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## News From The Cabinet Centers



The U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has developed a variety of new resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations. This initiative is focused on delivering training and technical assistance on the Federal grants process in an effort to enhance the capacity of community-based,

faith-based, and nonprofit organizations to compete for Federal funding, form partnerships, and contribute to their local communities.

The resources are available through a new web site, Accessing Resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations. The web site address is [arc.nttac.org/contactus.cfm](http://arc.nttac.org/contactus.cfm).

The Center can be accessed at 10530 Rosehaven Street, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2840 or [arc-info@nttc.org](mailto:arc-info@nttc.org). The web site is being facilitated by the National Training and Technical Assistance Center.

The USDOJ Center can be accessed at [www.ojp.gov/fbci/about.html](http://www.ojp.gov/fbci/about.html).



## Final Rules Posted



## Free Grant Writing Workshop in New York City

The USDOJ posted its Final Rule concerning the ability of faith-based organizations (FBOs) to apply for federal grant funds on an equal basis with all other organizations. The Rule was adopted in accordance with President Bush's Executive Order 13279 that directs all federal agencies with Faith-Based Centers to ensure their operating rules allow all FBOs to be on a level playing field when it comes to federal grant programs.

The Rule can be accessed at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/docs/dojfaith.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/docs/dojfaith.pdf). The Executive Order can be accessed at [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021212-6.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021212-6.html). Grant opportunities can be accessed at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/fundopp.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/fundopp.html).

Participants in this interactive, customized workshop will receive a grant writing toolkit that includes:

- a grant writing glossary,
- strategies for developing a grant writing process in their agency,
- outline of items to include in each section of a grant,
- access to data needed to write the needs section of the grant, and
- hundreds of funding sources.

The New York State Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, Clarence Norman, Medgar Evers College, and Vijay Macwan of the State University of New York, Center for Academic and Workforce Development will be co-sponsoring this grant writing workshop in New York City on April

15, 2004 through the One Source Charitable Choice Center. April Bender will facilitate and customize the session. She has over 20 years of grant writing experience including writing and implementing grants as a practitioner, authoring Requests for Proposals for State agencies, and rating grants for State and Federal agencies.

This opportunity, inclusive of materials and food, is offered free of charge to members of the Center. Space is limited and those interested are encouraged to respond immediately by contacting the Center at 315.265.4099 or at [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com). The cost of the workshop and materials for non-members of the Center is \$120. Membership in the Center is \$25.

# Grant Information

## Grant Writing Resources



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### U.S. Department of Education

Grant writing resources from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Center for Faith-Based and Community initiatives include:

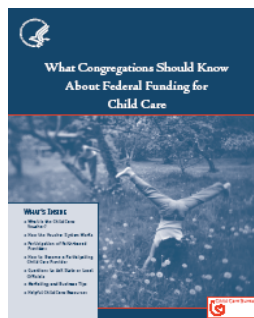
- web cast,
- Power Point,
- Federal grant opportunities,
- Guidance for Partnering with the Federal Government, and
- Federal Funds for those most in need.

This information can be accessed at the USDOE's Center at [www.connectlive.com/events/edproposals](http://www.connectlive.com/events/edproposals). Additional grant information can be accessed at the USDOE's web site at [www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml?src=rt](http://www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml?src=rt).



### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

*What Congregations Should Know About Federal Funding for Child Care* describes and defines the methods, requirements, and regulations regarding applying for Federal funding to support child care services. The document is online at [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/faithbased.htm](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/faithbased.htm).



### Grant Writing Events

Many of the Federal Centers for Faith-Based and Community

Initiatives provide free grant writing workshops across the nation. Several workshops are already scheduled.

The One Source Charitable Choice Center creates and distributes a calendar of these and other relevant events related to the Charitable Choice Initiative, workforce development, and welfare reform.

The calendar is emailed to members of the Center each month and is posted on the web site at [www.nyswtwrn.com](http://www.nyswtwrn.com). If you are not receiving the calendar, please contact the Center at 315.265.4099 or [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com).

## Funding For Faith-Based and Community Organizations

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has announced funding through the Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program. Responses are due May 18, 2004. The grant can be found in the Federal Register: March 19, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 54) at [a257.gkamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar0010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-6204.htm](http://a257.gkamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar0010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-6204.htm). The contact is Kelly Cowles. She can be accessed by E-mail at [OCS@LCGNET.COM](mailto:OCS@LCGNET.COM), or by telephone 800.281.9519.

### U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has been providing a variety of technical assistance resources to help Workforce Investment Boards with developing partnerships with faith-based and community initiatives in preparation for an up-coming grant opportunity. Resources include:

- peer-to-peer learning network,
- tool kits and other resource materials, and
- conducting outreach activities.

For more information, access The Training and Employment Notice at [wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html). Additional details will be available at [www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm). Those interested may want to review a similar solicitation at [wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/sga/03-104sga.asp](http://wdsc.doleta.gov/sga/sga/03-104sga.asp).

## Promising Practices

### Partnerships Across the Community

The Federal government is encouraging faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) to partner with local governments to deliver a variety of services to those in need. These relationships can be initiated by government agencies such as those that administer welfare and workforce development programs, FBCOs themselves, or in other instances through an intermediary, such as the one featured here from Brevard County, Florida. Funding for the initiative was provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in an effort to achieve their mission of Touching Lives and Communities.



The United Way of Brevard County, Florida is an intermediary between the local Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and FBCOs. Intermediaries serve as neutral conduits and builders of partnerships. They are in a strategic position of knowing the community and being able to connect dots between organizations and between those organizations and people with needs. The purpose of the partnerships that were developed in this initiative was to reach unserved or underserved individuals and provide them with access to the comprehensive services they needed to become financially independent and meet the needs of their families. These partnerships contributed to the WIB of Brevard County achieving the highest performance of all WIBs in the state. The following strategies helped them achieve their purpose.

- A team was created to champion the initiative. It was composed of people that shared the same mission and with the demonstrated variety of skills necessary to ensure success. Strategic planning, goal setting, issue identification and resolution, and monitoring of progress were critical. Outreach to FBCOs was part of the WIB's strategic plan.
- Issues were identified and resolved immediately (e.g., complexity of the solicitation process and reporting, different sets of vocabulary and interpretations of terms, and issues of trust and credibility).
- The identification of a staff person that was available to all partners to help build partnerships one at a time was the key to developing and sustaining relationships. This person, over time, helped establish credibility and trust between all organizations.
- Staff of FBCOs were trained how to use the computers, the types of services offered, how to track information and successfully complete timely reports, and when to make a referral back to the One Stop Career Center overseen by the WIB.
- The grant provided computer stations in existing FBCOs to create access points to services where unserved and underserved individuals were already engaged: Many of these individuals would not go to a government agency for assistance. Computer stations provided information that gave them access to services provided by the WIBs (estimated cost was approximately \$5,000 per station).



#### Touching Lives and Communities in Brevard County Florida



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For more information, access *Bridging the Gap, Meeting the Challenge of Universal Access Through Faith-Based and Community Partnerships* from the U.S. Department of Labor, Center for FBCI at [www.dol.gov/cfbc/pubsmaterials.htm](http://www.dol.gov/cfbc/pubsmaterials.htm).

## Resources of Value

### Timely Information

Timely information related to the faith-based and community initiatives (FBCI), workforce development, and welfare reform is researched and cataloged by the One Source Charitable Choice Center daily and emailed to members of the Center on a monthly basis. The searchable catalog, called *Literature and Reports*, is on the Center's web site at [www.nyswtwrn.com](http://www.nyswtwrn.com) complete with access information. This month's resources of interest include:

- *2004 Grant Opportunity Notebook* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, [www.hhs.gov/fbci/docs/FNCI2004GrantsNotebook.pdf](http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/docs/FNCI2004GrantsNotebook.pdf);
- *Guidance to Faith-Based and Community Organizations on Partnering with the Federal Government* Whitehouse Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, [www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance\\_document.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance_document.pdf);
- *How Are We Doing? A Toolkit for Organizational Self-Assessment by Faith-Based Service Organizations*, Hudson Institute, [www.fastennetwork.org/Uploads/23D21441-A6CF-4E9-A76D-45F9DCEC1A8F.pdf](http://www.fastennetwork.org/Uploads/23D21441-A6CF-4E9-A76D-45F9DCEC1A8F.pdf);
- *Making the Match: Law Enforcement, the Faith Community and the Value-Based Initiative*; U.S. Department of Justice, [www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1041](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1041);
- *Philanthropy and Faith: An Introduction*, National Crime Preventions, [www.fastennetwork.org/Uploads/E41DA5F1-19F1-4F2D-B7DC-85EAE5A022A8.pdf](http://www.fastennetwork.org/Uploads/E41DA5F1-19F1-4F2D-B7DC-85EAE5A022A8.pdf);
- *Fact Sheet: Compassion in Action: Helping America's Charities Serve Those Most in Need*, Whitehouse, [wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html); and
- *Training and Employment Notice Number 15-03, Building Partnerships with Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations and A New Grant Opportunity for Workforce Investment Boards*, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training, [wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN15-03.html).

If you are a member and are not receiving these listings or would like to become a member, access the Center at 315.265.4099 or [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com).

### Documents

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has various new resources relevant to faith-based and community initiatives, three of which are featured here.



*Making a Difference Through Strategic Business Partnerships: A guide for Faith-Based and Community Organizations*

*Bridging the Gap: Meeting the Challenge of Universal Access Through Faith-Based and Community Partnerships*



*Experiences from the Field: Fostering Workforce Development Partnerships with Faith-Based and Community Partnerships*

For more information on these documents, access the USDOL's web site at [www.dol.gov/cfbci/pubsmaterials.htm](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/pubsmaterials.htm) or contact the One Source Charitable Choice Center at 315.265.4099 or [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com).



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