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## U pp coming White House Conference

The next White House conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will be held on October 20, 2005 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration must be completed by October 14, 2005. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency hotel.

This is an opportunity to hear first-hand of the initiative from various Federal Offices of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI). There will be two workshop tracks, Federal Grant Programs and State-Administered Federal Programs. Both tracks have five sessions and participants will be able to participate in both. Many OFBCI will have vendor tables where you can access information and speak with staff.

Access registration information at [www.dtiassociates.com/FBCI/logisticsWI.cfm?location=WI](http://www.dtiassociates.com/FBCI/logisticsWI.cfm?location=WI).

To learn more about the Federal OFBCI, access the One Source web site at [www.nyswtwrn.com](http://www.nyswtwrn.com) and click on the Charitable Choice Center: There is a link to each of the OFBCI or contact the One Source for information at [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com). or 315.265.4099.

## B est of the Best

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has distilled the articles and resources from the National Resource Center that were found to be most useful. Topics include:

- fundraising,
- web technology,
- training and technical assistance,
- work life, and
- strategic assessment and evaluation.

Access the Best of the Best at [www.ccfbest.org/](http://www.ccfbest.org/).

## K atrina Toolkit

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) OFBCI is offering a place for people and organizations to register assistance they have to offer and for others to access aid needed related to the Katrina hurricane. Immediate housing needs or requests can be made at 888.297.8685.

You can also find contact information for your state's HUD and OFBCI offices.

Access the toolkit at [www.hud.gov/offices/fbcikatrinatoolkit/intro.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbcikatrinatoolkit/intro.cfm).

## V A Launches Web Site

The Veterans Administration (VA) has a web site dedicated to their OFBCI. Executive Orders and Regulatory Guidance related to the VA OFBCI is located on the site.

“The mission of the Center is to coordinate Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to eliminate regulatory, contracting, and other programmatic obstacles to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the provision of social and community services to veterans. The Center empowers faith-based and other community organizations to apply for federal social service grants. The Center supplies information and training, but it does not make the decisions about which groups will be funded. Those decisions are made through procedures established by each grant program, generally involving a competitive process. No grant funding is set aside for faith-based organizations. Instead, the Faith-Based and Community Initiative creates a level-playing field for faith-based as well as other community organizations so that they can work with the government to meet the needs of America's communities.”

Access the VA website at [www1.va.gov/opa/fbcil/](http://www1.va.gov/opa/fbcil/).

## Funding Information

### **D**ollars at Work

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services features organizations funded as intermediaries and the work they are doing.

To access the reports go to [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/existing\\_grantees/dlrs\\_work.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf/existing_grantees/dlrs_work.html).

### **N**eed Funding Through the USDOL?

If you are thinking of requesting funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, you may want to listen to a recording of grant writing conference calls hosted on their web site. It is not too early to start thinking about applying this spring.

Access the recordings at [www.dol.gov/cfbc/grantsapply.htm#calls](http://www.dol.gov/cfbc/grantsapply.htm#calls).

### **W**hat Is a Webinar?

A webinar gives participants the opportunity to meet with others across the state, nation, and even the world in real time without having to leave their desks. The program gives participants the opportunity to instant message and see a PowerPoint or other documents. Those with a camera and a microphone attached to their computer can also be seen and heard, if they wish.

The webinar lasts approximately one hour, but participants can join and leave at any time. One of the great benefits of the webinar is the ability to multi-task! Transcripts can be emailed to participants.

For more information, contact the One Source at 315.265.4099 or [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com).



### **B**ecome a Grant Reviewer

One of the most effective ways to hone your grant writing skills is to become a grant reviewer. The experience allows one to fully understand the criteria by which funders rate proposals. As a result, readers can use the strategies gained by reviewing grants to make their own grants more responsive. The following foundation and Federal agencies, among others request reviewers.

#### **Lindbergh Foundation**

[www.lindberghfoundation.org/reviewer.html](http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/reviewer.html)

#### **U.S. Department of Education**

[www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/reviewer.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/reviewer.html)

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

*Administration of Children and Families*

[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/fbci\\_funding.html#writing](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/fbci_funding.html#writing)

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services*

<http://alt.samhsa.gov/grants/emailform/index.asp>

The Heritage Foundation has a guidebook for Federal grant reviewers that can be accessed at <http://www.heritage.org/Research/GovernmentReform/FedBook.cfm>.

### **A**t No Cost To You

As a member of the One Source, you are invited to participate in a series of grant writing webinars being sponsored monthly by Partnerships for Quality and facilitated by April Bender.

The purpose of the webinars is to share valuable grant writing resources and funding sources and for participants to share their questions, issues, and successes. You can access the webinars by copying the following links into your browser: Directions will be provided.

#### **October 21, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.**

<https://asap2.convoq.com/SchedMtg/Register.aspx?c=MT0637D4QVS7>

#### **November 18, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.**

<https://asap2.convoq.com/SchedMtg/Register.aspx?c=MT0637DVBKR1>

#### **December 16, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.**

<https://asap2.convoq.com/SchedMtg/Register.aspx?c=MT0637RIVIYA>

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## Funding Information

### USDOL Funding

The U.S. Department of Labor has released a report of all funding for faith-based and community initiatives for fiscal years 2002 through 2004. This information may be of value for the following reasons:

- start preparing now for future solicitations (become familiar with necessary Federal forms at [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants\\_forms.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html)),
- contact previous grant recipients and ask if you can review their proposals and talk with them about the process of applying and implementation,
- if a grant recipient is nearby, it may be possible to make referrals to their program, serve on one of their committees in order to learn first-hand of the grant requirements or to subcontract with them to provide services.

The funding streams include:

- Grants for Small Faith-Based Organizations (FBO) and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) (non-profits);
- Grants to FBO/CBO Intermediaries;
- Grants to Workforce Investment Boards, FBO/CBO Partnerships;
- Ready 4 Work FBO/CBO Sub-Grants;
- Grants to States for FBO/CBO Partnerships;
- Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program;
- Home Modification;
- Mentoring Youth with Disabilities Through Intermediaries; and
- Employment and Training Service Grants for FBO/CBO.

**More information can be accessed at:**  
[www.dol.gov/cfbci/Accomplishment\\_Financials.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/Accomplishment_Financials.pdf).

### Different Types of Grant Opportunities

The Federal government has different types of grant opportunities.

#### **Competitive Grants**

These grants require organizations to write responsive and competitive proposals.

#### **Mandatory Grants**

These grants are required by statute. There is a prescribed methodology for determining award amounts. Organizations receiving this funding do not compete, but they must submit a plan for spending the money that is consistent with the statute and approved by the Federal administrative agency. Three types of mandatory grants include open-ended entitlement grants, closed-ended grants, and block grants. The Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act and the Workforce Investment Act both have mandatory grants. It is possible, for example, to receive the funding and release the funding through competitive grants.

#### **Discretionary Grants**

These grants are competitive, but the Federal administrative agency can exercise judgment in making awards.

Just like any field, grant writing has its own vocabulary.

**For a comprehensive inter-agency glossary of acronyms and terms related to grant writing, contact the One Source at [info@nyswtwrn.com](mailto:info@nyswtwrn.com) or 315.265.4294.**

The glossary includes many valuable tips and additional sources.

Several Federal agencies are now posting their solicitations to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) instead of the Federal Register. Some agencies plan to make this move in the future. Organizations need to access both resources. The One Source tracks grants from both resources along with numerous foundations ([www.nyswtwrn.com](http://www.nyswtwrn.com)).



## Resources of Value

### risoner Re-Entry Strategies

The Mayors Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives June newsletter ( a special supplement to *U.S. Mayor*) features promising practices from across the nation on prisoner re-entry programs that have been effective. Strategies of these programs include offering:

- occupational training and paid internships,
- housing for ex-offenders,
- parolee employment programs,
- holistic approach to substance abuse, and
- mentoring programs for children of prisoners.

A copy of the newsletter can be accessed at  
[www.fastennetwork.org/  
Uploads/35C81755-39EE-4437-  
A20B-DD194C826ED5.pdf](http://www.fastennetwork.org/Uploads/35C81755-39EE-4437-A20B-DD194C826ED5.pdf).

The Center's web site is  
[www.mayorsfaithcenter.org](http://www.mayorsfaithcenter.org)  
(currently under construction).

### onated Vehicles

The Internal Revenue Service has provided guidance on charitable deductions for donated vehicles. The two significant changes include:

- a deduction based on the actual sales price, and
- a timely receipt from the charity.

Notice 2005-44 can be accessed at  
[www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-05-  
44.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-05-44.pdf).

### s Your Non-Profit Sustainable?

What are your answers to the following questions?

- How well does your organization communicate its value?
- What are your comparative advantages?
- Who are your competitors?
- When did you last test your assumptions?
- When is the last time you received feedback from customers that changed the way you do business?

The Foundation Center has posted a series of three articles that helps people think through their answers to these questions. The second of three articles contains worksheets and approaches for sustaining your non-profit. The articles are written by David La Piana and Michaela Hayes, authors of *Plan to Win, The Non-Profit Guide to Competitive Strategy*.

Access all three articles at [http://  
www.fdncenter.org/pnd/tsn/  
tsn.jhtml?id=110300032](http://www.fdncenter.org/pnd/tsn/tsn.jhtml?id=110300032).

### echie Tips

If you are looking for ways to boost the power of your web site and address other technology issues, FASTEN is featuring articles on technology in their newsletters. Storiale Consulting, Inc. wrote this month's featured article.

Access the article at [www.storiale.  
com/cms\\_pros\\_cons.php](http://www.storiale.com/cms_pros_cons.php).

Access FASTEN web site at  
[www.fastennetwork.org](http://www.fastennetwork.org).

### peaking of Forms...

The Office of Management and Budget has made changes that will effect the forms you submit and how you may operate some grants. If you are receiving funding from the Federal government or hope to, you will want to access *Grants Policy Streamlining Overview on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension and Cost Principles Guidance* as posted in the Federal Register on August 31, 2005, Volume 70, number 168, pages 51861 through 51863. This is also known as 2 CRF Part I.

Access this information at [http://  
a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/  
01jan20051800/  
edocket.access.gpo.gov/ 2005/05-  
16646.htm](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-16646.htm).

### mericorps Final Rules

Organizations interested in working with Americorps will want to access their final regulations on performance measures and requirements for matching funds as released in the July 8, 2005 Federal Register, Vol. 70 130, pages 35962 through 39607.

Access the rules at  
[www.americorps.gov/  
about/ac/amicorps\\_rule\\_  
register.pdf](http://www.americorps.gov/about/ac/amicorps_rule_register.pdf).

Information on Americorps faith-based and community initiatives can be accessed at  
[www.americorps.gov/for\\_organiza  
tions/faith/index.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/faith/index.asp).