



JANUARY @DYCD

Jeanne B. Mullgrav
Commissioner



IN THIS ISSUE

- ***Calendar and Events:** Youth Workforce Development RFP deadline extended; Neighborhood Advisory Board Orientation Workshops offered; Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Pre-Proposal Conference Make-Up Session; RHY RFP deadline for submissions
- ***Spotlight News:** OST youth enjoy Skate Day at The Pond at Bryant Park
- ***Program Updates:** JVC donates electronic equipment to Runaway and Homeless facilities; FDC Scholarships offered by DYCD
- ***Funding Opportunities:** Foundation and grant sources
- ***Resources:** General reference information
- ***Opportunities for Scholarships and Awards:** For qualified applicants

DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****January 17** – A Make-Up Session for the DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. at DYCD, 156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium.

****January 19** – The DYCD Youth Workforce Development Programs Request for Proposals (RFP) deadline to submit proposals has been extended to January 19, at 2:00 P.M.; for addenda I, II and III to the RFP, please visit: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

DYCD will be holding a series of **Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Orientation Workshops** to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Boards and its members, and to present proposed changes in board operations. NAB members are responsible for identifying the service needs of their local communities, a process which guides the funding of community-based human service programs in areas such as education, employment, health, housing, immigrant services, senior citizen services and youth development. *All meetings will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.*

****January 17– Queens**

Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 213 – Part II, Kew Gardens, 11424

****January 18– Bronx**

Bronx Borough President's Hearing Room, 198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor, Bronx, 10451

****January 19– Manhattan/Staten Island**

156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, New York, New York 10038

****January 23– Brooklyn**

Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Community Room, Brooklyn, 11201

****January 25– “Make Up Session”**

156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, New York, New York 10038

****February 8** – Proposal deadline for the DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth Request for Proposals. This grant seeks to strengthen and enhance services (drop-in centers, transportation services, crisis shelters, street outreach, and transitional housing) for New York City's runaway and homeless youth population under 21 years of age. For more information, please visit: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****OST Participants Take to the Ice During the Holiday Break****

On Wednesday, December 28, over 400 participants in the New York City Out-of-School Time (OST) program ice-skated (many for the first time) at The Pond at Bryant Park. This initiative served to highlight that OST operates not only after school, but during school breaks and many school holidays as well,

providing benefits for working parents. Commissioner Mullgrav was joined by Ken Podziba, Commissioner of the Sports Commission, Dan Biederman, President of the Bryant Park Restoration Corporation, and Itai Shoffman, Executive Producer of The Pond at Bryant Park. Citi® co-sponsored the event and Ark Restaurants, Inc. provided refreshments to the OST skaters. The event was widely covered in the written press and on television.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Runaway and Homeless Programs Receive Electronic Equipment from JVC****

The JVC Company of America donated TVs and DVD/VCRs to DYCD's Runaway and Homeless Youth facilities. This gift will help to create a home-like environment and allow for a wide array of educational programming.

****DYCD Offers Family Development and Credentialing Scholarships****

Spring 2006 Family Development and Credentialing (FDC) Scholarships are available for frontline family workers of community-based organizations located in any of the 44 [Neighborhood Development Areas \(NDAs\)](#) throughout New York City. Classes are held each fall and spring at select City University of New York campuses. The deadline to submit an FDC Scholarship application is January 13. For more information on the FDC program and upcoming classes, please contact Meryl M. Jones, Director of Family Development at 212-341-9568.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States, and enables over one million students each year to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. The grant competition supports the Corporation's four strategic goals for 2005-2010: providing more opportunities for citizens to serve and volunteer, harnessing experience to meet 21st century challenges, engaging students in their communities, and ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth. Funds are available to intermediary organizations and may be used to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; and make sub-grants to local partnerships to carry out service-learning. A technical assistance call will be held on January 19, 2006, 2:00 P.M.; Leader: Mr. Brad Lewis, 1-877-601-3546, Passcode: HICKS. For more information, go to: www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp

The **William T. Grant Foundation** provides funding for local programs for young people (eight to twenty-five years of age) in the tri-state area focused on one or more of the following areas: civic engagement/community involvement; development of youth creativity; diversity and inter-group relations; personal development; strengthening ties between youth and adults; transition to adulthood; youth leadership; and youth and technology. Grants range from \$3,000 to \$10,000; all grants are for a period of one year. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and must be submitted online. For more information and guidelines, go to:

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/infourl_nocat3042/infourl_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=77038&attrib_id=4399

Mattel, Inc. and the **Mattel Children's Foundation** have announced the second year of the foundation's *Domestic Grantmaking Program*. Through this effort, unsolicited applications for funds from organizations working to benefit children in need in the United States are accepted. Organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity status that are able to demonstrate they directly serve children in need may be eligible for grants of \$5,000 up to \$25,000. Applicant organizations must have a mission that focuses on direct service to children up to 12 years old. Priority will be given to organizations or programs that use creative and/or innovative methods to address a locally defined need directly impacting children in need and that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include learning, health, and girl empowerment. Applicant organizations must 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. Organizations may submit under a fiscal agent as long as the program has been in existence for at least two years. 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 programs. Applications must be submitted online through the Mattel Web site by April 7, 2006. See the site for complete program guidelines and eligibility information. Contact: http://www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/

The **Janus Foundation** funds an array of non profits focusing on helping at-risk youth through education and aiding underserved communities to reach greater levels of self-sufficiency. The At-Risk Youth through Education program supports organizations that serve young people and enhance academic, leadership and life skills. The Community Service & Volunteerism program supports organizations that enhance the effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and demonstrate innovation in engaging more people in voluntary community service. There is a rolling deadline for applications. For additional information, go to: <https://ww3.janus.com/Janus/Retail/StaticPage?jsp=jsp/Janushome/JanusFoundation.jsp>

The **Women's Sports Foundation GoGirlGo! Program** provides financial assistance to sports and physical activity programs seeking to add new or expanded program participation opportunities for an under-served population of girls, particularly economically disadvantaged girls and/or girls from populations with high incidences of health-risk behaviors. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated ability to deliver sport/physical activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade. Preference will be given to organizations working consistently with girls throughout the year. The closing date for applications is January 31. For additional information, go to: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=30> .

Through its *Giving Voice program*, the **Starbucks Foundation** will fund programs for youth, ages 6-18, which integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. The Foundation invites letters of inquiry from qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth in one of two areas: 1) Arts & Literacy – programs that innovatively address literacy and learning for the 21st century, provide high standards of excellence in mastering basic skills, and promote youth voices through a variety of venues; and 2) Environmental Literacy - programs that offer place-based approaches to addressing environmental literacy and empower youth to be heroes for a sustainable environment in their own communities. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The next application deadline is March 1, with annual deadlines of September 1 and March 1. For program information, application procedures, and eligibility questions, visit: www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp.

The **MBIA Foundation's** current focus is to fund programs that benefit children and families in need in the areas of education, health services, and human services. Most awards are generally in the range of \$100 - \$5,000, though larger awards are possible. Grants are generally made for specific programs or projects, rather than for general operating support. Universities and faith-based organizations do receive grants. Special consideration is given to organizations for whom MBIA staff volunteers. There is no support for umbrella organizations such as United Way. Initial approach must be by letter. Contact: Nancy Paulerico, at: nancy.paulerico.com

The primary grant-making interests of the **Annenberg Foundation** are in education and youth, culture, the arts, and community and civic life. The Annenberg Foundation is not presently considering inquiries for: individuals, individual K-12 schools, for-profit organizations, political activities, or attempts to influence specific legislation individual scholarships projects focused exclusively on research programs outside of the foundation's grant-making areas of interest. The Annenberg Foundation accepts letters of inquiry at all times during the year and there are no deadlines. For more information, go to: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **RGK Foundation** awards grants in the broad areas of education, community, and medicine/health. The foundation's primary interests within education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education, integrating technology into the curriculum, teacher development, literacy, and higher education. Within community, the foundation supports a broad range of human services, youth development, and community improvement programs. Cultural arts programs and organizations are supported on a very limited basis and typically include educational outreach programs for children or youth. Human service programs of particular interest to the foundation include early childhood development, parenting education, and domestic violence and abuse prevention/services. Youth development programs supported by the foundation typically include after-school programs that supplement and enhance the formal education system to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life. Most grants awarded during 2006 will be under \$25,000. The foundation reviews electronic letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis. Within three weeks, the foundation will send an e-mail message either declining your request or inviting you to submit a formal application packet for further consideration. For more information, go to: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/> .

The **UPS Foundation** supports programs addressing human welfare, education, adult literacy and hunger. Grants range from \$5,000 - \$50,000. Requests for grants may be submitted at any time. View the Web site for additional information and guidelines: <http://www.community.ups.com/philanthropy/grant.html>

The **Charles Lafitte Foundation** is committed to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement on the human condition by providing support to education, children's advocacy, medical research and the arts. Recent grants have gone to programs working on cancer, women's issues, and learning disabilities. The Foundation has no deadlines or standard forms. They prefer concise, well-organized proposals sent by e-mail. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant. The Foundation will reply to your inquiry/proposal if it fits within the current goals and budget for the Foundation. They do not reply to each inquiry, but will contact those that are of interest. For information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.charleslafitte.org/> .

Cable Positive's Tony Cox Community Fund offers support for AIDS community outreach efforts. They encourage community-based AIDS organizations and cable outlets to partner in joint community outreach efforts, or to produce and distribute new, locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements. Eligible local community outreach projects include, but are not limited to, World AIDS Day (December 1) and National HIV Testing Day (June 27) events, AIDS Rides/Walks, other joint efforts between AIDS organizations and local cable operators, etc. Funding is also available for production costs of HIV/AIDS-related programs and Public Service Announcements. Visit the program's Web site for complete program information and application procedures: <http://www.cablepositive.org/> .

The **Christopher Reeve Foundation** is accepting applications for their *Quality of Life Grants Program*, offering grants to nonprofit organizations working to address the needs of persons living with paralysis (particularly spinal-cord injury), their families, and caregivers. Funding is awarded in thirteen categories, including accessibility, advocacy, arts, assistive technology, children, counseling, education, employment, health promotion, independent living, practical service, sports and recreation, and therapeutic riding. To qualify for funding, a nonprofit organization does not have to exclusively serve people with spinal cord injuries; however, at least a portion of the population served must have spinal-cord injuries. Funding is awarded in amounts of up to \$25,000 per grant. The application deadline is March 1 and September 1, annually. For funding procedures, go to: <http://www.christopherreeve.org/> .

The **Far Fund** focuses its resources in three issue areas in New York City - Autism: The fund supports programs related to early identification, education and self-reliance/independence of children with autistic spectrum disorders. Violence Against Youth: The fund supports programs that address issues of violence within the family, street/school violence and hate crime. Homelessness: The fund supports programs that

seek to create a network of supportive housing for vulnerable and formerly homeless families in New York City. Special interest areas for this solicitation include a focus on females and juveniles. Grants range in amount from \$2,000 to \$70,000. The closing dates for applying are: February 1, June 1, and October 1. For detailed information, view: <http://www.farfund.org/applicationguidelines.htm>

United States Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families *Assets for Independence* (AFI) provides five-year grants to organizations and agencies that enable low-income individuals and families to achieve economic self-sufficiency by accumulating economic assets. Grantees provide financial literacy training to participants and help them save earned income in special matched bank accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). IDAs enable low-income and low-wealth families to accumulate savings for long-term assets such as a house, a small business, or a higher education. Eligible grantees include community-based nonprofits. Applicants may submit applications at any time throughout the year and OCS will review and make funding decisions about applications submitted by any of three due dates: March 15, June 15, and November 1. An organization that submits an application for review, but is not awarded a grant, may revise their proposal and submit again in any succeeding application cycle. You may visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

RESOURCES

nGenuity Solutions supports charitable non profit organizations by offering qualified organizations a free, fully licensed copy of Easy Website Builder. To apply for your free copy of Easy Website Builder, send a brief description of your organization, address, contact number and proof of non profit status to: nonprofit@ngenuitysolutions.com . For more information, go to: <http://www.easy-website-builder.com/MasterPage.aspx?pagelid=45>

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), sometimes called the Earned Income Credit (EIC), is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. *The Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit* (CTC) is another important program For more information on this anti-poverty initiative, tool-kits, and links to additional resources, go to: http://www.nlc.org/IYEF/program_areas/family_economic_success/4972.cfm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** January 20** – *Medicare Part D: An Up-to-Date Briefing and Leadership Training* will be offered by the **Brooklyn Borough President's Office** and various Brooklyn organizations from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street. Featured speakers will describe how professionals can help their senior clients make the most advantageous choices regarding Medicare Part D. This is a free event: RSVP to Lisa Fields at (212) 983-4800, ext. 190 or FieldsL@jrcrcny.org; a light breakfast will be served – please bring ID for security purposes.

**** January 23** – Please note that the deadline for bids for the *Financial Education RFP* announced by the **New York State Banking Department** has been extended to January 23. All questions and comments are now addressed on the Web site: <http://www.banking.state.ny.us> .

**** January 26** – The Dutchess County Arts Council and the New York State Alliance for Arts Education is co-sponsoring a New Visions in Arts Education Conference from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in New Hyde Park, New York. This is an opportunity for the entire Arts in Education community, including PTA's, teachers, administrators, Teaching Artists, artists and community members, to take advantage of the latest trends and information regarding key aspects of successful arts in education programs. Tuition is \$35. if received before January 23 (\$45. at the door) which includes breakfast, lunch, and resource materials. Contact NYSAAE, 1-800-278-7633, or exec@nysaae.org .

****February 27 – March 3 – The Head Start Bureau (HSB)** is hosting the second *National Head Start Hispanic Institute* in Denver, Colorado. Census data show that Hispanics now comprise the largest minority population in the United States; in Head Start, Hispanic children comprise more than 30 percent of the total enrollment. To ensure that financial constraints do not preclude programs from participating in the Institute, the Administration for Children and Families will make available to grantees and delegate agencies one-time funds which will allow them to substantially cover the costs of sending up to two persons to this Institute. Although no deadline is listed, the last day to register for the Institute is February 10. http://www.headstartinfo.org/publications/im05/im05_10.htm .

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Head Start Bureau**, Administration for Children and Families, supports the *2006-2007 National Head Start Fellowships Program* and provides funding for up to ten Fellowships each year. Through these Fellowships, outstanding, promising leaders in early childhood and human service professions have the opportunity to gain firsthand experiences that offer a national perspective into the operations of Head Start Bureau and other Federal programs serving children and families. The 12-month Fellowships commence in October 2006, with an orientation program in Washington, D.C., and end in September 2007. For more information, please contact JoAn Knight Herren, Chief, Training and Technical Assistance Branch, Head Start Bureau, at 202.205.8566 or via e-mail at JHerren@acf.hhs.gov . Individuals who are working in the field of child development and family services are encouraged to apply. There are no restrictions on age, race, sex, creed, national origin, nor any physical requirements. Applications are due February 1, 2006. Download the application at: <http://www.headstartinfo.org/partnership/FellowshipApp2006.pdf> .

The **Bank of America Youth Entrepreneur Awards** supports and recognizes young entrepreneurs in New York City with cash awards, technical assistance, and an Exposition that attracts 2,000 visitors every year. All applicants that hand in their applications by January 30 will receive free business plan software from Palo Alto Software worth \$200, and a full scholarship to The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship's Summer BizCamp at NYU's Stern School of Business. Award winners receive: from \$300 to \$2,500 in cash awards and an all-expenses paid three-day trip to the Emerging Business Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C., exhibition space at the Youth Entrepreneur Expo, recognition at an Awards Ceremony attended by top business and civic leaders, and recognition in a booklet to be distributed throughout NYC with opportunities for media coverage. Qualifying applicants must: live in New York City; be under 22 years of age; have been in business for at least 1 month; and have served at least three customers. The application deadline is February 20. To learn more and obtain an application, go to: <http://ccnyc.neighborhoodlink.com/ccnycfiles/Application.pdf> .

The **Independent Sector** invites nominations for the *John W. Gardner Leadership Award*, presented to an individual working in the voluntary sector who has advanced the common good by building, mobilizing, and unifying people, institutions, or causes. Named for the late John W. Gardner, American statesman and founding chairperson of Independent Sector, the award honors a leader who has transformed society and served as a beacon to individuals and communities. The application deadline is January 31; anyone may nominate an individual to receive the award. The award consists of \$10,000 and a replica of an original relief bust of John Gardner by the late sculptor Frederick Hart. For complete nomination procedures, visit the Independent Sector Web site: <http://www.independentsector.org/> .

The **VSA arts Playwright Discovery Award** invites middle and high school students to examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others, and express their views through the art of playwriting. Young playwrights with and without disabilities are encouraged to submit an original one-act script that explores any aspect of disability. Entries may be the work of an individual student or collaboration by a group or class of students. Authors must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and must be a middle or high school student (i.e., grades six through twelve). Winning playwrights receive a \$1,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the VSA arts Playwright Discovery Award Evening and

see a professional production or staged reading of his/her play at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The application deadline is April 14.

The **VSA arts Playwright Discovery Teacher Award** was established to recognize middle and high school teachers who creatively bring disability awareness to their classrooms through the art of playwriting. The selected teacher will receive national recognition, funds to purchase playwriting resources for the classroom, and a trip to Washington, D.C. to be honored at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Teachers must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and must teach students in middle or high school (i.e., grades six through twelve). Teachers may self-nominate themselves for this award, or they may be nominated by a middle or high school colleague. The application deadline is July 1. Guidelines and application forms are available at the VSA arts Web site: <http://www.vsarts.org/x1548.xml> .

The **National Urban Fellows Program** is a rigorous, full-time graduate program comprised of two semesters of academic course work and a nine month mentorship, leading to a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Bernard M. Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, City University of New York. During the mentorship, Fellows complete course work via distance learning. An MPA degree is awarded to Fellows upon completion of all academic and program requirements. The program is seeking approximately 30 fellows to receive a \$25,000 stipend over 14 months, full tuition payment, \$500 relocation allowance, reimbursement for travel, and a \$500 book allowance. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and 3 – 5 years of management experience. For more information, go to: <http://www.nuf.org/nufprogram.asp>