



Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program

Federal Register 12/13/07, p. 70929

Purpose: To fund alternative transportation projects in national parks and other federal lands whose goals are to: conserve natural,

historical, and cultural resources; reduce congestion and pollution; improve visitor mobility and accessibility; enhance visitor experience; and ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities.

Eligibility: Federal land management agencies, including the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation; and state, tribal and local governments with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area, acting with the consent of a federal land management agency, alone or in partnership with a federal land management agency or other governmental or non-governmental participant.

Funding: \$25 million.

Deadline: 2/29/08.

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Ballast Water Management Demo (CFDA No. 11.417)

Federal Register 12/27/07, p. 73325

Purpose: To develop, test, and demonstrate ballast water treatment methods to reduce the threat of introduction of aquatic invasive species to U.S. waters through the discharge of ballast water.

Eligibility: Individuals; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; for-profit organizations; federal, state, local and Indian tribal

governments; foreign governments and organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Funding: \$1 million.

Deadline: 2/21/08.

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Charter School Program (CFDA No. 84.282A)

Federal Register 12/03/07, p. 68033

Purpose: To increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools, and to evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents.

Eligibility: State educational agencies.

Funding: \$47 million.

Deadline: 2/1/08.

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Conservation Innovation Grants (CFDA No. 10.912)

Federal Register 12/17/07, p. 71345

Purpose: To stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production.

Eligibility: State or local unit of government, non-governmental organization, private business, or individual.

Funding: \$20 million.

Deadline: 2/20/08.

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**Early Reading First Program
(CFDA No. 84.359A)**

Federal Register 12/28/07, p. 73790

Purpose: To enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-aged children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.

Eligibility: One or more local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law, that are eligible to receive a sub grant under the Reading First program; one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or one or more eligible LEAs applying in collaboration with one or more eligible organizations or agencies.

Funding: \$116 million.

Deadline: 2/1/08.

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**Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal
K-12 Education (CFDA No. 11.469)**

Federal Register 12/27/07, p. 73325

Purpose: To expand the amount of Earth System Science taught in the classroom and improve student learning.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education; for-profit and nonprofit organizations; and state and local governments. Among those eligible applicants are K through 12 public and independent schools and school systems, and science centers and museums.

Funding: \$4 million.

Deadline: 2/20/08.

Contact: Sarah Schoedinger, Tel. (704) 370-3528.

**Even Start Family Literacy Program Women's
Prison Grant (CFDA No. 84.313A)**

Federal Register 12/21/07, p. 72683

Purpose: To help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy and improve the educational opportuni-

ties of low-income families with mothers in prison by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified, high-quality, family literacy program.

Eligibility: A prison (other than a federal prison) that houses women and their preschool-age children; an institution of higher education; a local educational agency, including a charter school that is considered a local educational agency under state law; a hospital; or other public or private organization or entity.

Funding: \$150,000.

Deadline: 2/29/08.

Contact: Amber Sheker, Tel. (202) 205-0653;
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**Federal-State Marketing Improvement
Program**

Federal Register 12/05/07, p. 68553

Purpose: To enable states to explore new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the U.S. marketing system.

Eligibility: State departments of agriculture, state agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate state agencies.

Funding: \$1.3 million.

Deadline: 2/11/08.

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Global Connections and Exchange Program

Federal Register 12/13/07, p. 70921

Purpose: To introduce youth to a broad range of ideas and resources while enhancing the use of information and communication technology in schools. Through this program, overseas secondary schools will expand computer literacy skills, improve general education, and gain a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, and values. American students will, in turn, gain a greater understanding of foreign languages and cultures.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit organizations.

Funding: \$350,000.

Deadline: 2/8/08.

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Grants for School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs (CFDA No. 84.184D)

Federal Register 12/18/07, p. 71668

Purpose: To develop and implement, or expand, school-based drug-testing programs for students.

Eligibility: LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law, and public and private entities that do not currently have an active grant under the School-Based Student Drug-Testing Programs.

Funding: \$12.7 million.

Deadline: 3/21/08.

Contact: Sigrid Melus, Tel. 202-260-2673;
E-mail: OSDFSdrugtesting@ed.gov.

Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (CFDA No. 84.184A)

Federal Register 1/3/08, p. 479

Purpose: To develop and implement innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools.

Eligibility: Local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under state law.

Funding: \$24.5 million.

Deadline: 2/19/08.

Contact: Amalia Cuervo, Tel. (202) 205-2855;
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Height Modernization Program (CFDA No. 11.400)

Federal Register 12/27/07, p. 73325

Purpose: To enhance the vertical component of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) and to allow users better access. Also to increase outreach and education regarding geospatial issues and activities; capacity building and technology transfer; and coordination, cooperation, and collaboration with other entities to accomplish common goals as they relate to Height Modern-

ization.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education; and state, local, and Indian tribal governments.

Funding: \$9.5 million.

Deadline: Letter of intent by 1/10/08. Proposal by 2/11/08.

Contact: Gilbert Mitchell, Tel. (301) 713-3228, ext. 114; E-mail: Gilbert.Mitchell@noaa.gov.

National Weather Service Hydrologic Research (CFDA No. 11.462)

Federal Register 12/27/07, p. 73325

Purpose: To promote and increase diversity in the atmospheric and related sciences through collaborative research between operational forecasters and academic institutions which have expertise in the environmental sciences in support of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Weather and water mission goal.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education; other nonprofits; commercial organizations; foreign governments and organizations under their jurisdiction; international organizations; and state, local and Indian tribal governments.

Funding: \$50,000.

Deadline: 2/29/08.

Contact: Sam Contorno, Tel. (301) 713-3557, ext. 150; E-mail: samuel.contorno@noaa.gov.

Precision Measurement Grants Program (CFDA No. 11.609)

Federal Register 12/14/07, p. 71119

Purpose: To encourage basic, measurement-related research in universities and colleges and other research laboratories and to foster contacts between NIST scientists and those faculty members of academic institutions and other researchers who are actively engaged in such work.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments and organizations under their jurisdiction; international organizations; and federal agencies with appropriate legal authority.

Funding: \$100,000.



Deadline: 2/1/08.

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**Public Housing Neighbor-
hood Networks (NN) Program
(CFDA No. 14.875)**

Federal Register 12/11/07, p.
70457

Purpose: To provide grants to
public housing authorities to
update and expand existing NN
community technology centers;
or establish new NN centers.
These centers offer compre-
hensive services designed to
help public housing residents

achieve long-term economic
self-sufficiency.

Eligibility: Public housing
authorities.

Funding: \$10 million.

Deadline: 2/15/08.

Contact: Public and Indian
Housing Information and Re-
source Center, Tel. (800)
955-2232.

**Youth Leadership and Teacher
Professional Development
Program With Bosnia and
Herzegovina**

Federal Register 12/6/07,
p. 68942

Purpose: To provide a civic

education program that helps
the participants understand civic
participation and the rights and
responsibilities of citizens in a
democracy; to develop leader-
ship skills among secondary
school students and teachers
appropriate to their needs; and
to build personal relationships
among high school students
and teachers from Bosnia and
Herzegovina and the U.S.

Eligibility: Public and private
nonprofit organizations.

Funding: \$85,000.

Deadline: 1/31/08.

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