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**ALA Washington Office Grants Page Updated**

The ALA's Washington Office's Grants page was updated recently, adding information about several new several new grant opportunities, including:

**National Institute For Literacy**
Overview Information; Literacy Information and Communication (LINCS) Regional Resource Centers; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.257T.


Eligible Applicants: Public and private agencies or institutions, or non-profit organizations, with knowledge and expertise in adult basic education and adult literacy; or consortia of such agencies, institutions, or organizations. Additional information concerning eligibility requirements is in Section III.1. in this notice.

Estimated Available Funds: $750,000. Estimated Range of Awards: $175,000-$250,000. Estimated Average Size of Awards: $200,000. Estimated Number of Awards: 3.

Note: The National Institute for Literacy is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months. Each grantee will be required to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Institute for Literacy (Institute) for the duration of the project period.

**FULL TEXT**

The Grantsmanship Training Program is a comprehensive week-long grantwriting workshop designed for both novice and experienced

**Other News:**
- AASL announces new reading grant
- ACRL seeks nominations for 2007 awards recognizing outstanding achievements in academic librarianship
- New PLA Gordon M. Conable Award recognizes commitment to intellectual freedom
grantseekers. This workshop covers all aspects of searching for grants, writing grant proposals, and negotiating with funding sources. Participants will leave the workshop with new skills and the ability to apply those skills to the needs of their own organizations.

YWCA Lincoln will be hosting the Grantsmanship Training Program in Lincoln, NE, August 28-September 1, 2006.

Register online

**Municipal Wireless and Broadband Project**
To help link communities to technologies that can potentially transform the way people live and work, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation partnered with One Economy and Intel Solution Services to host a series of online webinars (July 2006) on the potential of municipal wireless initiatives. Municipal wireless is seen as a way to bring the Internet to large areas of a community, spur economic development, improve public services, and reach previously underserved populations.

The Knight Foundation will provide on-demand versions of each of the webinars after the live event.

**The Mary Byron Foundation** created the *Celebrating Solutions Awards* to showcase and applaud local innovations that show promise in breaking the cycle of violence. Four awards of $10,000 are given annually to programs that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting the root causes of domestic violence and developing solutions to break the cycle.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three years.
- The program must address the issue of domestic violence.
- The program must be part of a non-profit 501(c) (3) or government agency.
- The program should be replicable, or if it is national in scope, the program should have applications for individual communities, regardless of their size or ethnic population.

The nomination deadline is September 16, 2006.

**The U.S. Bancorp Foundation** seeks to build strong partnerships and lasting value in communities with a U.S. Bank office by providing support to local nonprofit organizations. Grants are given to organizations that improve the educational and economic opportunities of low- and moderate-income individuals and families and enhance the cultural and artistic life of communities.

Specific areas of interest include:
affordable housing,
- economic development,
- arts and culture,
- education, and
- human services.

A list of eligible communities

The application deadlines vary by location.

The Ethel Louise Armstrong (ELA) Foundation promotes inclusion of people with disabilities in the areas of arts, advocacy, and education. Deadlines vary, check the ELA's Grants page for details.

National Endowment for the Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence
This program supports performing arts events, readings, screenings, broadcasts, and visual arts exhibitions; artist residencies and artist commissions; documentation and conservation of public and monumental art; and subgranting for programming activities on behalf of a local arts agency's constituents.

Support is available to organizations for projects that do one or more of the following:

- Provide opportunities for artists to create, refine, perform, and exhibit their work.
- Present artistic works of all cultures and periods.
- Preserve significant works of art and cultural traditions.
- Enable arts organizations and artists to expand and diversify their audiences.
- Provide opportunities for individuals to experience and participate in a wide range of art forms and activities.
- Enhance the effectiveness of arts organizations and artists.
- Employ the arts in strengthening communities.

Application and instructions are on the Web site, and differ for discipline and category.

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