

GOVERNMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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- Compassion Capital Fund: Communities Empowering Youth

Runaway and Homeless Youth: Street Outreach Program

Health and Human Services

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). SOP is one of the programs authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 USC sections 5701 through 5752 to address runaway and homeless youth problems. SOP's purpose is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and street youth. A range of education, intervention, and prevention services are offered to youth who are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation. The goal of these efforts is to help young people leave the streets and assist in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate living arrangement.

Funding Opportunity Number:	HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-YO-0105
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Apr 05, 2007
Creation Date:	Apr 19, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 04, 2007
Expected Number of Awards:	80
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$8,400,000
Award Ceiling:	\$200,000
CFDA Number:	93.557 -- Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Link to full announcement: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-YO-0105.html>

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Access to Recovery

Health and Human Services

The ATR grants provide funding to States, Tribes, and Tribal organizations to carry-out voucher programs for substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support services pursuant to sections 501(d)(5) and 509 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. sections 290aa(d)(5) and 290bb-2). This program addresses Healthy People 2010 focus area 26 (Substance Abuse). The Access to Recovery (ATR) Program is part of a Presidential initiative to provide client choice among substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support service providers, expand access to a comprehensive array of clinical treatment and recovery support options (including faith-based programmatic options), and increase substance abuse treatment capacity. Monitoring outcomes, tracking costs, and preventing waste, fraud and abuse to ensure accountability and effectiveness in the use of Federal funds are also important elements of the ATR program. Through the ATR grants, States, Territories, the District of Columbia, Tribes, and Tribal Organizations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "States") will have flexibility in designing and implementing voucher programs, consistent with proven models, to meet the needs of clients in the State. The key to successful implementation of the voucher programs supported by the ATR grants will be the relationship between the States and clients receiving services, to ensure that clients have a genuine, free, and independent choice among eligible providers

Funding Opportunity Number:	TI-07-005
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Mar 23, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 07, 2007
Expected Number of Awards:	18
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$96,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$7,000,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	93.275 -- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services-Access to Recovery
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Link to Full Announcement: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=13207>

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Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Health and Human Services

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program. This program supports the creation and maintenance of one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents and

caring, supportive adult mentors. The intent of this program is to support the establishment or expansion and operation of mentoring programs, using a network of public and private community entities, in areas with substantial numbers of children of incarcerated parents. The MCP program is designed to be a community-based mentoring program in which children and youth ages four up to age 18, are appropriately matched with an adult mentor, who has been screened and trained, for a one-on-one (one mentor/one youth), friendship-oriented (non curriculum-based) mentoring relationship.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0029
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Apr 05, 2007
Current Closing Date for Applications: Jun 04, 2007
Expected Number of Awards: 103
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$19,700,000
Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
CFDA Number: 93.616 -- Mentoring Children of Prisoners
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Link to Full Announcement: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0029.html>

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Demonstration Grant Program-Mentoring Children of Prisoners-Vouchers

Health and Human Services

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), is accepting applications for a Service Delivery Demonstration Project Cooperative Agreement. The Service Delivery Demonstration Project (Project) is a cooperative agreement with an agency to ensure the national distribution of mentoring service vouchers to families and caregivers of children whose parent(s) are incarcerated.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0030
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Apr 30, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications: Jun 26, 2007 See link to full announcement for details. IMPORTANT NOTE: Applications submitted electronically via Grants.gov must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on the due date referenced above.
Expected Number of Awards: 1
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$30,000,000
Award Ceiling: \$5,000,000
CFDA Number: 93.616 -- Mentoring Children of Prisoners
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Link to Full Announcement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0030.html>

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Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program

Health and Human Services

The Office of Community Services' (OCS) Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program helps low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. Grantees assist participants in overcoming the identified personal and systemic barriers to employment, job retention and self-sufficiency. Grantees may use their JOLI program funding to provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Grantees also create a revolving loan fund and make at or below market rate loans to eligible beneficiaries for business development activities. Grantees must allot a minimum of twenty percent of the JOLI funds received for the provision of financial assistance to program participants. Interest accrued on revolving loan funds must be used to continue or expand the activities of the approved project. Grantees establish and maintain a formal, cooperative relationship with the designated local agency responsible for administering the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in the area served by the project. Grantees also attempt to integrate their projects with the larger economic development strategy within the target communities. Grants are awarded through a competitive process to non-profit organizations having 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Institutions of higher education are excluded from the process. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. Grantees may focus their projects on the following strategy areas: new business ventures, business expansion and self-employment/Micro-enterprise.

Funding Opportunity Number:	HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EO-0054
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Apr 26, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 20, 2007 See link to full announcement for details. IMPORTANT NOTE: Applications submitted electronically via Grants.gov must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on the due date referenced above.
Expected Number of Awards:	12
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$4,881,000
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	93.593 -- Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Link to full announcement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html>

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JOLI Conference Call Wednesday, May 16th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT

On Wednesday, May 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Community Services will host a conference call to provide an overview of the Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program and review the program funding announcement, application requirements, procedures and timelines.

Listen in and start planning to submit an application for funding by June 20, 2007.

Register for the call at <http://www.dsgonline.com/conferenceregjoli0516.asp> or contact Sara Cohen at ocs@dsgonline.com or 301-951-0056.

A recording of it will be available for download at the JOLI Web site <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/dcdp/joli/index.html> shortly following the conclusion of the call on May 16th.

Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse

Health and Human Services

Funding Opportunity Number:	HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CU-0022
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	May 04, 2007
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 03, 2007 See link to full announcement for details. IMPORTANT NOTE: Applications submitted electronically via Grants.gov must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on the due date referenced above.
Expected Number of Awards:	53
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$145,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$1,000,000
Award Floor:	\$500,000
CFDA Number:	93.087 -- Enhance The Safety Of Children Affected By Parental Methamphetamine Or Other Substance Abuse
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes

Link to full announcement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CU-0022.html>

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Grants HHS CFBCI believes will be open in FY 2007

Compassion Capital Fund: Communities Empowering Youth

Health and Human Services

The Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) program under the Compassion Capital Fund builds the capacity of faith-based and community coalitions that work to reduce gang involvement and youth violence and to foster positive youth development.

The CEY program strengthens broad-based collaborative community coalitions so that they are better able to address myriad issues that disadvantaged youth face in their community. To encourage community partnerships, the CEY program works through a lead organization that partners with faith-based and community organizations. Capacity building activities improve services to youth by strengthening the organizational capacity and increasing the sustainability of the lead organization and its partners. CEY grantees and their partners build their capacity to coordinate with other state and local youth service agencies and local law enforcement.

The lead faith-based or community organization assists partners through technical assistance and training in four critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, and 4) community engagement.

For more information go to http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccf/about_ccf/prgm_youth.html

II. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Open Grants

- YouthBuild
- Preparing Ex-Offenders for the Workplace through Beneficiary-Choice Contracting
- Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion Grants

YouthBuild

Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces the availability of approximately \$47 million in grant funds for YouthBuild Grants.

YouthBuild Grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Grant funds will be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities. As part of their programming, YouthBuild grantees will tap the energies and talents of disadvantaged youth to increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families and to help youth develop the leadership, learning, and high-demand occupational skills needed to succeed in today's global economy.

Issue Date: April 26, 2007

Closing Date: July 3, 2007

Link Announcement: <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/DOL-SGA-DFA-PY-06-08.pdf>

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Preparing Ex-Offenders for the Workplace through Beneficiary-Choice Contracting (SGA-DFA-PY-06-14)

Department of Labor

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in Responsible Reintegration of Youthful Offender grant funds to address the specific workforce challenges of ex-offenders and produce positive outcomes with a particular focus on employment and reduced recidivism. Projects funded under this competition will be consistent with both DOL's Youth Vision and President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

Grant funds awarded under this competition will be used to implement a program of services for ex-offenders (ages 18 to 29) under a beneficiary-choice contracting model. The beneficiary choice contracting model, to be explained more fully later, involves providing program participants with an independent choice among multiple service providers for specific services. Participants will receive case management services from the grantee, but will choose among contracted specialized service providers for more in-depth services, including soft-skills training and long-term follow up on participant outcomes. The grantee will compensate the contracted specialized service providers on a per capita basis for services provided, as well as per capita performance-based incentives.

Issue Date: April 16, 2007

Closing Date: May 25, 2007

Link Announcement: <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/DOL-SGA-DFA-PY-06-14.pdf>

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Youthful Offender Registered Apprenticeship, Alternative Education, and Project Expansion Grants (SGA-DFA-PY-06-10)

Department of Labor

The Employment and Training Administration announces the availability of approximately \$20 million for Youthful Offender Grants. These grants will be awarded through a competitive process for three categories of projects-(1) Registered Apprenticeship (to increase the placement of young adults being released from the criminal justice system in registered apprenticeship); (2) Alternative Educational Pathways (to increase the educational achievement and attainment of youth in the juvenile justice system); and (3) Project Expansion (to replicate effective programs for serving juvenile offenders). Applicants can apply for grants in more than one of these categories, but separate applications must be submitted for each category.

Over the next decade, the percentage of workers between the ages of 16 and 24 is expected to grow more rapidly than the overall workforce. The 21st century economic landscape is rapidly changing with technology and globalization altering the nature of work and the skills and training needed by workers to compete in this new reality. Ninety percent of the fastest growing jobs in the United States today require post-secondary education. Therefore, the rapidly growing youth labor force is emerging at a time where advanced education, skills, and abilities have a heightened importance in preparing the talent employers will need to populate their workforce.

Issue Date: May 2, 2007

Closing Date: May 31, 2007

Link Announcement: <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/DOL-SGA-DFA-PY-06-10.pdf>

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III. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Open Grants

- Housing Preservation Grant Program
- Section 515 Multi Family Housing Program
- Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program
- Food Stamp Program Participation Grants

Housing Preservation Grant Program

Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Applications for the grant program must be received by June 18, 2007. For more information on the program and grant competition, please visit: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=13592>

If you have questions regarding this grant opportunity, please contact Bonnie Edwards-Jackson by email Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov or call (202) 690-0759.

Section 515 Multi Family Housing Program

Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Rental Housing Loans are direct, competitive mortgage loans made to provide affordable multifamily rental housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families; the elderly; and persons with disabilities. This is primarily a direct mortgage program, but its funds may also be used to buy and improve land and to provide necessary facilities such as water and waste disposal systems. Applications for this program must be received by June 29, 2007 in your Rural Development State Office.

For more information on this grant opportunity and contact information for your State Office please visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html#hsgp>

For more information on the multi- please visit:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/brief_mfh_rrh.htm

Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing

Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Farm Labor Housing Loan and Grant program provides capital financing for the development of housing for domestic farm laborers. Funds can be used to purchase a site or a leasehold interest in a site; to construct housing, day care facilities, or community rooms; to pay fees to purchase durable household furnishings; and to pay construction loan interest. Applications for this program must be received by June 18, 2007 in your Rural Development State office.

For more information on this grant opportunity and contact information for your State Office please visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html#hsgp>

For more information on the Farm Labor Housing program please visit:
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/brief_mfh_flh.htm

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program

Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development is making available \$62.9 million in distance learning and telemedicine loans, \$75 million in loan and grant combinations, and \$15 million in grants to rural America. The DLT program helps rural communities enjoy the enhanced infrastructure needed to reach the schoolhouse or clinic door and the equipment required inside that door. The goal is to provide rural residents—students, teachers, parents, patients, and physicians—with innovative and affordable educational and health care opportunities that were once only available in urban areas.

Applications for the DLT grant program must be received by June 11, 2007. For more information on the program and grant competition, please visit:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>

If you have any questions regarding this grant opportunity, please email dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov or call (202) 720-0413.

Food Stamp Program Participation Grants

Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announces the funding of up to \$5 million in competitive grant funds through the Food Stamp Program in order to improve the accessibility and awareness of USDA's Food Stamp Program for low-income households. Food Stamp Program Participation Grants target projects which aim to simplify the food stamp application and eligibility systems or improve access to food stamp benefits by eligible households. This year USDA intends to fund at least one proposal that involves a partnership between a state agency and one or more private non-profit organizations, including faith or community based organizations. All completed grant applications must be received by FNS on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), June 13, 2007. For details, please visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/>

If you have any questions regarding this grant opportunity, please contact Lisa Johnson of the Grants Management Division by email at Lisa.Johnson@fns.usda.gov or by phone at (703) 305-2848.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Open Grants

- Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Capital Grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. The notice contains information concerning the program, funding priorities, application process, and amount of funding available.

The notice announces the availability of capital funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for eligible entities to: (1) Expand existing transitional housing projects; or (2) develop new transitional housing programs. Supportive service centers will only be considered under funding priority 3. Funding applied for under the capital grant component may be used for: (1) Remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings; (3) acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (4) new construction; and (5) acquisition of vans (in connection with a new or existing Grant and Per Diem Grant project) for outreach and transportation for homeless veterans.

An original completed and collated capital grant application (plus three completed collated copies) for assistance under the VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field Office, by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on June 28, 2007. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

For a Copy of the Application Package: Download directly from VA's Grant and Per Diem Program Web page at: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3> or <http://www.grants.gov/>. Questions should be referred to the Grant and Per Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334. For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule published in the Federal Register on September 26, 2003.

Of the \$14 million expected to be awarded, approximately \$1.5 million will be dedicated to programs providing for women veterans and those with dependent children, and \$2.5 million will be targeted to programs in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Applicants are urged to read the NOFA carefully and be sure to comply with all guidelines and program requirements.

V. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Open Grants

SuperNOFA

Department of Housing and Urban Development

This expansive opportunity makes available \$2.4 billion dollars across 38 programs, and is now underway. Additional information can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm> .

For further information, call the HUD CFBCI at (202) 708-2404 or (800) 308-0395.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Open Grant

- Mentoring Grant

Safe and Drug-Free Schools-Mentoring Programs

(www.ed.gov/programs/dvpmentoring/index.html)

U.S. Department of Education

The grant provides assistance to promote mentoring programs that address the academic and social needs of children with the greatest need through school-based mentoring programs and activities and provide these students with mentors. A school-based mentoring means mentoring activities that are closely coordinated with schools, including the involvement of teachers, counselors, and other school staff in the identification and referral of students, and that are focused on improved academic achievement, reduced student referrals for disciplinary reasons, increased bonding to school, and positive youth development. These programs and activities must serve children with the greatest need in one or more grades 4th through 8th living in rural areas, high-crime areas, or troubled home environments, or who attend schools with violence problems.

Under a competitive preference priority, five additional points will be added to a consortium of eligible applicants that includes either: a) at least one local education agency (LEA) and at least one faith-based or community organization (FBCO) that is not a school and that provides services to youth and families in the community; or b) at least one private school that qualifies as a nonprofit FBCO and at least one other FBCO that is not a school and that provides services to youth and families in the community.

Please note: The Secretary is limiting eligibility under the Mentoring Programs grant competition to applicants that do not currently have an active grant under this program. For the purpose of this eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extended the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

Application Deadline:	May 23, 2007
Estimated Available Funds:	\$29,347,000
Estimated Average Size of Awards:	\$100,000 - \$200,000
Estimated Number of Awards:	198

Mentoring Grant Technical Assistance Conference Call

Date: May 10, 2007

Time: 1:00 pm (Eastern)

Dial-in #: (866) 216-1151 or (866) 712-2330

Access Code: 7294935

Submit Questions: faithandcommunity@ed.gov, with "Mentoring Question" in "Subject" line

VII. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Open Grant

- Immigration Related Employment Discrimination Public Education Grants

Immigration Related Employment Discrimination Public Education Grants

US Department of Justice

The U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) announces the availability of funds for grants to conduct public education programs about the rights afforded potential victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of employers under the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Grants will be competitively awarded to applicants who can demonstrate a capacity to design and successfully implement public education campaigns to address immigration related unfair employment discrimination. It is anticipated that grant awards will range in size from \$35,000 to \$100,000. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to educate workers, employers and/or the general public about the anti-discrimination provision of the INA. OSC welcomes proposals from faith-based organizations and nonprofit groups providing services and assistance to potential victims of discrimination. View solicitation information on Grants.Gov (<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=13622>).

Deadline: May 29, 2007

Questions? Contact Terry Scott, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices: Phone 202-616-5594; E-mail terence.j.scott@usdoj.gov.

VIII. SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Open Grant

- Office of Women's Business Ownership Program Announcement

Office of Women's Business Ownership Program Announcement

Small Business Association

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued Program Announcement No.OWBO-2007-026 to invite private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based entities, to apply for funding to start new, community-based women's business centers. Successful applicants will receive awards under cooperative agreements for one year plus 4 optional years, subject to continued authorization and funding, to provide business training, counseling, mentoring and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses.

A women's business center is a community-based project that is funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration through a grant that requires matching funds. WBCs provide long-term business skills training, counseling and mentoring to benefit nascent and existing small businesses that are owned and controlled by women, especially those who are socially or economically disadvantaged. The project must operate as a distinct unit of the recipient's organization, having its own budget for staff, facilities, equipment and resources to carry out project activities.

Service areas must include financial, management, marketing, Internet/electronic commerce and government procurement/certification assistance. The applicant may focus on specialized business categories, e.g., women who are veterans, have disabilities, are in agribusinesses, home-based businesses, manufacturing, living in Empowerment Zones, rural areas, inner cities, etc.

Award recipients must provide non-federal matching funds as follows: one non-federal dollar for each two federal dollars in the first two years and one dollar for every federal dollar in the subsequent three years. Up to 50 percent of the non-federal match funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions and at least 50 percent of match must be in cash.

Questions about this program announcement should be directed to the Office of Women's Business Ownership at OWBO@sba.gov. Questions about budget or funding matters should be directed to Division of Procurement & Grants Management via e-mail at electronic.grants@sba.gov.

Opportunity Number: OWBO-2007-026

Close Date: 05/30/2007

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Expected Number of Awards: 6

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$12 million

Award Ceiling: \$150,000 first year, performance-based thereafter