

## **BONUS ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Youth Programs**

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Thank you!

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**Due Date** – Continuous

**Grant Resource** – Real Foundation

**Category** – Outdoor Education for Women

**Description** – The Real Foundation seeks to help women discover their internal strength and self-confidence and to succeed in life. Real Foundation grants go directly toward counseling and special projects, such as **outdoor** adventure experiences, that would not otherwise be funded.

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.therealfoundation.com/>

**Deadline Date** – Open

**Grant Resource** – Wild Oats

**Category** – Hunger relief, environmental preservation, organic and sustainable agriculture, animal welfare, social services, and health and nutrition

**Description** – The **Wild Oats Markets Giving Program** was designed to help nonprofit organizations in their communities. **Community crews** - They encourage employees to volunteer in their communities. Wild Oats supports this effort by paying employees who volunteer for up to 52 hours a year of volunteer service. **General donations** - Their stores contribute thousands of pounds of food each year to soup kitchens and food banks, to community organizations and in support of community events. **Wooden Nickel Program** - every time you bring your own shopping bags to the store – be it canvas, plastic or paper – they will offer one Wooden Nickel per bag, which you then deposit into one of several Wooden Nickel Banks as you exit the store. Each Bank represents a different local, non-profit organization. **5% Day** - On this special day, selected organizations receive 5% of the store's total pre-tax sales for that day. Nonprofit groups are encouraged to apply for an upcoming 5% Day by visiting their community's Wild Oats store and requesting a 5% Day application.

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.wildoats.com/u/community100068/>

**Deadline Date** – January 20, 2006

**Grant Resource** – US Golf Association Foundation

**Category** – Golf for Youth and Disabled

**Description** – Funds are available for organizations that introduce golf to people who would otherwise not have the opportunity, specifically economically disadvantaged youth and individuals with disabilities. Grants are for instruction, caddie or other work-based curriculum, and the construction of facilities that make the game more affordable and accessible.

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** – <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/foundation.html>

**Deadline Date** – January 31, 2006

**Grant Resource** – Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

**Category** – Youth for Justice

**Description** – Youth for Justice, the national coordinated law-related education (LRE) consortium funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the United States Department of Justice, invites 100 middle and high school classes across the United States to teach others about the fundamental ideas of American democracy through the Third Annual National Teach-In celebration of National Youth Service Day and National Law Day.

**Size of Grant** – 100 awards

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - [http://www.crfc.org/yfj\\_teachin2006.html](http://www.crfc.org/yfj_teachin2006.html)

**Deadline Date** – February 1, 2006

**Grant Resource** – General Mills Foundation

**Category** – Healthy Diet and Active Lifestyle for Youth

**Description** - In partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Challenge, the General Mills Foundation developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year, the Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

**Size of Grant** – \$10,000

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>

**Due Date** – February 2, 2006

**Grant Resource** – US Department of Justice

**Category** – Gang Resistance

**Description** – The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program provides funds to support the delivery of an anti-gang involvement, violence prevention and positive life-skills program to Middle School students. The approved, standard, 13-week curriculum may only be presented by sworn law enforcement officers, who have been certified to teach G.R.E.A.T. and in most instances is delivered in a school classroom setting. Upon verification of the delivery of the Middle School curriculum, grant funds may also be used to support an Elementary curriculum, Summer component and Families component.

**Size of Grant** – \$250,000

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** – <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/06GREATsol.pdf>

**Due Date** – February 4, 2006

**Grant Resource** – Entertainment Industry Foundation

**Category** – Children and Youth Fund

**Description** – The goal is to support and strengthen youth-serving organizations that promote the positive development and well-being of children and youth. An emphasis is placed on grants that provide mentoring, life skills training, after-school programs, leadership development, peer support, gang prevention/intervention, and recreational camps for young people ages 6 to 18. Priority is given to organizations that reach the most vulnerable and underserved, including the disabled, abused and neglected, those living in poverty, and those in foster care.

**Size of Grant** – \$15,000

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - [http://www.eifoundation.org/grants/wp\\_grants/how\\_to\\_apply.asp](http://www.eifoundation.org/grants/wp_grants/how_to_apply.asp)

**Deadline Date** – March 21, 2006

**Grant Resource** – National Science Foundation

**Category** – Informal Science Education

**Description** – The ISE program invests in projects that develop and implement informal learning experiences designed to increase interest, engagement, and understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by individuals of all ages and backgrounds, as well as projects that advance knowledge and practice of informal science education. Projects may target either public audiences or professionals whose work directly affects informal STEM learning. ISE projects are expected to demonstrate strategic impact, innovation, and collaboration. The ISE program invests in projects that directly target public audiences for self-directed STEM learning through such means as permanent and traveling exhibitions; films; television and radio series; web-based projects; citizen science programs; and youth and community programs. In addition, the program supports projects that target ISE professionals to further knowledge and the implementation of practice, such as through research studies, conferences, formation of networks, and professional development; these projects should strengthen the infrastructure for informal science learning by the public. (Note that this program does *not* fund operational or capital expenses, vehicles, major or office equipment, tuition, school field trips, camps, science fairs or other competitions, or projects whose primary focus is health or medicine.) Although ISE encourages projects to support formal education, the primary audience must be informal;

**Size of Grant** – ISE Project Grants - 1-5 yr projects, \$100,000-\$3 million; Planning Grants - \$75,000 for 2 yr; Conference, Symposia, and Workshop Grants - \$50,000 to \$250,000 for 2 yr; Grant Supplements - \$200,000 or 20% of the original award.

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06520/nsf06520.htm>

**Due Date** – April 1, 2006; September 1, 2006

**Grant Resource** – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Category** – National Wildlife Refuge System

**Description** – The Refuge System provides Americans with special places to connect with nature and offers unparalleled outdoor activities to experience and showcase wildlife. Where compatible, the Refuge System prioritizes wildlife-dependent recreation uses involving hunting, fishing, environmental education, interpretation, wildlife observation, and wildlife photography. By enjoying these wildlife-dependent activities, the American public further develops its appreciation for fish and wildlife. This year's grant program will prioritize those proposals that seek to reach new audiences, facilitate opportunities for people to experience national wildlife refuges, and help increase public understanding of wildlife needs. Grants will be provided to support proposals that fall within the following areas of emphasis:

1. **Start-up Grants** - Funds will be provided to assist starting refuge support groups with formative or initial operational support. For example, funds may be requested for such things as membership drives, training (tuition), postage, brochure writing and layout, logo design, or consultant fees for planning a mission and strategic plan.
2. **Capacity Building Grants** - Funds will be provided to strengthen existing refuge support groups' capacity to be more effective. For example, activities may include outreach, strategic planning, membership development, board or leadership development, designing exhibits for community outreach, and training.
3. **Project Specific Grants** - Funds will be provided to nonprofit organizations seeking support for a specific project. For example, funds may be requested for developing environmental curriculum and programs for local schools, habitat restoration projects, building an observation tower, providing interpretive signage, or watchable wildlife programs. While this grant program focuses on three areas of emphasis, overarching goals of this program are to help refuge support groups gain experience in developing projects, expand and increase their capacity and skills, meet local refuge challenges, gain and build community recognition and support for the refuge and refuge support group, and build long-term relationships. Within each area of emphasis, priority will be given to applications that demonstrate their ability to meet these programmatic goals.

**Size of Grant** – \$5,000

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/nwrgp.cfm>

**Due Date** – June 15, 2006

**Grant Resource** – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Category** – Environmental Education

**Description** – The Nature of Learning is the National Wildlife Refuge System's new community-based environmental education initiative that seeks to - use national wildlife refuges and other natural areas as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues; - encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that seeks to enhance student academic achievement; - utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues; and - involve a partnership among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and local businesses.

**Size of Grant** – \$5,000

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm>

**Due Date** – November 30, 2006

**Grant Resource** – National Gardening Association

**Category** – Youth and Gardening

**Description** – The National Gardening Association awards **Youth** Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- educational focus -or curricular ties (if applicant is a formal education program) - nutrition or plant-to-food connections - environmental awareness/education – entrepreneurship - social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.

**Size of Grant** – \$500

**Cost Sharing or Match** – No

**Web** - <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>