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Transportation Issues?

The Community Transportation Association will be hosting a National Summit on Faith and Community Based Partnerships: Transportation for Those in Need on September 13 and 14, 2006 in Washington, DC For more information access <http://ctaa.org/ntrc/summit.asp>.

Microneisan Cultural Exchange Day

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a faith-based and community initiative outreach meeting on October 28, 2006 in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information access www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/fbci/fbci_events.html.

Improving Energy Efficiency

Organizations interested in improving their energy efficiency may be interested in resources provided by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. They offer

- a toll-free helpline (1.888.STAR.YES) to answer questions and provide coaching,
- an Online library of success stories and calculation tools, and
- 100-page guidebook, *Putting Energy into Stewardship*.

Access www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small_business.sb_congregations for more information.

Resources from the Federal Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

5 Steps to Becoming a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)
www.hud.gov/initiatives/fbci/fivestepsweb.pdf

10 Things Your Faith Community Can Do To Encourage Home Ownership (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)
www.hud.gov/initiatives/fbci/topten/index.cfm

A National Review of State Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs and Certification Standards for Substance Abuse Counselors and Prevention Professionals (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html

A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS Ministry Through the Church (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html

Acquiring Public Grants (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/resources/gbk_ga/ga_gbk_toc.html

Agency Specific Non-Profit Resources (FirstGOV)
www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml

AntiDrug.com Resource for Faith Leaders (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
www.theantidrug.com/faith

Funding Information

A Must for Your Library

Kids Count 2006 Data Book is available on line and in print. Grant writers can use this resource to generate customized:

- ✿ graphs,
- ✿ maps,
- ✿ ranked lists, and
- ✿ state profiles.

You can also download data.

You can access this resource from Annie E. Casey at www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp.

Locate Your State Liaison for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The One Source recently updated the names and contact information for each state with a state contact for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Access www.nyswtwrn.com for contact information.

Identify Local Foundations

WAL*MART and SAM'S Club

www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/WhatWeFund.jsp?oid=-10267&coid=-10267

Home Depot

www.homedepotfoundation.org

Lowe's

www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p>AboutLoves/Community

In most cases you can access applications at your local store.

What's the Future of Funding?

One strategy for learning how funding and requirements will change is to review reports from the Government Accountability Office. They evaluate Federal programs and make recommendations for improvements. The following is a report that may be of interest to any faith-based organization interested in funding from a Federal agency.

Faith-Based and Community Initiative: Improvements in Monitoring Grantees and Measuring Performance Could Enhance Accountability, GAO-06-616, June 19, 2006 accessible at www.gao.gov/htext/d06616.html.



Funding from SAMHSA

If you are interested in funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), access their *Matrix of Priorities* at www.samhsa.gov/Matrix/Matrix_Brochure_2006.pdf. They have just launched a new web site at www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx.

Federal Funds That Help Those in Need

Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply for a variety of Federal funds as identified in the annual edition of *Federal Funds That Help Those in Need*. The 2006 version is available at www.hhs.gov/fbc/GrantCatalog2005.pdf.

For many Federal agencies the end of summer represents the end of the funding cycle for the current fiscal year. While some funding is still available, the summer and fall months present the opportunity to prepare for grants that will become available Spring 2007. Very often it takes 9 to 12 months to prepare a proposal. You can use this resource to identify future funding streams.

If you have questions regarding any of the grants in this resource, contact the One Source at 315.265.4099 or info@nyswtwrn.com.

Runaway and Family Treatment Program

“The best strategy for success has been working from the bottom up.” Informant



Program’s Mission Statement or Primary Objective:

The mission of the Runaway and Family Treatment Program, a program of Lutheran Social Services established in 1990, is to strengthen families, prevent family dissolution, assure permanent stable homes, and help youth develop independence and self-sufficiency skills. Whenever possible, the program seeks to reunite youth with their families.

Program’s Strategies for Success:

- According to the informant, the best strategy for success has been working from the bottom up. In other words, a community needs assessment is done by surveying the community prior to offering the service in order to determine what, if any, service is needed.
- Staff are well trained and connected with the larger agency. They are involved in and connected to the community.
- Counseling is offered free of charge.
- Emergency foster placement is provided.
- Street outreach to runaway youth is provided.
- Group presentations in a variety of venues are conducted.
- A 24-hour crisis telephone hotline is operational.
- An outcome management model is used including customer satisfaction surveys and 30-, 60-, 90-day telephone follow-up.

Contact:

Lutheran Social Services
612 North Randall Avenue, Suite A
Janesville, WI 53545
608.752.7660, ext. 12

Funding Sources:

Lutheran Social Services, United Way
Area church and individual donations,
Wisconsin Department of Human Services

Outcomes & Data:

The program was established in 1990.
Nearly 2,900 youth and families were
served through this program in 2001.

Issues & Resolutions:

Issue: The most challenging issue at the time of this interview, according to the informant, was funding due to budget cuts from across the state and other sources.

Resolution: Two resolutions are being developed and attempted. The first is to find additional funding. The second is to do more with less by maximizing resources

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Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



U.S. Agency for International Development

The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) long-standing successful partnerships with private voluntary organizations, including faith-based organizations, have been highly effective and efficient in implementing USAID programs around the world which non-government organizations are uniquely qualified to pursue. These partnerships help USAID maximize its resources. (Natsios, Former USAID Chief 2002)

The USAID created by Executive Order in 1961, is the principle agency in the United States to offer assistance to countries:

- engaging in democratic reforms,
- recovering from disaster, and
- trying to escape poverty.

The goals of the USAID are to support:

- economic growth, agriculture, and trade;
- global health; and
- democracy, conflict prevention, and humanitarian assistance.

There is a bureau for each one of these goals.

There are eight areas in which assistance is provided:

- agriculture,
- democracy and governance,
- economic growth and trade,
- environment,
- education and training,
- global health,
- global partnerships, and
- humanitarian aid.

In addition, there are other areas referred to as cross-cutting areas because they work across various sectors of the Department:

- conflict management,
- private and voluntary cooperation,
- transitional initiatives,
- urban programs,
- water, and
- women in development.

The USAID provides assistance in, and has geographic bureaus, for:

- Sub-Saharan Africa,
- Asia and the Near East,
- Latin America and the Caribbean, and
- Europe and Eurasia.

Information on contracts and grants is available online at www.usaid.gov. For more information on assistance provided by the USAID, consult the *Yellow Book* at www.usaid.gov/business/yellowbook and opportunities for funding at www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci/opportunities/index.html. Organizations interested in securing funding from the USAID might be interested in reviewing the *2006 Voluntary Foreign Aid Programs: Report of Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Overseas Relief and Development* and accessing the directory of private voluntary organizations at www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci.

The online library of USAID is available at <http://library.info.usaid.gov>.

The USAID passed final regulations to level the playing field for FBCOs on October 19, 2004: *Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs* accessible at www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci/fbocomments_101304.doc.



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