amount: Each five-year grant totals up to \$1 million.

Contact: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/2007guideIn.pdf

Grant: Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence: From Adolescence to Late Adulthood – To research the impact of such crimes against women.

Funder: National Institute of Justice.

Eligibility: States (including territories), local governments (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and qualified individuals.

Deadline: Jan. 30. Amount: \$750,000 for a total of two to three awards. Contact: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sI000768.pdf

Youth Development

***Grant:** RGK Foundation – Grants for community, education and health projects, including human services, community improvement, abuse prevention and youth development/educational enrichment programs.

Funder: RGK Foundation. Eligibility: Nonprofits must first submit letters of inquiry.

Deadline: Open.

Amount: Under \$25,000 each.

Contact: www.rgkfoundation.org

Grant: PeyBack Foundation – Grants to provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk, with particular emphasis on programs in Indiana, Tennessee and New Orleans.

Funder: PeyBack Foundation, formed by football player Peyton Manning. Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: Feb. 1.

Amount: No more than \$20,000.

Contact: www.peytonmanning.com/DownloadableContent/app.pdf

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World Pen Pals

Please make your 4-Hers aware of a great opportunity to make friends around the world. Those who enjoy writing and receiving letters will find this activity interesting and fun.

"World Pen Pals promotes international friendship and cultural understanding through direct correspondence, in English, between students around the world and American boys and girls. This is our sole purpose and we have been continuously promoting peace since our founding at the University of Minnesota in 1950....4-H youth make the best and certainly the most enthusiastic correspondents."

There's a small administrative fee of \$1.50 per pen pal. For

more information please contact Robert Carroll, Director, World Pen Pals, P. O. Box 337, Saugerties, NY 12498. (845 246-7828)

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Free Family Fun Day Highlighting Farmers, the Food Supply and the Environment

Annual Agriculture Open House Scheduled, March 24: Bring family and friends to a perennial favorite springtime event, the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Open House, on Sat., March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission fee for the Open House, which will be held rain or shine at the agency's headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis.

This year's open house celebrates the State's farmers and the important role they play in providing food and protecting the environment today and in the future. Visitors can see the department's insect collection, make slime in the State Chemist's laboratory, enjoy a Maryland food and craft market, demonstrate their hog calling skills, take in a petting farm, milk a cow, ride a pony, and learn about the world of agriculture today through hands-on activities.

Call 410-841-5882 or visit www.mda.state.md.us for more information as it becomes available.

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Plan Your Service Project for National & Global Youth Service Day 2007

National & Global Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world, is April 20-22, 2007. Resources are available to help you plan your service project:

*Order or download free planning resources: Planning Tool Kits, Service-Learning Curriculum Guides, posters are available at www.ysa.org/nysd/resource/planning.cfm.

The Planning Tool Kit is a comprehensive guide to help project planners identify their projects, recruit volunteers, generate media attention, raise funds, and more.

The Service-Learning Curriculum Guide contains eight lessons to develop students' project management skills while planning projects for National & Global Youth Service Day.

Classroom Posters are colorful tools to recruit volunteers and

decorate project sites. The back of the poster contains a guide for teachers and activity sheets for students.

- Apply for a grant to support your project: Youth Service America is pleased to offer grants to help young people and organizations plan and implement service projects for National & Global Youth Service Day. Current grant opportunities include Disney Minnie Grants (to engage younger children in service), the Capital One Youth Service Fund (for youth-led projects in low/moderate income communities in the metro DC area), and Lion in the House Community Service Grants (for projects addressing pediatric cancer). Visit www.YSA.org/awards for more information.
- Register your National & Global Youth Service Day project: Registering your service project at www.YSA.org/nysd enables Youth Service America to highlight your project through our national media campaign.

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A Considerate Workplace

- "In a considerate workplace, people feel care and respect for one another and make an effort to be supportive.
- In a considerate workplace people take a cooperative approach and look out for one another's interests, not just their own.
- A workplace in which everyone looks out for other people's needs is a healthy, nurturing place to work. It energizes its people instead of tiring them out.
- Consideration breaks down an 'us-versus-them' mentality and builds a spirit of real teamwork.
- In a considerate workplace, people take the time to listen to one another and stop to make sure everyone is on board. They know that their success depends on everyone feeling willing and able to contribute (Hiam, 2005, p. 18)."

Reference: Hiam, A. (2005). *The starfish files: one leader's account of insight & inspiration under duress*. Amherst, MA: HRD Press.

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