



**U.S. House of Representatives  
Office of Congresswoman  
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12th Congressional District of New York**

**Grants Alert May 2007**

**National Endowment for the Arts:** Announces the availability of funding for art projects that may consist of one or more specific events or activities; it also may be a part of an applicant's regular season or activities. Organizations that undertake a single short-term project in a year -- a ten-day jazz festival, for example -- could apply for that event, or they could identify certain components (such as the presentation of a key artist and the associated activities) as their project. Describe the activities for which Arts Endowment support is requested, and provide specific information on the artists, productions, venues, distribution plans, etc., that will be involved. Organizations may apply for any or all phases of a project, from its planning through its implementation. A project does not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be large. The Arts Endowment welcomes small projects that can make a difference in a community or field. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Aug 13, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

**National Endowment for the Arts:** Announces the availability of funding under the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program. This program offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Jun 11, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

**National Endowment for the Arts:** Announces the availability of funding under the Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants. These grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Jun 01, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

**New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS):** OCFS is making available a series of grant opportunities to expand the availability of and/or improve the quality of care in regulated child care settings. The specific funding categories include: Child Day Care Center and School Age Start Up and Expansion Programs; Expansion of Hours of Existing Child Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs; Health and Safety Grants; Innovative Programs Initiative and Accreditation Grants. Eligibility: All categories except for the Innovative Programs Initiative are open to not-for-profit and for-profit child day care centers, school age child care programs and other not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. The Innovative Programs Initiative category is limited to government and not-for-profit organizations. Deadline: Applications for all program types, except Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under, will be accepted on March 16, 2007 and July 14, 2007. Applications may be submitted for Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under by the 10th of each month ending with submissions on **June 10, 2007**. For more information contact: Suzanne Sennett, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 52 Washington Street, N. Building, Room 338, Rensselaer, New York 12144; phone (518) 474-9454.

## Foundations

**Mattel Children's Foundation:** The Foundation has announced the third year of its Domestic Grantmaking Program. The program provides funds to organizations that demonstrate that they directly serve children in need. Applicants must have a mission that focuses on direct service to children up to twelve years old. Organizations or programs must show creative and/or innovative methods to address locally defined needs directly impacting children, and must align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include learning, health, and girl empowerment. Two types of grants will be considered: 1) program-specific grants, i.e. funding for the launch of new programs or expansion of existing programs; and 2) core operating support, i.e., support for administrative and operating costs that help organizations to sustain their program. Eligible: Organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity status that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million. Organizations may not be affiliated in any way with national organizations, regardless of whether funds are received from the national entity. Deadline: June 15, 2007. For more information: [www.mattel.com/About\\_Us/Philanthropy/ci\\_mcf\\_philanthropy\\_grantmaking.asp](http://www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp).

**Corning Incorporated Foundation:** The Corning Incorporated Foundation supports educational, cultural, and community service projects. The foundation also supports national programs and a matching gifts program. Eligibility: Organizations must be tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) or 509(a) IRS codes. Individuals, political activity, labor and veterans' organizations, religious groups, volunteers' emergency squads, athletic activities, advertising, and fundraising events will not be considered. Deadline: None. For more information: Contact Karen C. Martin, Associate Director, Corning Incorporated Foundation, MP-BH-07, Corning, New York 14831. You may also visit [www.corning.com/inside\\_corning/our\\_commitment/community/](http://www.corning.com/inside_corning/our_commitment/community/).

**The Allstate Foundation:** Allstate has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Fund to establish the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund. The fund channels small grants to survivors of domestic violence in order to achieve their educational and job-related goals. The fund is intended to help survivors achieve greater independence over their financial lives as well as establish options for themselves in the future. The fund supports career-advancement activities such as professional licenses, workforce tools, and additional job training. Examples include licensing fees; books and supplies for school; job skills training; tuition; requirements for jobs; registration fees; temporary child care so that the applicant can attend school, take a class, or look for employment; public transportation; and rental fees for computer time at a computer center. Eligibility: Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply, although the fund requests that the application be completed by a local domestic violence program or a domestic violence coalition. Domestic violence coalitions and local programs must contact the NNEDV Fund to request an Education and Job Training Fund application form. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: [www.nnedvfund.org](http://www.nnedvfund.org).

**Google:** Announces the availability of its "In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits." This program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: [www.google.com/grants/](http://www.google.com/grants/).