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Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community



Building Communities Together

Federal Programs Guide

The President's Community Empowerment Board

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Andrew Cuomo, Secretary

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dan Glickman, Secretary



“For the past 5 years, we have worked to bring the spark of private enterprise to inner city and poor rural areas—with community development banks, more commercial loans in the poor neighborhoods, cleanup of polluted sites for development. Under the continued leadership of the Vice President, we propose to triple the number of Empowerment Zones, to give business incentives to invest in those areas.”

—*President Bill Clinton*
State of the Union, January 20, 1998

“Our empowerment agenda is built on the belief that everyone has a positive contribution to make, and that all communities can create the climate that calls forth that contribution...if we give them the tools they need.”

—*Vice President Al Gore*





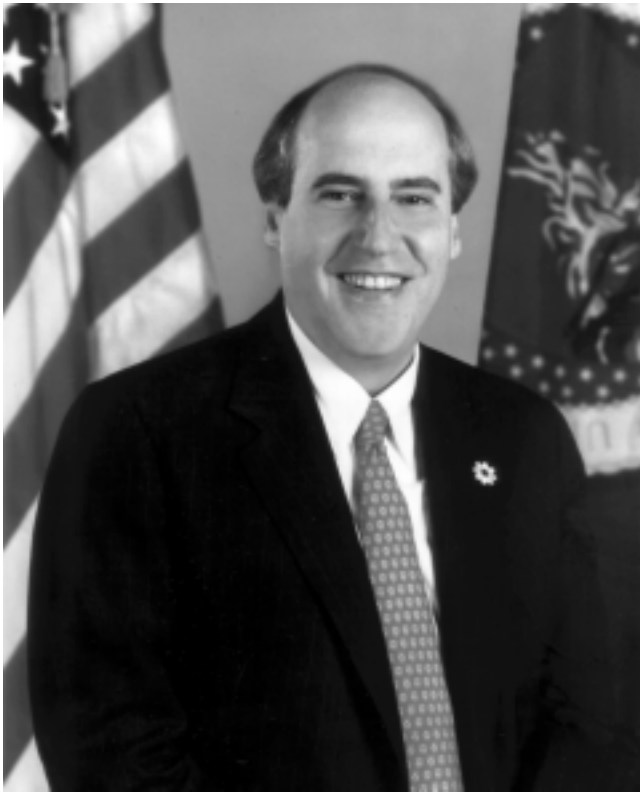
“The concept of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities couples national objectives with local means, Federal goals with local ingenuity. It’s a true and equal partnership, the hallmark of which is performance. It’s an approach which believes that one size does not fit all, that Washington does not know best.”

—*Andrew Cuomo*
Secretary, U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development
Boston Globe, July 18, 1997

“The best strategy for revitalizing the inner city is one that recognizes that the best people to decide how to improve their communities are the people living there: going to school there, working there, and raising families there. Under the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Initiative, community members are coming together across the country to improve their homes, neighborhoods, and cities.”

—*Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.*
Assistant Secretary for Community
Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development





“This program works. I’ve seen it put people back to work, create safer neighborhoods and schools, house families, and energize rural Americans. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have made Round II of the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Initiative an Administration priority. I hope you and your community will join us in these exciting efforts.”

—*Dan Glickman*
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

“The central challenge being undertaken by the EZ/EC program is to provide needed assistance to communities in their efforts to rebuild community capacity and revitalize economic growth. While this “bottom up” approach will not eradicate poverty overnight, it is breaking the cycle of poverty and empowering rural residents to take responsibility for creating opportunity and a renewed hope for their children’s future.”

—*Jill Long Thompson*
Under Secretary for Rural Development
U.S. Department of Agriculture



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INTRODUCTION

The Clinton-Gore Administration, through its community empowerment agenda, is committed to providing residents of distressed communities with the tools they need to revitalize their neighborhoods. This agenda—which includes a range of initiatives across the Federal government—is designed to increase economic opportunity and to promote sustainable community development. At the same time, the agenda focuses on providing residents with the opportunity to lead and participate in the revitalization of their communities.

The Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) initiative is at the heart of the Administration's community empowerment agenda.

The EZ/EC initiative focuses attention on certain designated urban and rural areas through an innovative, holistic approach to community revitalization. It recognizes that the problems distressed areas face are often interrelated, and that communities know best how to tackle those problems. So the program asks communities to work together through the application process—bringing in businesses, nonprofits, churches, local governments, and others (inside and outside the designated area)—to create their own comprehensive Strategic Plans for the future. The Strategic Plan each community develops provides a roadmap for transforming troubled neighborhoods into viable, sustainable places to live, work, and raise a family.

One hundred and five EZ/ECs were designated in December 1994, and 20 additional EZs will be designated in the Round II competition. EZ/ECs receive tax incentives for businesses to spur private investment and create jobs, and performance-oriented, flexible Federal grant funding to help communities implement their Strategic Plans and empower residents to participate in the process.

Vice President Al Gore, as chair of the Community Empowerment Board (CEB), oversees the EZ/EC Initiative. The CEB is made up of the heads of more than 20 Cabinet Agencies and Executive Offices, and is designed to bring together the Federal Government's efforts to revitalize communities.

This Federal Programs Guide provides a comprehensive list of the various Federal resources that are available to bring opportunity to distressed communities through the EZ/EC program. The Guide includes descriptions of Federal programs and technical assistance designed to:

- Create jobs and economic opportunities.
- Promote small business creation and development.
- Provide increased access to credit and capital.
- Provide tax incentives to businesses to employ former welfare recipients.
- Provide tax incentive to businesses to clean up and redevelop former industrial property.
- Provide opportunities for out-of-school youth
- Provide support for children and families
- Increase access to affordable housing and homeownership opportunities.
- Improve access to the Internet and educational opportunities.
- Enhance crime prevention strategies.

These Federal programs and others can be invaluable tools for you as you work to revitalize your communities.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This *Federal Programs Guide* is your community's key to locating Federal programs that can help you accomplish your revitalization goals. The *Guide* is divided into five sections, each of which is described below.

1. Table of Contents

The Federal program descriptions are separated into 14 program categories: Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Community Building, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, and Workforce Development.

2. Using the Matrix

Following the Introduction is a matrix of all the programs in this *Guide*. Use the matrix program list to help you find specific programs that will best support your goals. You may begin a search applicable to your community's needs by selecting a category along the top of the page. For instance, if you select the category *Environment*, read down the column to find programs related to the environment. Then, follow the row of programs to the left of the chart where you will see the name of the program that you have selected and the page number on which it appears. When you go to that page you will find a Related Category(ies) listing next to each program description. The list of Related Categories can help you search more extensively through the guide to find additional programs that may benefit your community.

3. Selected New Proposed Initiatives

Part II of this *Guide* explains the new initiatives to assist distressed communities proposed in the President's FY 1999 budget. Currently under congressional consideration, these Federal programs, if enacted into law, can provide vital support to your community in areas such as job training and access to capital.

4. Appendices

The appendices in Part III offer a list of Federal agency Web sites with up-to-date program announcements. Also included as an appendix is a list of State Data Centers that can provide census data and maps to help you plan your revitalization actions, and a list of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture contacts. The last appendix defines the different types of Federal programs and related terms.

5. Additional Listings

A complete listing of all related Federal programs can also be found on the EZ/EC home page at <http://www.ezec.gov>.

We wish you the best in your efforts to coordinate programs specific to your community's needs and hope that this guide aids you in your planning.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

TYPES OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

The Federal program guide includes some terms that might not be clear to all readers. Some of the descriptions use terms familiar only to people who have experience working with Federal aid programs. Therefore, we have put together a short list of definitions to make the guide as user friendly and as helpful as possible. Many of these definitions come directly from the introductory sections of the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*.

Block/Formula Grants: Payments made by a Federal Government agency to States, counties, cities, or towns according to a statute-based or regulation-based formula. The allocation formula typically is based on the State's or other recipient government's population. Some block/formula grant programs require the government receiving the grant to allow residents to be substantially involved in developing plans for using the grant funds.

Project Grants: Payments made by a Federal Government agency to another government such as a State, county, or city or a private organization for a specific project or the delivery of a specific service or product. Project grants include, but are not limited to, demonstration grants, planning grants, technical assistance grants, and construction grants.

Direct Loans: Loans from a Federal Government agency to a borrower for a specific period of time, with a reasonable expectation of repayment. Terms of the loan may or may not require the borrower to make interest payments.

Guaranteed/Insured Loans: Financial assistance from a Federal Government agency in which the agency indemnifies a private lender against the possibility that a borrower will not repay the loan.

Insurance: Financial assistance provided by a Federal Government agency to ensure reimbursement for any losses that may result from specified occurrences (such as a flood). Insurance coverage may be provided directly by a Federal Government agency or through a private insurance company.

Sale, Exchange, or Donation of Property and Goods: An arrangement in which a Federal agency provides for the sale, exchange, or donation of Federal property or other goods including land, buildings, equipment, food, and drugs.

Use of Property, Facilities, and Equipment: An arrangement in which a Federal agency provides for the loan of, use of, or access to Federal facilities or property by another organization. In these situations, the federally-owned facilities or property do not remain in the possession of the other organization. Typically, the property remains under the control of the Federal agency.

Training: An arrangement in which a Federal agency provides instructional activities for the benefit of recipient organizations.

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Access to Capital

7(a) Guaranteed Loans

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Programs

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6490

Web site: www.sba.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides guaranteed loans to small businesses that are unable to obtain financing in the private credit market, but can show an ability to repay the loans. Participating lenders provide loan funds, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) guarantees a portion of the loan. Guarantees can reach up to 80 percent on loans up to \$150,000, and up to 75 percent on loans more than \$150,000. The maximum loan amount covered is \$750,000. Loan proceeds can be used for any legitimate business purpose such as construction, purchase of equipment, inventory, and working capital.

Certified Development Company Loans (504 Loans)

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Programs

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6490

Web site: www.sba.gov

Program Description/Activities: The 504 loans provide long-term, fixed financing at reasonable rates for small businesses that need to acquire land, construct buildings, or fund construction, expansion, renovation, modernization, machinery, and equipment. Loans may have either a 10- or 20-year term. A lender provides at least 50 percent of the total required amount, up to 40 percent is provided by a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)-Certified Development Company, and 10 percent is contributed by the borrower. SBA's maximum guarantee is \$1 million.

Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP); North American Development Bank—Domestic Window

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

North American Development Bank

Phone: 562-908-2100

Program Description/Activities: CAIP provides loan or loan guarantees to businesses located in communities with job losses related to the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). CAIP is a partnership between the Federal Government and the North American Development Bank (NADBank). Credit is made available to create new, sustainable jobs or preserve existing jobs at risk of being lost. Loans and guarantees are made through selected Federal agencies or directly by the NADBank. Funding is available in identified communities based on evidence of a significant number of job losses due to changing trade patterns with Mexico or Canada and a need for transition and investment assistance due to the absence of other job opportunities.

The Department of the Treasury serves as the chair of the interagency group responsible for the development and initiative of CAIP. Questions on Federal involvement should be directed to:

Domestic Finance Office
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Phone: 202-622-0637
Web site: www.ustreas.gov

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of the Treasury
Phone: 202-622-8042
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: The CDFI fund was created to expand the availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services in distressed urban and rural communities. By stimulating the creation and expansion of diverse CDFIs and by providing incentives to traditional banks and thrifts through the Bank Enterprise Awards Program, the fund's investments work to build private markets, create healthy local economies, promote entrepreneurship, restore neighborhoods, generate local tax revenues, and empower residents. The CDFI Fund also provides small infusions of capital to institutions serving distressed communities and low-income individuals.

Financing Your Business: Microloans

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Small Business Answer Desk
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 1-800-8ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722)
Web site: www.sba.gov/financing/micro.html

Program Description/Activities: This program increases the availability of very small loans to prospective small business borrowers. Under this program, the SBA makes funds available to nonprofit intermediaries, who in turn make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts that range from less than \$100 to a maximum of \$25,000. The average loan size is \$10,000. Completed applications can usually be processed by the intermediary in less than 1 week.

Historic Preservation Fund

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Historic Preservation Fund
Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-9563
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: This is a Federal matching grant program that encourages private and non-Federal investment in historic preservation efforts by providing grants to States, territories, Indian tribes, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Funding is most often used to pay part of the costs of surveys and statewide historic preservation plans and to prepare *National Register* nominations, architectural plans, historic structures reports, and engineering studies. Fifty-nine fund awards have been made to States, territories, Indian tribes, and local governments and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Activities funded include architectural, historical, and archeological surveys; nominations to the *National Register of Historic Places*; staff work for historic preservation commissions; design guidelines and preservation plans; public outreach materials such as publications, videos, exhibits, and brochures; training for commission members and staff; and rehabilitation or restoration of *National Register*-listed properties.

Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC) Program

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Investment Division
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6510
Web site: www.sba.gov/inv/

Program Description/Activities: SBIC helps to fill the gap between the availability of venture capital and the needs of small businesses in startup and growth situations. SBICs, licensed and regulated by the SBA, are privately owned and managed investment firms that use their own capital, plus funds borrowed at favorable rates with an SBA guarantee, to make venture investments in small businesses. Virtually all SBICs are profit-motivated businesses. They provide equity capital, long-term loans, debt-equity investments, and management assistance to qualifying small businesses. Their incentive is the chance to share in the success of the small business as it grows and prospers. Specialized SBICs, also known as 301(d) SBICs, invest in small businesses owned by entrepreneurs who are socially or economically disadvantaged, primarily members of minority groups.

Business Assistance

Business and Industrial Loans

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-0813
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: Direct or insured loans assist public, private, or cooperative organizations (for-profit or nonprofit), Indian tribes, or individuals in rural areas to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and to improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. Loans may be used for pollution control and abatement.

Grant/Award Amount: TBD

The Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) Program

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Industrial Technologies
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-1298
Web site: [www.oiepa-www.rutgers.edu/
site-docs/training.briggs.html](http://www.oiepa-www.rutgers.edu/site-docs/training.briggs.html)

Program Description/Activities: This program sponsors no-cost energy audits for small and medium-size manufacturers. The audits are conducted by teams of engineering faculty and students from universities throughout the United States serving as industrial assessment centers. This program provides energy, waste, and productivity assessments to manufacturers that meet certain criteria and that are located within 150 miles of an IAC.

Intermediary Relending Program

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business–Cooperative Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Phone: 202–720–6819

Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Intermediary Relending Program provides direct loans to finance business facilities and community development. Eligible intermediaries include private, nonprofit organizations, cooperatives, State or local governments, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Loan/Award Amount: \$35 million.

Office of Business Initiatives (BI)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Education,
Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Business Initiatives

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202–205–6655

Web site: www.sba.gov/BI

Program Description/Activities: The BI administers programs and activities designed to provide information, education, and training to prospective and existing small business owners. The office engages in cosponsorships with private-sector partners that are designed to provide small business owners with information, education, and training that is cost effective, of high quality, and reflective of trends in small business development. The office develops and promotes innovative sources of outreach to small business owners designed to assist them in the startup, management, and growth. These sources include facilities, such as Business Information Centers, written materials, electronic bulletin boards, software, and other means of providing business development, business management, and business growth information.

Office of Business Liaison

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Business Liaison

U.S. Department of Commerce

Phone: 202–482–1360

Web site: www.osec.doc.gov/obl

Program Description/Activities: The Office of Business Liaison serves as the primary point of contact between the Department of Commerce and the business community. Objectives of the office are to develop a proactive, responsive, and effective outreach program and relationship with the business community; inform the Secretary, the department, and administration officials of the critical issues facing the business community; inform the business community of resources, policies, and programs; provide outreach to the business community including arranging regular meetings and briefings with Department officials; and guide individuals and businesses through the channels of the Federal Government with the Business Assistance Program.

Office of Government Contracting (GC)

Related Category:
Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Government Contracting
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6460
Web site: www.sba.gov/gc/

Program Description/Activities: GC advocates, facilitates, and creates an environment for the maximum participation by small, disadvantaged, and woman-owned businesses in contracts awarded by the U.S. Government and subcontracts awarded by its large prime contractors.

Office of Minority Enterprise Development (MED)

Related Category:
Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Minority Enterprise Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6412
Web site: www.sba.gov/med/

Program Description/Activities: This program provides business development assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged business persons to ensure opportunity to participate more fully and successfully in the mainstream national economy.

One-Stop Capital Shops (OSCS) Program, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Related Categories:
Access to Capital, Community Building,
Economic Development, Technical
Assistance, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Entrepreneurial Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6706
Web site: www.sba.gov/

Program Description/Activities: The OSCS program is an SBA initiative that brings the agency's business development and capital resources together with other Federal, State, local, and private-sector resources to provide better customer service to small businesses. OSCS deliver financial, business, and technical assistance to small, minority, and women-owned businesses as well as to individuals who would like to start a business. OSCS have access to all of the agency's programs and financial and technical assistance.

Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAC)

Related Category:
Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
DDAS, Defense Logistic Agency
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-767-1650
Web site: www.dla.mil/ddas/procurem.htm

Program Description/Activities: The Department of Defense (DoD) PTAC mission is to increase contracting activity between small businesses; major prime contractors; and the Federal, State, and local governments. PTAC counselors assist small businesses with marketing proposal preparation, technical consulting, and pre/postcontract award compliance and conduct educational seminars on procurement.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Related Categories:

Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

SCORE

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 1-800-634-0245

Web site: www.sba.gov/SCORE or

www.score.org/

Program Description/Activities: SCORE is a nonprofit organization that provides small business counseling and training. SCORE members are successful, retired business men and women who volunteer their time to assist aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. There are SCORE chapters in every State.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Programs

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Small Business Development Center

Programs

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6766

Web site: www.sba.gov/sbdc

Program Description/Activities: The SBDC programs provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. SBA awards 57 cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education and State government institutions. The agreements, subject to 100-percent matching funds, are based on a population formula and range between \$500,000 and \$6 million.

Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses

Related Categories:

Equal Opportunity, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Economic Impact and Diversity

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 202-586-8383

Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program enhances the U.S. Department of Energy's partnerships with small, minority, and women-owned businesses; provides management and technical assistance; identifies barriers and obstacles to achieving contracting goals; and develops innovative strategies to increase business opportunities.

Community Building

AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

Related Categories:

Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Human Services and Family Support, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

AmeriCorps*NCCC
The Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Program Description/Activities: AmeriCorps* National Civilian Community Corps is the residential service program modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps. AmeriCorps*NCCC engages young people between the ages of 18 and 24 in full-time service based from one of five campuses in Aurora, CO; Charleston, SC; Perry Point, MD; San Diego, CA; and Washington, DC. Members conduct projects nationwide in areas of environment, education, public safety, disaster relief, and human needs. Service projects are developed in partnership with local sponsors and must address a compelling need. Project sponsors include nonprofit and community-based organizations, municipalities, State agencies, schools, and counties.

Grant/Award Amount: \$18 million for FY 1998.

AmeriCorps*State/National

Related Categories:

Education, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

The Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Program Description/Activities: AmeriCorps*State/National is the national service initiative that engages thousands of Americans in communities across the Nation gaining college, graduate school, or job training experience. Programs are locally driven and community-based but share a common mission to help communities meet education, public safety, human, or environmental needs through service; to strengthen communities by uniting individuals from different backgrounds and institutions in a common effort to improve communities; and to encourage responsibility through service and civic education while expanding opportunity by providing an education award for college or job training or to pay back student loans.

Grant/Award Amount: New and renewal grants totaling \$227 million for FY 1998.

AmeriCorps*VISTA

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

The Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.americorp.org

Program Description/Activities: Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a full-time, year-long volunteer program for men and women who work to increase the ability of low-income people to improve their lives. Volunteers are assigned to local sponsors that may be State or local public agencies or private nonprofit organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$65 million for FY 1998.

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Capacity Building Small Grant Program

Related Categories:

Business Access, Economic Development,
Environment, Infrastructure, Technical
Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 303-275-4819
Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: The program provides small grants (under \$50,000) through an application process restricted to EZ/ECs to help communities develop comprehensive sustainable development plans and/or address specific problems in the implementation of their sustainable development plans. Funding can be used to assist communities in pursuing capacity-building projects or activities such as economic renewal training, design development sessions, industrial ecology training, visioning exercises, land-use planning techniques, and economic studies of the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Preference is given to EZ/ECs.

Grant/Award Amount: Individual grants are not to exceed \$50,000.

The Good Neighbor Program

Related Categories:

Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-1100
Web site: goodneighbor.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The General Services Administration (GSA) Public Buildings Service is the Federal Government's largest civilian landlord. GSA provides 40 percent of all Federal office space in government-owned buildings and space leased from the private sector, more than 250 million square feet, for more than a million Federal workers. Through this program, GSA partners with cities, other Federal agencies, and community groups to provide safe public environments in Federal buildings and surrounding neighborhoods; locate Federal workers in central business areas; participate in downtown management districts to provide services that physically improve neighborhoods and attract people to downtowns; offer free or at-cost space, restaurants, shops, and activities (farmers' markets, festivals, concerts, and exhibits) in Federal facilities and outdoor plazas; provide excess Federal property for public use; and participate in local community revitalization and planning efforts.

Joint Community Development Program

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Policy Development and Research
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1537, ext. 218
Web site: www.oup.org

Program Description/Activities: Joint Community Development is a competitive funding program that provides funds to colleges and universities to create Centers of Community Revitalization. These centers will undertake large-scale, multiphased, multiyear community building and revitalization activities in concert with their local governments and neighborhoods. Any activity eligible under the CDBG program may be undertaken.

Grant/Award Amount: No funding for FY 1996 or FY 1997.

National Rural Health Assistance (NRHA) Project

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Education, Health

Program/Agency Contact:

National Rural Health Assistance (NRHA)

Phone: 816-756-3140

Web site: www.NRHArural.org

Program Description/Activities: The NRHA, with support from the Office of Rural Health Policy and the EZ/EC program, has designed the Rural Health Technical Assistance project to improve health status and economic development in selected rural communities by providing leadership training, health services development, and community involvement in strategic planning.

The National Senior Service Corps

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

The Corporation for National Service

Phone: 202-606-5000

Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Program Description/Activities: The National Senior Service Corps includes the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP). These programs involve more than 490,000 volunteers, who serve in 1,261 local projects and devote approximately 11.9 million hours of service annually to their local communities. Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion members are low-income people who serve 20 hours per week and receive a small stipend. There are no restrictions on income or hours of service for RSVP volunteers who serve without a stipend.

Grant/Award Amount: \$163.2 million in corporation funding for FY 1998. \$92.8 million in noncorporation funding for FY 1998.

Secretary of Energy's Council on Community Service

Related Categories:

Education, Human Services and
Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Human Resources

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 202-586-5687

Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: This service is an ongoing activity in conjunction with the President's Summit for America's Future and "America Promise." The Council assists the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in achieving a new level of commitment to volunteer service, with an emphasis on community service activities targeting science education and the Nation's youth. Many of the activities of the council target economically distressed youth and/or communities. The council is an unfunded activity, and its members serve in an adjunct capacity. The council does not provide grants; however, it may coordinate, facilitate, and promote community service activities that involve grants by other DOE programs and activities.

Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services
Phone: 301-443-0365
Web site: www.hhs/samhsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: Substance abuse prevention grants to States, local governments, and other organizations support substance abuse prevention efforts focused on vulnerable populations, at-risk communities, and statewide approaches targeting youth.

Grant/Award Amount: \$60 million estimated for FY 1998.

SuperNOFA

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Housing and
Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

SuperNOFA Information Center
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 1-800-HUD-8929
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: HUD is changing its grant application process in FY 1998 and will no longer issue a separate Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for each grant program. Instead, the competitive grant programs are being announced in three SuperNOFAs—Housing and Community Development, Economic Development and Empowerment, and Targeted Housing and Homelessness Assistance. Each SuperNOFA provides grant applicants with a complete listing of HUD competitive funding available in a given year to address a particular issue. The process also standardizes the application and selection processes. By implementing the SuperNOFA approach, HUD hopes applicants will be better able to design comprehensive, coordinated strategies that effectively address the complex problems facing their communities. In turn, HUD will move from an organization of separate program offices with isolated programs to one HUD with one mission—empowering people to develop viable urban communities that provide a suitable living environment for all.

Economic Development

Additional Section 179 Expensing

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Contact:

U.S. Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 1-800-829-1040
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: This incentive increases the tax deductions that a business located in an EZ or EC can claim for “qualified zone property” in the tax year it is placed in service, under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code, up to certain maximum levels. However, these limits are increased for certain “qualified zone property” placed in service by an Enterprise Zone business.

Grant/Award Amount: Enterprise Zone businesses that place in service “qualified zone property” are permitted an extra \$20,000 per year in Section 179 deductions.

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grants

Related Category:
Environment

Program/Agency Contact:
Financial Management Division
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1871
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: BEDI targets Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds to brownfields projects. BEDI grants are made to local governments for use in supporting brownfield redevelopment activities and projects financed in whole or in part with Section 108 loan guarantees.

Grant/Award Amount: \$25 million for FY 1998.

Brownfields Tax Incentive

Related Category:
Environment

Program/Agency Contact:
Income Tax and Accounting, Branch 5
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 202-622-4950
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Brownfields Tax Incentive allows property owners and purchasers to deduct certain environmental remediation costs as a business expense rather than capitalizing them as a property improvement. This provision benefits taxpayers by reducing their present tax liability. The incentive reduces the cost of environmental remediation, thereby prompting cleanups and the redevelopment of brownfields in distressed areas. Eligible areas must be approved by the State agency responsible for brownfields redevelopment.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Related Categories:
Access to Capital, Business Assistance,
Community Building, Education, Environ-
ment, Health, Housing and Homelessness,
Human Services and Family Support,
Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime
Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Urban areas:
Phone: 202-708-1577
Rural areas:
Phone: 202-708-1322
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/cdbg.html

Program Description/Activities: CDBG provides annual formula grants to entitled metropolitan cities (50,000 or more people) and urban counties (20,000 or more people) and to States for distribution to nonentitled communities to carry out a wide range of community development activities: public facilities and improvements (streets, sidewalks, sewers, and water systems); public services for youths, seniors, or the disabled; crime reduction initiatives; homeless and housing services; and direct assistance and technical assistance to for-profit businesses (including microenterprises).

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.2 billion for FY 1998.

Community Economic Adjustment Planning Assistance

Related Category:
Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Economic Adjustment,
OUSD (Acquisitions)
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-604-5948
Web site: www.defenselink.mil/

Program Description/Activities: Department of Defense (DoD) funding may be provided for military base reuse studies. DoD may provide community planning assistance funding to assist local governments or a State, on behalf of a local government, to undertake community economic adjustment planning activities to support the closure or realignment of a military installation. Activities include, but are not limited to, staffing, operating, and administrative costs, and general or specialized community economic adjustment studies.

Grant/Award Amount: Range of award is \$300,000 to \$1.3 million.

Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC)

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Community Building, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Policy Development and Research
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1537
Web site: www.oup.org

Program Description/Activities: COPC is a competitive funding program that provides funds to colleges and universities to form or expand centers for research, provide outreach activities, and exchange information focused on communities and neighborhoods.

Grant/Award Amount: \$7.5 million for FY 1998.

Economic Adjustment Program

Related Category:

Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Economic Adjustment Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2659
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Economic Adjustment Program helps States and local areas design and implement strategies for facilitating adjustment to changes in their economic situation that impact the underlying economic base. Such changes may occur suddenly (sudden and severe economic dislocation) or over time (long-term economic deterioration) and result from industrial or corporate restructuring, new Federal laws or requirements, reductions in defense expenditures, depletion of natural resources, or natural disasters. Strategy grants provide resources to organize and carry out a planning process tailored to the particular economic problems of the impacted area(s). Implementation grants may be used to support activities identified in an adjustment strategy approved by the Economic Development Administration. Implementation activities include creation or expansion of strategically targeted business development and financing programs, including grants for revolving loan funds, infrastructure improvements, organizational development, and market or industry research and analysis.

Grant/Award Amount: \$31.2 million for FY 1998.

Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Financial Management Division
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1871
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: EDI provides grants to be used in tandem with Section 108 guaranteed loans for economic revitalization projects. These grants will enhance the viability of such projects (through interest rate subsidies and debt service/operating reserves) and increase the likelihood that the Section 108 loans can be repaid from project revenue.

Grant/Award Amount: \$38 million for FY 1998.

Empowerment Zone (EZ) Employment Credit

Program/Agency Contact:

Technical Department
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 1-800-829-1040
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: The EZ Employment Credit allows businesses located in an EZ to claim a tax credit for a portion of the wages of a "qualified zone employee."

Grant/Award Amount: The credit calculation for wages paid or incurred before 2002, and for the years 2002-2004, is presented in IRS Form 8844.

Empowerment Zones Program

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Community Building, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Development
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-619-7981
Hotline: 1-800-645-4712
1-800-851-3403
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants for establishing EZs in rural and urban areas to stimulate new job creation for the disadvantaged and long-term unemployed and to revitalize economically distressed areas.

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

Related Category:

Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-9594
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives are available for buildings listed in the *National Register* and certain historic districts that are substantially rehabilitated for income-producing purposes according to standards set by the Secretary of the Interior. Jointly managed by the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service, in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices, the program rewards private investment by providing a 20-percent tax credit for rehabilitating historic buildings. The program has been responsible for more than 27,000 historic properties being rehabilitated through private investment of more than \$17 billion.

Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporation Loans

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Making Division
Farm Service Agency
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-2953
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides direct loans to Indian tribes and tribal corporations to purchase land within tribal reservations and Alaskan communities. Loans are available only to organizations with a reasonable prospect of repayment that have been unable to find other sources of credit.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1 million.

International Trade Administration (ITA)

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

International Trade Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 1-800-872-8723
Web site: www.ita.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: ITA helps U.S. businesses compete in the global marketplace by assisting U.S. exporters, ensuring that U.S. businesses have equal access to foreign markets, and enabling U.S. businesses to compete against unfairly traded imports. ITA has four principal units. The Commercial Service offers business counseling, including market research, trade promotion, and programs to U.S. exporters. Through its Matchmaker Program, the Commercial Service helps small and medium-size companies establish business relationships in major markets abroad via trade missions and other programs. Trade Development provides information from industry-sector specialists to U.S. exporters, policymakers, and trade negotiators. Market Access and Compliance has country experts who provide market analysis to U.S. business, and Import Administration safeguards the American economy from unfairly priced imports.

Municipal Energy Management Program (MEMP)

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Environment,
Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Building Technology,
State and Community Programs
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-4814
Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: Improvements in municipal energy management allow communities to reallocate energy operating funds to meet other needs. The U.S. Department of Energy's MEMP has funded more than 250 projects that demonstrate innovative energy technologies and energy management tools through the Urban Consortium Energy Task Force Grant Program. This program helps municipalities identify and capitalize on energy-savings opportunities that have already saved tens of millions of dollars.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.6 million for FY 1999; \$1 million designated for Urban Consortium Energy Task Force Grants.

Planning Program for States and Urban Areas

Program/Agency Contact:

Planning and Development Assistance
Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2873
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants under this program assist economically distressed States, sub-State planning regions, cities, and urban counties to undertake significant new economic development planning, policymaking, and implementation efforts. Grants provide financial assistance to support significant economic development planning and implementation activities such as economic analysis, definition of program goals, determination of project opportunities, and formulation and implementation of a development program. Assistance under this program enhances economic development planning capability and continuous economic development planning processes and procedures and helps build institutional capacity. A grant award under this program is generally for a period of 12 to 18 months.

Grant/Award Amount: State program: \$1.4 million for FY 1998. Urban program: \$2.2 million for FY 1998.

Public Works and Development Facilities Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Infrastructure,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Works
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-5265
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants are provided to help distressed communities attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate long-term, private-sector jobs. Projects funded include water and sewer facilities primarily serving industry and commerce, access roads to industrial parks or sites, port improvements, and business incubator facilities. Proposed projects must be located within an EDA-designated Redevelopment Area or Economic Development Center.

Grant/Award Amount: \$178 million for FY 1998.

Rebuild America

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 202-586-9424

Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program helps community and regional partnerships improve the energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily buildings. Partners may include government agencies, economic development organizations, energy service companies, financial institutions, utilities, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations. The Department of Energy provides technical and financial assistance to help plan and carry out energy-efficient alterations, renovations, and building repairs. Examples of technical assistance include methods of auditing buildings, selection of energy-efficient equipment, and methodology for monitoring energy use and calculating savings. Seed money is available for programs that can significantly improve the reach and effectiveness for energy-efficient retrofits.

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Specialty Lenders Division

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Phone: 202-720-7558

Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants are used to establish and operate centers for rural technology and cooperative development to improve the economic condition in rural areas. Funded activities promote the development and commercialization of new services and products that can be produced or provided in rural areas. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and public bodies such as States, counties, cities, townships, incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.7 million.

Rural Development Grants

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Specialty Lenders Division

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Phone: 202-720-0813

Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities. Eligible applicants are public bodies and nonprofit corporations serving rural areas such as States, counties, cities, townships, incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations that will serve rural areas.

Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Specialty Lenders Division
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-8460
Web site: www.usda.gov

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Minority Enterprise Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6459
Web site: www.sba.gov/

Program Description/Activities: These direct loans and project grants promote economic development and job creation projects, including funding for project feasibility studies, startup costs, incubator projects, and other reasonable expenses to foster rural development.

Section 8(a) Program

Program Description/Activities: The Section 8(a) Program provides servicing, marketing support, Federal Government contracts, and other business development assistance to small companies owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons. The Section 8(a) Program works to foster business ownership and the competitive viability of small firms owned by individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged and to expand their participation in Federal procurement of equipment, products, and services.

Section 108 Loan Guarantee

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Financial Management Division
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1871
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: Through Section 108, HUD guarantees notes issued by units of general local government. Funds finance economic revitalization and development activities that include housing and rehabilitation of privately owned buildings for residential purposes; expanding for-profit businesses; financing and rehabilitation of low-income and public housing; acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of neighborhood and community facilities; site improvement on community-owned land leased to a developer for a commercial or industrial development project; site development; purchase of land or buildings for economic development; and infrastructure development that includes street reconstruction and/or sewer system repairs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.26 billion for FY 1998.

Selling to the Military, Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-614-1151
Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

Program Description/Activities: The major DoD procurement offices and the products and services they purchase are listed in *Selling to the Military*. This publication is a marketing guide for businesses and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Small Business Specialist, Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-614-1151
Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

Program Description/Activities: The military services' and defense agencies' contracting offices have small business specialists at each location to assist small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned small businesses in marketing their products and services to DoD. These specialists provide information and guidance on defense procurement procedures, how to be placed on the solicitation mailing lists, and how to identify prime contract and subcontract opportunities.

State Energy Program (SEP)/State Special Projects

Related Categories:
Business Assistance, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
State and Community Program
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-4074
Web site: [www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/
state_and_community/](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/state_and_community/)

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding to States to address both national energy initiatives and local priorities. Businesses can partner or subcontract with their State to access these funds. Under the program's guidelines, States implement energy-efficiency and renewable energy activities through a wide range of possible projects across all the energy-use sectors: buildings, industry, utility, and transportation. The State Special Projects program provides for competitively awarded financial assistance for a range of energy-efficiency and renewable projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$30.25 million for SEPs and \$12.1 million for State Special Projects for FY 1998.

Tax-Exempt Bond Financing

Program/Agency Contact:
Technical Department
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 1-800-829-1040
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: Tax-exempt Enterprise Zone (EZ) facility bonds generally have lower interest rates than conventional financing. To qualify, 95 percent or more of the net proceeds of the bond issue must be used to finance "qualified zone property" whose principal user is an EZ business.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum bond financing is \$3 million per business within a specific zone and \$20 million per business across all zones, subject to State volume caps.

Transportation Services, Agricultural Marketing Service

Related Categories:

Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Transportation and Marketing Division
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-690-1300
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program develops and promotes efficient agriculture transportation systems to help improve farm income, expand exports, and meet the needs of rural America. The program provides technical and administrative direction, coordination, training and leadership in the development and execution of agricultural transportation policies. Transportation services provides a basis for Federal-State decisionmakers in regulatory, policy, and legislative matters to ensure the transportation needs of rural communities and agriculture.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 202-622-6060
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: WOTC provides an incentive to hire individuals from targeted groups that have a particularly high unemployment rate or other special employment needs. The tax credit is scheduled to end and may not apply to individuals who begin work after June 1998.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum credit amount for high-risk youth is \$2,100. The credit is equal to 35 percent of up to \$6,000 in wages paid during the first year of employment. Only first-year wages qualify. Maximum credit amount for summer youth is \$1,050. The credit is equal to 35 percent of up to \$3,000 in wages paid for any 90-day period.

Education

Bilingual Education—Comprehensive School Grants

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Bilingual Education and
Minority Language Affairs
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-205-5463
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: The program provides grants for bilingual education, English as a second language programs, and other special alternative instructional programs. Programs should reform, restructure, and upgrade existing programs that serve all limited English proficient (LEP) students in a particular school. Grants may be used for family education, parent outreach, curriculum development, instructional materials, improved assessment procedures, education software, tutoring and counseling, training programs to improve services to LEP students, or compensation of personnel trained to serve LEP students.

Grant/Award Amount: \$5.1 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$273,000. Range of awards is \$90,000 to \$350,000.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants

Related Categories:

Health, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Telecommunications, Rural Utilities Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-9549
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: Project grants and direct loans encourage and improve the use of telemedicine, telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to provide educational and medical benefits through distance learning and telemedicine projects that serve people living in rural areas.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act—Part A of Title 1

Related Categories:

Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education
Compensatory Education Program
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-0826
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program supports local educational agencies in providing quality opportunities for students in high-poverty schools to meet challenging academic standards. Title 1 funds may be used to support a variety of activities designed to help educationally disadvantaged children in high-poverty areas reach high academic standards. These activities can include supplemental instruction in basic and more advanced skills during the school day; before- and after-school programs; summer school programs; preschool programs; alternative school programs; programs featuring home visits; parent education; and childcare.

Even Start—State Education Agencies

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-0826
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: Even Start is a family-focused, State-administered program that provides participating families with an integrated program of early childhood education, adult literacy and basic skills instruction, and parenting education. All projects have some home-based instruction and provide for the joint participation of parents and children ages 7 years or younger. This program is administered by States. Legislation requires collaboration between schools and communities in the application and implementation processes and gives priority to projects that serve families in eligible Title 1 schoolwide attendance areas.

Grant/Award Amount: \$114.8 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$2.2 million. Range of awards is \$574,000 to \$12.6 million.

Learn and Serve America: School- and Community-Based Programs

Related Categories:
Human Services and Family Support,
Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:
Learn and Serve America
The Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.learnandserve.org

Program Description/Activities: The major purpose of Learn and Serve America is to fund school- and community-based service-learning programs for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade. These programs engage youth in service to their communities to enrich academic learning, promote personal growth, and help them develop the skills needed for productive citizenship. Learn and Serve America higher education programs address community needs in four key areas: education, public safety, human needs, and the environment.

Grant/Award Amount: \$43 million for FY 1998. Majority of grants are renewals. Six new grants will go to State commissions on national and community service applicants. Maximum amount is \$600,000 over a 3-year period.

Magnet Schools Assistance in Desegregating Districts

Related Categories:
Equal Opportunity, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-2476
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the development and implementation of magnet schools. Magnet schools offer a wide range of distinctive education programs, including math, science, aerospace, technology, language immersion, and humanities, and a wide range of instructional approaches, such as basic skills, open classrooms, individualized instruction, or Montessori.

Grant/Award Amount: \$97 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$1.4 million. Range of awards is \$311,809 to \$2.7 million.

The National Guard Challenge Program

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Partnerships and Alliances
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-693-8630
Web site: www.defenselink.mil/

Program Description/Activities: This program is a 22-week, quasi-military, residential program for drug-free high school dropouts ages 16 to 18 who are unemployed and are not currently involved with the legal system. The residential phase is followed by a 12-month postresidential mentoring period. The core components are academic excellence (such as achieving a general equivalency diploma or a high school diploma), leadership and followership instructions, citizenship skills, community service, life-coping skills, job skills, physical fitness, and health and hygiene instructions. Upon successful completion of the residential phase, graduates may receive stipends to go on to college or vocational-technical learning institutions, obtain jobs, or return to high school. The program is currently operating in 15 States.

Program Development Implementation Grants

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority
Language Affairs

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-205-5463

Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: The program provides discretionary grants that support the development and implementation of new comprehensive, coherent, and successful bilingual or English as a second language programs and other special alternative instructional programs for limited English proficient students. Community-based organizations and institutions of higher education must have their applications approved by local education agencies.

Grant/Award Amount: \$6 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$150,000. Range of awards is \$94,000 to \$175,000.

Public Charter Schools

Related Category:

Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and

Secondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-2671

Web site: www.uscharterschool.org

Program Description/Activities: This program funds the design and initial implementation of public charter schools in States that have passed legislation approving charter school experiments. In these States, most regulatory requirements have been removed, leaving schools free to sharpen their focus, mission, and identity. Charter schools are operated by key stakeholders, such as teachers and parents. State or local educational agencies may apply for grants in partnership with the teachers, parents, or others developing the public charter school. An application can cover any combination of one or more schools.

Grant/Award Amount: \$50 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$2 million. Range of awards is \$100,000 to \$4 million.

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Communities State Grants Program

Related Category:

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and

Secondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-3954

Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Communities State Grants Program Act supports school- and community-based drug and violence education and prevention programs. Funds are available on a formula basis to governors, State educational agencies, and local educational agencies (LEAs). LEAs will have the flexibility to design programs and to implement a broad range of violence and drug prevention strategies. Authorized activities include development of comprehensive school safety strategies, coordination with community agencies, implementation of violence prevention activities, conflict resolution and peer mediation, mentoring, drug prevention education, and community service and service-learning projects. Up to 20 percent of funds may be used for the installation of metal detectors, the employment of security guards, and the establishment of safe zones of passage between home and school.

Grant/Award Amount: \$530 million for FY 1998.

School-to-Work Opportunities (STWO)

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Urban/Rural Opportunities
National School-to-Work Learning
and Information Center
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 1-800-251-7236
Web site: www.stw.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This initiative invites all sectors of the community to work together to assist students in making the transition from school to a job in high-skill, high-wage industries. Each local system provides relevant education, marketable skills, and valued credentials—in and out of school—to all young people. Each State and locally created School-to-Work system must contain three core elements: school-based learning (classroom instruction based on high academic and business-defined occupational skill standards); work-based learning (career exploration, work experience, structured training, and mentoring at job sites); and connecting activities (courses integrating classroom and on-the-job instruction, the matching of students with participating employers, the training of mentors, and the building of other bridges between school and work). These initiatives are dependent upon the identification and establishment of broad-based partnerships among employers, secondary and postsecondary educators, labor and government representatives, parents, community organizations, and others.

Grant/Award Amount: \$324 million for FY 1998, which includes \$40 million in funds for Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants.

School-to-Work Opportunities (STWO)—Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Urban/Rural Opportunities
National School-to-Work Learning
and Information Center
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 1-800-251-1736
Web site: www.stw.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants are competitively awarded to local partnerships in urban and rural areas of high poverty to enable them to implement local STWO initiatives.

Grant/Award Amount: \$40 million for FY 1998.

Technology Innovating Challenge Grant

Related Categories:
Community Building, Technical Assistance,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Educational Research and
Improvement
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-219-1983
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program is designed to support partnerships among educators, business and industry, and other community organizations to develop innovative applications of technology and community plans for fully integrating technology into schools. The program provides competitive awards to consortia that include at least one local educational agency with a high percentage or number of children living in poverty.

Grant/Award Amount: \$30 million for FY 1998.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Related Categories:

Community Building, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Educational Research and Improvement
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-219-2180
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to rural and inner-city public elementary or secondary schools to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the education, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of a rural or inner-city community. Competition is for centers providing expanding learning opportunities after school, on weekends, and during the summer in a safe, drug-free environment for children and youth.

Grant/Award Amount: \$40 million for FY 1998. Average grant award is \$100,000. Range of awards is \$35,000 to \$200,000.

Youthbuild, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Related Categories:

Housing and Homelessness, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Economic Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-2290
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Youthbuild program consists of two parts: planning and implementation grants. The purpose of the program is to expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low-income persons and to provide economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain an education, employment skills, and meaningful onsite work experiences as a service to their communities. Between 5 and 10 preference points to EZ/ECs if the proposed Youthbuild supports the strategic plan for Champion Communities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$35 million for FY 1998. Award amount is up to \$700,000 per project.

Environment

Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative (ACSI)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

National Coordinator, ACSI
Office of Surface Mining
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-208-2937
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: This cooperative program with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and more than 70 public and private entities works to accelerate the cleanup of acid mine drainage from abandoned coal mines. The Office of Surface Mining provides grants for demonstration projects. The program funds State-identified stream restoration projects under priorities established by Section 403 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.5 million for FY 1998.

Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment Initiative,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development,
Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Outreach and Special Projects/OSWER
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-260-4039
Web site: www.epa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The grant program and technical assistance for addressing abandoned, idled, or underutilized commercial or industrial properties that are stigmatized by actual or perceived environmental contamination (brownfields). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will award approximately 100 grants in both FY 1998 and FY 1999. These grants are limited to State or local government entities for activities related to the environmental assessment of brownfields. EPA also provides technical assistance to communities and businesses working to address brownfields through a network of EPA regional brownfields coordinators located in the 10 major Federal regional centers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$20 million for FY 1998. \$20 million proposed for FY 1999. Cooperative agreement awards of up to \$200,000 each.

Environmental Contaminants Program

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of Environmental Contaminants
Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-2148
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program conducts a wide array of activities aimed at preventing the adverse effects of environmental contaminants on trust resources, including endangered species, migratory birds, certain fish, marine mammals, and National Park Service lands. This activity occurs through reviews of and coordination on environmental documents, legislation, regulations, permits, licenses, scientific investigations, and monitoring and cleanup efforts. Assistance is typically provided through requests for technical assistance or consultation from interested parties.

Environmental Justice Community Grants Program,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Office of Environmental Justice

Related Category:

Community Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Environmental Justice
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-564-2515
Web site: www.epa.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides financial assistance to community-based/grassroots organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, churches, tribal organizations, and other nonprofit groups.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.5 million for FY 1998. Average amount is \$20,000.

Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grants,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic Substances (OPPTS),
Pollution Prevention Division

Related Category:

Community Development

Program/Agency Contact:

OPPTS Pollution Prevention Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-260-4109
Web site: www.epa.gov/opptintr/ejp2

Program Description/Activities: This program provides financial assistance to community-based organizations and tribal governments to create innovative pollution prevention projects to serve as models for other communities. This program funds projects that have a direct impact on the affected communities and may focus on pollution prevention, recycling, waste treatment, or waste disposal. Cooperative efforts with business and industry to address common goals are encouraged. An organization could request up to \$100,000 for a 3-year project.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.1 million for FY 1998. Up to \$100,000 for a 3-year project may be awarded.

Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of Fish and Wildlife
Management Assistance
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-1718
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides technical information, advice, and assistance to Federal agencies, other nations, States, and Native Americans on the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources (including comanagement by Alaskan Natives of marine mammals for subsistence use) and the prevention of introduction and spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species. Advice is provided on biological, chemical, and physical aspects of land and water management and specific recommendations and plans are developed based on existing conditions. Stocking of fishes from National Fish Hatcheries and advice on wildlife management techniques may be among the management tools considered.

Leadership and Civic Development Initiative Program,
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Appalachian Regional Commission
Phone: 202-884-7668
Web site: www.arc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Civic development investments are a critical element of ARC programs. ARC assists the people and organizations of Appalachia in mobilizing and working together for sustained economic progress and improvement of their communities. Proposed eligible projects may include followup technical assistance for communities and organizations that participate in eligible leadership conferences or training programs and assistance in building community development organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2 million for FY 1998.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

Program/Agency Contact:

North American Wetlands
Conservation Council
Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-1784
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council recommends projects to be funded under this program to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Projects must provide for the long-term conservation of wetland habitats and the migratory species dependent upon them. Grants must be matched at least one-to-one by non-Federal partner funds. Any individual, public, tribal, or private organization in North America is eligible to apply.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RICA)

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-565-1200
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: RICA helps citizens conserve rivers, establish trails, and provide outdoor recreational opportunities. The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with citizens and State and local governments, is involved in the early phases of projects in establishing goals, resolving difficult issues, and reaching consensus about the future use and protection of important land and water resources, generally on non-Federal lands. The NPS has less involvement once a project reaches the implementation stage. Assistance is provided to develop greenways and trails, protect river access and views, convert abandoned railbeds into trails, conserve open space, redevelop and restore mistreated resources, establish nonprofit organizations, and enact new ordinances.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Recreation Programs Division
National Center for Conservation and
Recreation
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-565-1133
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program allows local communities to address urban recreational needs by awarding matching grants for the rehabilitation of critically needed recreation areas and facilities and development of improved recreation programs. Grant funding for FY 1999 will be targeted to local efforts that provide new, unique, or a more effective means to deliver a recreation service that can serve as a model for other communities; leverage Federal funds; provide neighborhood employment opportunities; promote environmental education; and benefit disadvantaged and distressed communities with the greatest recreational deficiencies.

Health

Disease Prevention Investigations and Technical Assistance

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Grants Management Branch
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 404-842-6655
Web site: www.cdc.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) program provides technical assistance to State and local health authorities and other health-related organizations in controlling communicable diseases, chronic diseases, and preventable health conditions. CDC provides several types of assistance including consultation; dissemination of technical information; and provision of specialized services and assistance, such as responses to public health emergencies. It also provides training opportunities for State and local health professionals about public health topics.

Eligible applicants include States, political subdivisions of States, local health authorities, and other nonprofit organizations with specialized health interests.

Grant/Award Amounts: \$181.25 million for FY 1998. \$181.25 million proposed for FY 1999.

Health Program for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Related Category:
Environment

Program/Agency Contact:
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 404-639-0700
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funds to State and local organizations to reduce or eliminate illness, disability, and death resulting from exposure of the public and workers to toxic substances at spill and waste disposal sites.

Grant/Award Amount: \$7.3 million for FY 1998. Range of awards is \$50,000 to \$500,000. Average award is \$250,000.

HIV Prevention Grants

Program/Agency Contact:
National Center for HIV, STD, and
TB Prevention
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Phone: 404-639-5200
Web site: www.cdc.gov

Program Description/Activities: This grant program provides assistance to local, regional, and national nonprofit organizations to develop and implement community-based HIV prevention programs and promote coordination for primary and secondary HIV prevention efforts in community organizations; HIV education and prevention service agencies; and public organizations, such as local and State health departments and substance abuse agencies. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit entities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$28 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$250,000. Range of awards is \$75,000 to \$300,000.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

Related Category:
Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Health Resources and Services
Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 1-888-333-HRSA
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Block Grant program provides funding to States for strengthening and reshaping the healthcare system with a particular focus on mothers and children. The program seeks to link Federal, State, local, and private programs to prevent disease and disability and promote optimal growth and development of mothers and children.

Every 5 years, State health departments produce a needs assessment identifying their priority areas for block grant funds. The most recent needs assessments, completed in 1995, identified the following high-priority issues: low birth weight and infant mortality; access to healthcare; prenatal care; reduction of unintended pregnancy; specific critical health concerns such as lead poisoning and dental care; identification of and treatment for HIV-infected mothers and children; injury prevention; substance abuse; immunization; maternal health risks; family education and support; and high-risk adolescent behavior.

Local organizations may contact their State health departments to learn more about how these block grant funds may be available for community priorities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$683 million for FY 1998. \$683 million proposed for FY 1999.

Mental Health Performance Partnership Block Grant

Related Categories:
Community Building, Human Services and
Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Grant Opportunities
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and
Drug Information
Phone: 1-800-729-6866
Web site: www.SAMHSA.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Mental Health Performance Partnership Block Grant program assists States in creating comprehensive, community-based care systems for adults with serious mental illnesses and children with severe emotional disturbances. Through State Planning Councils and development of client-based outcomes information, the grant enables States to better meet the unique needs of their population. The block grants are awarded to the States based on an allotment calculated for each fiscal year by a legislated formula. Awards are made in response to the State's application and to the implementation report the State submits for the previous fiscal year.

Local organizations may contact their State health departments to learn if these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$257,724,264 available for FY 1998.

National Immunization Program Grants

Related Categories:

Education, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

National Immunization Program
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 404-639-8208
Web site: www.cdc.gov and www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to State and local health departments to support the planning, development, and implementation of childhood immunization programs focused on vaccine-preventable diseases including diphtheria, measles, mumps, paralytic polio, pertussis, rubella, and tetanus. Grantees use funds for a wide range of activities including hiring staff, conducting health surveillance, assessing immunization levels, developing immunization registries, conducting outreach and education, and establishing partnerships with community groups and private-sector organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$233.7 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$2.5 million. Range of awards is \$71,200 to \$20.9 million.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 404-488-5299
Web site: www.cdc.gov or www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, block grant provides funding to States and the Kickapoo and Sante Sioux Indian Tribes. The basic grants are distributed according to a statute-based formula. The States and tribes distribute the funds for a wide variety of preventive health services. Allowable uses of the grants cover more than 60 health-related topics including nutrition, alcohol and other drug use, family planning, mental health, environmental health, maternal and infant health, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, sexually transmitted diseases, immunization and infectious diseases, and clinical preventive services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$226 million for FY 1998.

Rural Network Development Grant Program

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Health Resources Services Administration
(HRSA) Grants Office
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 301-443-6894
HRSA Grants Office: 1-888-333-HRSA (4772)
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This grant program supports the creation of vertically integrated healthcare networks in rural localities to increase the availability of quality healthcare services. These networks typically include local hospitals, physicians, long-term care providers, and public health departments.

Grant/Award Amount: \$32.6 million for FY 1998.

Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources (CARE) Act Grant Programs

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services
and Family Support

Program/Agency Contacts:

HIV/AIDS Bureau
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-6745
Office of AIDS Policy
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-690-5560
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) manages several grant programs directed at States and localities for ensuring access to and improving the quality of healthcare and other support services for people affected by HIV disease, especially those who would otherwise be unable to receive care. These programs include the following:

- Funding to eligible metropolitan areas hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic (Title I).
- Formula funding to States and territories to improve the quality, availability, and organization of healthcare and support services for people living with HIV disease (Title II). Title II also includes the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which funds efforts to make available new and existing drug therapies for people living with HIV in every State and territory.
- Competitive funding to public and private nonprofit entities for outpatient early intervention and primary care services (Title III). Funds may be used for a variety of activities including HIV testing, risk reduction counseling, partner involvement in risk reduction, transmission prevention, and clinical care.
- Funding to public and private nonprofit entities for demonstration projects to coordinate services to, and provide enhanced access to research, for children, youth, women, and families (Title IV).
- Support for the Special Projects of National Significance program which includes the development and assessment of innovative service delivery models; the Dental Reimbursement Program which provides retrospective funding for dental schools providing services to people living with AIDS during the previous year; and AIDS Education and Training Centers which train health professionals to provide care to people living with HIV.

Local organizations may contact their State and local health departments to learn more about whether they are eligible for any of these Federal funds and, if so, how they may be used to support community programs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.1502 billion for FY 1998. \$1.3152 billion proposed for FY 1999.

State Incentive Cooperative Agreements for Community-Based Action

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services and
Family Support, Public Safety and Crime
Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-0369
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) competitive grant program provides funds to States for coordinating, leveraging and/or redirecting, as appropriate, all Federal and State substance abuse prevention resources. Recipient States use the grant funds to develop and implement a revitalized, comprehensive statewide strategy aimed at reducing youth drug use by mobilizing communities, families, schools, youth, and workplaces and by identifying and filling gaps in prevention efforts. The States use 85 percent of the funds to directly fund subrecipient communities (identified by the States) to implement promising prevention efforts derived from sound scientific research findings. Eligibility for this competitive grant program is determined by the Office of the Governor of each State.

Five States (Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Oregon, and Vermont) received funding in FY 1997. They are now beginning to implement their program plans. Communities in those States may contact their Governor's Office to learn more about their State's projects.

HHS/SAMHSA will award grants to between 12 and 18 more States in FY 1998. The application deadline for these applications was early March 1998, and the awards will be announced in late summer 1998.

Local organizations may contact HHS/SAMHSA to determine how best to coordinate with their States on these projects.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$42 million will be available to support 12 to 18 awards in FY 1998. Range of awards is expected to be \$2 million to \$3 million per State.

Housing and Homelessness

The Affordable Housing Partnerships

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Energy Efficiency and Renewable
Energy Clearinghouse
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 1-800-363-3732
1-800-273-2957 for the hearing
impaired
Web site: www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/

Program Description/Activities: The Affordable Housing Partnerships program offers a range of technical assistance to housing providers of low- and moderate-income housing to make residential housing more affordable through energy efficiency. To date, the U.S. Department of Energy has signed more than 170 partnership agreements.

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Multifamily Housing Processing Division

Rural Housing Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Phone: 202-720-1624

Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides insured loans or project grants to provide decent, safe, and sanitary low-rent housing and related facilities for domestic farm laborers. Loans are available to farmers, family farm partnerships, family farm corporations, or associations of farms. Loans and grants are available to States and U.S. territories, political subdivisions of States, public or private nonprofit organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations of farmworkers. Grants are available only when there is a pressing need and when it is doubtful that such facilities could be provided unless grant assistance is available.

Grant/Award Amount: \$15 million in loans, \$10 million in grants.

Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)

Program/Agency Contact:

Program Policy Division

Office of Affordable Housing Programs

U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-2470

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: HOME provides grants to States and units of general local government to implement local housing strategies designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons. Eligible uses of funds include tenant-based assistance, housing rehabilitation, assistance to first-time homebuyers, and some new construction.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.5 billion for FY 1998.

Homeownership Zones

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Affordable Housing Programs

U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-2685

Community Connections: 1-800-998-9999

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides seed money to cities and counties for large-scale revitalization and development of new single-family homeownership opportunities. Activities must benefit low- and moderate-income families, prevent or eliminate blight, or meet other urgent community development needs. Grantees may use funds to acquire property, build or rehabilitate housing, finance site preparation, provide direct financial assistance to homebuyers, provide homeownership counseling, and pay for project-related soft costs. Homeownership Zone activities revitalize distressed areas by converting vacant, abandoned, or blighted land and buildings into dynamic neighborhoods by developing single-family homes for a mix of income levels.

Type of Preference: Two bonus points for EZ/ECs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$50 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$3 million to \$5 million per application.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

Related Categories:

Health, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development

HIV/AIDS Housing

Phone: 202-708-1934

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding to State and local governments for housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for operation and maintenance of facilities and community residences; and rental assistance and short-term payments to prevent homelessness. HOPWA funds may also be used for services such as healthcare and mental health services; drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling; intensive care, when required; nutritional services; case management assistance with daily living; housing information; and placement services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$20.4 million for FY 1998. Awards are up to \$1 million per grantee, plus up to 10 percent of administrative costs.

Multifamily Housing and Health Care Facilities Mortgage Insurance Programs

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Multifamily Housing Programs

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-2495

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides mortgage insurance programs that make capital available for and facilitate the development of multifamily rental housing and healthcare facilities. FHA insures loans that are originated by private, HUD-approved lenders. Project sponsors are responsible for finding a HUD-approved lender to write the loan and submit an application for commitment to the local HUD office.

Section 221(d)(3) and (4) insures mortgages for the development of multifamily rental properties through new construction or substantial rehabilitation. Section 221(d)(3) is used by nonprofit and cooperative sponsors; Section 221(d)(4) is used by profit-motivated sponsors. Section 223(f) facilitates the refinancing or purchase of rental housing that does not require substantial rehabilitation. Section 232 and Section 232/223(f) insure mortgages for the development and refinancing of nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, board-and-care homes, and assisted living facilities. Section 232 is used for new construction or substantial rehabilitation. Section 232/223(f) is used for purchasing or refinancing without substantial rehabilitation.

Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program for Homeless Individuals

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1234
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Section 8 program provides rental assistance on behalf of homeless individuals in connection with the moderate rehabilitation of SRO dwellings. Resources to fund the cost of rehabilitating the dwellings must come from other sources. However, the rental assistance covers operating expenses of the SRO housing, including debt service for rehabilitation financing, provided the monthly rental assistance per unit does not exceed the moderate rehabilitation fair market rent for an SRO unit as established by HUD.

Shelter Plus Care (S+C)/Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program for Homeless Individuals

Related Categories:

Health, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS)
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1234
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: S+C awards competitive grants for rental assistance through four component programs: tenant-based rental assistance, in which participants reside in housing of their choice; sponsor-based rental assistance, which provides rental assistance through contracts with sponsor organizations; project-based rental assistance, which provides rental assistance with or without contracts between the grant recipient and owners of existing structures; and SRO for homeless individuals, which provides rental assistance in connection with the moderate rehabilitation of SRO housing units.

The Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation SRO Program provides rental assistance on behalf of homeless individuals. The rental assistance covers operating expenses of the SRO housing, including debt service for rehabilitation financing, provided the monthly rental assistance per unit does not exceed the moderate rehabilitation fair market rent for an SRO unit, as established by HUD.

Supportive Housing Program (SHP)

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

State Assistance Division
Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS)
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-2140
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: SHP promotes innovative development of supportive housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible. Funds may be used to provide transitional housing, permanent housing for persons with disabilities, innovative supportive housing, supportive services, and safe havens. Supportive services include childcare, employment assistance, outpatient health services, case management, help in getting permanent housing, nutritional counseling, security arrangements, and help in obtaining other assistance. Providers may use SHP to fund some of the day-to-day operating expenses of homeless facilities and for administrative expenses, but they must have local matching funds.

Title V (Surplus Federal Property for Use To Assist the Homeless)

Related Category:
Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS)
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1226
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: Suitable Federal properties that are categorized as unutilized, underutilized, or surplus are made available to States, units of local government, and nonprofit organizations for use to assist the homeless. Properties can be used to provide shelter, services, storage, or other uses of benefit to the homeless. The program provides no funding, and the properties are made available on an "as is" basis.

Human Services and Family Support

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Related Category:
Health

Program/Agency Contact:
Child Nutrition Division
Food and Consumer Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 703-305-2286
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to States to initiate and maintain nonprofit food-service programs for children and elderly or impaired adults in nonresidential daycare facilities. Local organizations should contact their State government to learn more about how they may access funds from this program.

Grant/Award Amount: Entitlement program; no dollar cap.

Child Care and Development Block Grant

Related Categories:
Education, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:
HHS Child Care Bureau
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-690-5641 or 202-401-9281
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families program provides funds to States and Indian Tribes to provide low-income families with financial assistance for childcare; to improve the quality and availability of childcare; and to establish or expand and conduct early childhood development programs and before- and after-school programs. The funds may be used to provide grants, contracts, and certificates for childcare services to low-income families with a parent who is working or attending a training or education program.

Local organizations may contact their State social services agency to learn how community residents could benefit from these Federal funds.

Grant/Award Amount: \$937 million for FY 1998. \$1 billion proposed for FY 1999.

Community-Based Family Resource and Support Grants

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Health,
Public Safety and Crime Prevention,
Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office on Child Abuse and Neglect
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-205-8879
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families program provides funds to States for use in developing, operating, and expanding a network of community-based, prevention-focused family resource and support programs that coordinate resources among human service organizations.

Funds have been used to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and foster the development of a continuum of preventive services for children and families through State and community-based public and private partnerships. They have been used to start up, maintain, and expand public information activities focused on the healthy and positive development of parents and children. The funds have also been used by for prevention projects focused on child abuse and neglect prevention activities.

Local organizations may contact their State social services agency to find out if these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$32.835 million for FY 1998. \$32.835 million proposed for FY 1999.

Community Food and Nutrition Program

Related Category:

Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-5252
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to States, public agencies, and private and nonprofit organizations to help them coordinate existing food-assistance resources, identify sponsors of child nutrition programs, and develop innovative approaches to meeting the nutrition needs of low-income people.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.6 million for FY 1998; maximum amount per participant is \$50,000.

Community Food Project Program

Related Category:

Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Cooperative State Research, Education,
and Extension Service Administrator
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-401-1898
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program offers grant support for the development of community food projects designed to meet the needs of low-income people; to increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their needs; and to promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues. Private, nonprofit applicants must have experience in the area of community food work or job training and business development in low-income communities; demonstrate competency to implement a project; provide fiscal accountability and oversight; collect data; prepare reports and other appropriate documentation; and demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.5 million.

Community Services Block Grant

Related Categories:

Education, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9344
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families program provides States and Indian Tribes with funds for efforts designed to reduce poverty. The funds are distributed through a network of public and private agencies including State and Territorial Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) offices, community action agencies, several hundred other community-based organizations, and Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations. Grantees may use the funds to provide services and activities focused on employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services, and healthcare.

Local organizations may contact their State social services agency to find out if these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$490.6 million for FY 1998. \$490.6 million proposed for FY 1999.

Demonstration Partnership Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Richard Saul, Program Manager
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9341
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants for developing and implementing innovative approaches to address the critical needs of the poor. Grantees, in partnership with public and private organizations, develop an array of innovative programs in areas such as homelessness, microenterprise or self-employment, life skills for minority youth, case management, teenage pregnancy, and comprehensive integrated services.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Funds Program

Related Category:

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-401-5529
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to State and local agencies, Native American tribes, and tribal organizations that are, or have been, recipients of Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grants; State and local private, nonprofit agencies experienced in family violence prevention; and public and private nonprofit educational institutions, community organizations, community-based coalitions, and other entities that have designed and implemented family violence prevention information, activities, or community awareness strategies. One to five preference points for EZ/ECs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.5 million for FY 1998.

Head Start/Early Head Start

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Health, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-205-8573
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families program provides grants to local public and private nonprofit agencies for comprehensive child development services for children and families. Intended primarily for preschoolers and low-income families, the program fosters the development of children and enables them to deal more effectively with both their present environment and later responsibilities in school and community life.

Head Start children receive comprehensive health services, including immunizations, medical and dental exams and treatment, and nutritional services. The Head Start program also emphasizes the significant involvement of parents in their child's development. Parents make progress toward their educational, literacy, and employment goals by training for jobs and working at Head Start sites.

The Early Head Start component addresses the mounting evidence that the years from birth to age 3 greatly influence children's growth and development. Early Head Start focuses on four cornerstones essential to high-quality programs: child development, family development, community building, and staff development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.355 billion for FY 1998. \$4.660 billion proposed for FY 1999.

National Aging Information Center (NAIC)

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

National Aging Information Center
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-619-7501
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: NAIC, a service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging, is the central source for a wide variety of program- and policy-related materials and demographic and other statistical data on the health, economic, and social status of older Americans. The mission of this information center is to improve the capacity of the Nation to successfully meet the needs of an aging society through collecting, developing, and disseminating information about current approaches to policy and practice.

Service Coordinator Program

Related Category:

Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Multifamily Housing Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-2495, ext. 2487
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program makes funds available to employ onsite social services coordinators and assistants in multifamily public and assisted housing developments. These persons will coordinate services provided to elderly persons or persons with disabilities to make possible continued independent living.

Grant/Award Amount: \$13 million for FY 1998.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

Related Categories:

Health, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of State Assistance
Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-2333
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families program provides funding to States for a broad array of services. The block grant is based on two fundamental principles: State and local governments and communities are best able to determine the needs of individuals to help them achieve self-sufficiency; and social and economic needs are inter-related and must be met simultaneously. EZ/EC SSBG funds are used to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency; prevent neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults; prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care; and provide admission or referral for institutional care when other forms of care are inappropriate.

HHS uses a statute-based formula to allocate these EZ/EC SSBG funds to States. Each State has the flexibility to determine what services will be provided, who is eligible to receive services, and how funds are distributed among the various service providers within the State. Local organizations may contact their State social services agency to learn whether these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.4 billion for FY 1998. \$1.9 billion proposed for FY 1999.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Related Category:

Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Director, Supplemental Food
Programs Division
Food and Consumer Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 703-305-2746
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: The WIC program uses formula grants to provide, at no cost, supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, and healthcare referrals to low-income pregnant, breast-feeding, and postpartum women; infants; and children up to 5 years old who are determined to be at nutritional risk. Local agencies are eligible to apply to deliver WIC program services if they serve a population of low-income women, infants, and children at nutritional risk and are a public or private nonprofit health or human services agency.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.9 billion.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

Related Categories:

Community Building, Health, Public Safety
and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of State and Community Assistance
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-3820
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program provides funds to States for substance abuse prevention activities and treatment services. The authorizing statute includes several expenditure and performance requirements to ensure that the single State authority for substance abuse prevention activities and treatment services expands the block grant funds through a network of public and private nonprofit entities. The statutory set-asides include: 35 percent for alcohol abuse prevention activities and treatment services; 35 percent for drug abuse prevention activities and treatment services; 20 percent for primary prevention activities; 5 percent for programs designed to serve pregnant women and women with dependent children; 2 to 5 percent for certain "designated States" to establish one or more projects that provide early intervention services for individuals with HIV infection; and 5 percent for administration of the block grant.

Local organizations may contact their State health department to find out if these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.3 billion for FY 1998.

Infrastructure

Community Facilities Loans

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Facilities Division
Rural Housing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1490
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: These loans may be used to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities that provide essential services to rural residents. Applicants may be city, county, and State agencies; political and quasi-political subdivisions of States; Indian tribes; and nonprofit associations.

Livable Communities Initiative (LCI)

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-1696
Web site: www.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: LCI focuses on helping communities use comprehensive, community-based planning to create customer-friendly, community-oriented, and well-designed transportation systems. Transit enhancements are funded through various U.S. Department of Transportation programs, including Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), public and private partnerships, and other Federal programs.

Related Core Programs/U.S. Department of Transportation

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Authority
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-5653
Web site: www.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program and 5313(b) State Planning and Research Program allows each State, in cooperation with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), to develop an allocation formula for the combined apportionment to distribute funds to MPOs representing urbanized areas. Section 5309 Capital Program must be used for capital projects to modernize or improve fixed guideway systems that are at least 7 years old. Section 5310 Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds use 1990 census population data, for persons aged 65 and over and for persons with disabilities, to provide capital assistance for transportation. Eligible capital expenses include the acquisition of transportation services by a contract, lease, or other arrangement. Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program and Section 5311(b) Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) provides capital, operating and administrative assistance for areas with populations of less than 50,000. Each State must spend no less than 15 percent of its fiscal year Nonurbanized Area Formula apportionment for the development and support of intercity bus transportation. RTAP funds are allocated to undertake research, training, technical assistance, and other support services to meet the needs of transit operators in nonurbanized areas.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Boys and Girls (B&G) Clubs

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: B&G Clubs help youth develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders through a nationwide affiliation of local clubs and B&G Clubs of America. Their mission is to create positive partnerships between concerned adults and disadvantaged young people; between B&G Clubs and their supporters; and between the national organization and local clubs. BJA provides resources to the B&G Clubs of America to establish new clubs or enhance existing clubs in public housing and other at-risk communities.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Community Justice Assistance Center

Related Categories:
Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Community Crime Prevention Branch
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-3297
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Community Justice Assistance Center project at the Center for Court Innovation seeks to increase awareness of criminal justice professionals about community courts and to promote the importance of court/community collaborations.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Local Law Enforcement Block Grants

Related Categories:
Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-307-5974
Center for Court Innovation
Phone: 212-373-8098
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: BJA administers block grants to units of local government to reduce crime and enhance public safety through hiring, training, procuring equipment, and acquiring technology and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions; to enhance security measures in and around schools and in and around any other facility or location at risk for incidents of crime; to establish a multi-jurisdictional task force composed of law enforcement officials to prevent and control crime; and to establish crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or the prosecution of criminals.

Grant/Award Amount: \$485 million for FY 1998. Average award is \$28,000.

Byrne Discretionary Grant Program

Related Categories:
Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA

Program Description/Activities: Discretionary grant funds are available for demonstration programs, training, technical assistance, and national programs to reduce and prevent crime and violence and for criminal justice system improvement at State and local levels.

Grant/Award Amount: \$46.5 million for FY 1998.

Community Justice Assistance Center

Related Categories:
Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-307-5974
Center for Court Innovation
Phone: 212-373-8098
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Community Justice Assistance Center project at the Center for Court Innovation seeks to increase awareness of community courts among criminal justice professionals and to promote the importance of court/community collaborations.

Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS): Universal Hiring Program

Related Category:
Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Oriented Policing
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-1728
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cops/

Program Description/Activities: COPS is implementing the call to advance community policing and add 100,000 more officers to Americas' streets by the year 2000.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1 billion for FY 1998.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Related Categories:
Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Crime Prevention Branch
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-3297
Web site: www.dare-america.com/

Program Description/Activities: D.A.R.E. is a drug- and violence-prevention education program whose primary design is to equip elementary, middle, and high school students with the appropriate life skills to aid them in decisionmaking. The Bureau of Justice Assistance supports five D.A.R.E. Regional Training Centers which that trained or assisted in training more than 20,000 law enforcement officers. Southwest 602-223-2544; West 213-485-4856; Midwest 573-526-3273; East 804-674-2238; and Southeast 919-662-4500.

Drug Courts Program Office, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Related Category:
Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Drug Courts Program Office
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-9055
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: The OJP administers the discretionary Drug Court grant program to plan, establish, or enhance State and local drug courts that provide specialized treatment and rehabilitation for certain nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Programs provide continuing judicial supervision of *nonviolent offenders* and integrated administration of other sanctions and services, including mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled and other addictive substances during any period of supervised release or probation for each participant; substance abuse treatment for each participant; diversion to a program before a conviction, probation, or other supervised release involving the possibility of prosecution, confinement, or incarceration based on non-compliance with program requirements or failure to show satisfactory progress; offender management specific to that Drug Court program; and after-care services.

Grant/Award Amount: Up to \$30,000 for each planning grant; \$400,000 for implementation grants; and \$300,000 for improvement grants.

National Town Watch Crime and Drug Prevention Campaign

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Crime Prevention Branch
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-3297
Web site: www.nationaltownwatch.org

Program Description/Activities: This year-long program provides information, materials, and technical assistance for the development of effective police-community partnerships to reduce crime, violence, and substance abuse. Coordinated by the National Association of Town Watch, the campaign sponsors the National Night Out, which enhances crime prevention awareness, provides telephone technical assistance for neighborhood block watches, and generates support for and participation in anticrime and antidrug abuse prevention activities.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Discretionary Grant Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 1-800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

Program Description/Activities: The Discretionary Grant Program covers activities and priorities as outlined and authorized by Parts C and D of Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program Act. OJJDP focuses its assistance on the development and implementation of programs that have the greatest potential for reducing juvenile delinquency and improving the juvenile justice system by establishing partnerships with State and local governments, Native American and Native Alaskan jurisdictions, and public and private agencies and organizations. Examples of programs include SafeFutures—Partnerships to Reduce Youth Violence and Delinquency; Community Assessment Centers; Comprehensive Community-Wide Approach to Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression Program; National Youth Gang Center; Risk Reduction via Promotion of Youth Development; TeenSupreme Career Preparation Initiative; and Safe Kids/Safe Streets: Community Approaches to Reducing Abuse and Neglect and Preventing Delinquency. Examples of projects that are being considered for funding in FY 1998 include: Rural Youth Gang Problems—Adapting OJJDP's Comprehensive Approach; Community Volunteer Coordinator Program; Training and Technical Assistance to Promote Teen Court Programs; Teambuilding Project for Courts; and Blueprints for Violence Prevention: Training and Technical Assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: Part C: \$45.3 million for FY 1998. Part D: \$12 million for FY 1998.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Discretionary Grant Program—Drug Prevention

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 1-800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

Program Description/Activities: Discretionary grant funds will be used to develop, demonstrate, and test programs to increase perceptions among children and youth about the unappealing aspects and dangers of drug use.

Grant/Award Amount: \$5 million for FY 1998.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Discretionary Grant Program—Innovative Approaches to Law-Related Education (LRE)

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 1-800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

Program Description/Activities: This program will support and advance the practice of LRE for the prevention of delinquency inside and outside the classroom. Funds will be available to support projects that promote innovative methods, techniques, approaches, or delivery of LRE.

Grant/Award Amount: Congress has identified this program for funding consideration.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS)

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Executive Office for Weed and Seed
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-1152
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows/

Program Description/Activities: EOWS is a comprehensive, multiagency approach to combating violent crime, drug use, and gang activity, and coordinating efforts to revitalize distressed neighborhoods and to leverage significant private and local, State, and Federal resources. Safe Havens provides an integrated array of social services and activities for youth and their families in a safe setting. The Department of Justice officially recognizes sites that implement a Weed and Seed strategy with their own resources. Implementation of the Weed and Seed strategy in EZ/ECs is encouraged.

Grant/Award Amount: \$33.5 million appropriated for FY 1998. Average award is \$250,000.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of National Drug Control Policy
Executive Office of the President
Phone: 202-395-6755
Web site: www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program advances the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in the most critical drug-trafficking areas of the country as designated by ONDCP's director. ONDCP empowers local, State, and Federal partnerships to dismantle the most significant drug-trafficking and drug money-laundering organizations. This program primarily supports progressive initiatives such as colocated task forces; intelligence sharing and electronic networking of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies; and linkages between the criminal justice system and drug treatment.

Grant/Award Amount: \$162 million for FY 1998.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)

Related Category:
Education

Program/Agency Contact:
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 1-800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

Program Description/Activities: Congress has designated the OJJDP for continuation and expansion of the Juvenile Mentoring Program. OJJDP makes discretionary grant awards to implement programs to reduce delinquency and gang participation, improve academic performance, and reduce the dropout rates through the use of mentors who are paired with youth in high-crime areas.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)— Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Related Categories:
Community Building, Human Services and
Family Support, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Office for Victims of Crime
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-307-5983
Web site: www.usdoj.gov/ovc/

Program Description/Activities: OVC conducts victim services training and technical assistance and provides direct services to victims of Federal crimes. Three specific technical assistance programs may be requested: 1) the OVC Trainers Bureau identifies experts from professional disciplines and contracts with them to provide effective, high-quality training and short-term technical assistance to communities. (The Trainers Bureau is brought onsite to offer expertise on a wide range of victim-related topics, including: trauma of victimization, crisis response team training, advocacy for victims in the criminal justice system, crime victim compensation programs, domestic violence, sexual assault, or underserved victim populations); 2) Community Crisis Response provides immediate technical assistance in community crisis or trauma resulting from large-scale criminal victimizations; 3) training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants are provided to expand the capacity of the criminal justice system and related organizations to assist crime victims. Discretionary initiatives include grants to identify promising practices, produce training and technical assistance materials for selected professionals, launch regional topics or train-the-trainer seminars and training events, and demonstration projects that act as laboratories to communities wishing to initiate similar programs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$10.6 million for FY 1998 for discretionary grant program. \$343 million for 1998 State compensations and assistance to State formula grant programs. \$1.5 million for Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency

Related Categories:

Education, Health, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 1-800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. ET)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm

Program Description/Activities: This program supports grants through State advisory groups to units of local government for a broad range of delinquency prevention programs and activities to benefit youth who have had contact with the juvenile justice system. Services to children, youth, and families include recreation, tutoring and remedial education, work skills, health and mental health programs, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, leadership development, and accountability. Eligible units must be in compliance with OJJDP's Formula Grants Program, submit a 3-year plan to the State and to the administrator, appoint a local policy board empowered to administer the local program, plan for coordination of services, and provide a 50-percent case or in-kind match.

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)

Related Category:

Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Safety and Conservation
Public and Indian Housing
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1197
Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: PHDEP is a competitive grant program for public housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities to eliminate drug-related crime in and around public housing. Housing agencies are encouraged to develop a plan to sustain drug elimination activities over a period of years. Eligible activities include: employment of security personnel, housing authority police and investigators; implementation of physical improvements to enhance security; development of voluntary tenant patrols; and prevention, intervention, and treatment programs to reduce the use of drugs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$310 million for FY 1998.

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Violence Against Women Grants Office
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-307-6026
Web site: www.usdoj.gov

Program Description/Activities: This grant program will implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects between law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence and child abuse; to provide treatment and counseling to victims of domestic violence and child abuse; and to work in cooperation with rural communities to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

Grant/Award Amount: \$25 million for FY 1998.

Violence Against Women Grants Office, STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants

Related Category:
Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Violence Against Women Grants Office
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-305-2981
Web site: www.usdoj.gov/vawgo

Program Description/Activities: This formula grant program develops and strengthens law enforcement and prosecutorial strategies to combat violent crimes against women and develops and strengthens victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. The Crime Act specifies that 4 percent of the amount appropriated each year for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants be available for grants to Indian tribal governments.

Grant/Award Amount: \$145 million for FY 1998. Award amount is \$500,000 plus additional funds based on population.

Technical Assistance

7(j) Management and Technical Assistance Program

Related Categories:
Business Assistance, Education

Program/Agency Contact:
MED National Training Office
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6177
Web site: www.sba.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides management and technical assistance to eligible individuals and small business clients. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a)-certified firms, socially and economically disadvantaged persons, businesses operating in areas of low income or high unemployment, and those firms owned by low-income individuals are eligible for 7(j) assistance. The program provides firms with accounting services, feasibility studies, marketing/presentation analyses, advertising expertise, loan packaging, proposal/bid preparation, and other specialized management training and technical services. An executive education training program is available to program participants.

Certified Local Government (CLG)

Related Category:
Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:
Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-6005
Web site: www.doi.gov or www.nps.gov

Program Description/Activities: Local governments strengthen their local historic preservation efforts by achieving CLG status from the National Park Service (NPS). NPS and State governments, through their State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), provide technical assistance and small matching grants to hundreds of diverse communities whose local governments are endeavoring to preserve their community's past. In turn, NPS and States acquire local government partnership in the national historic preservation program. Another incentive for participating in the CLG program is the pool of matching grant funds SHPOs set aside to fund CLG historic preservation subgrant projects.

Clean Cities

Related Categories:

Environment, Infrastructure, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Transportation Technologies
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-1885
Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: Clean Cities is a voluntary, locally based government/industry partnership to accelerate the deployment of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) and to build a local AFV-refueling infrastructure. In the process, the program helps local businesses and communities comply with environmental regulations, create jobs, and leverage resources.

Computers for Education

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-9099
Web site: www.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: This assistance program directs agencies to transfer computers and related tools directly to schools and nonprofit educational organizations. The order encourages Federal employees to volunteer their time and expertise to assist teachers and to connect computers and technologies to classrooms. Federal agencies transfer equipment under established procedures for property transfers, identify eligible recipients, arrange for transferring equipment, and help potential recipients identify potential donors and acquire equipment.

Consumer Information Catalog and List of Federal Publications in Spanish

Program/Agency Contact:

Consumer Information Catalog
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 1-888-878-3256
Web site: www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: Free Federal consumer booklets on subjects such as food and nutrition, money, employment, Federal benefits, children, housing, and health are available by writing to the distributing agency or by calling the toll-free number.

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Sustainable Development Workshops

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development,
Environment, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 303-275-4819
Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Energy conducts 1-day workshops on concepts and opportunities for sustainable development within EZ/ECs. The workshops are designed to explore the social history of sustainable development, the cost and effects of nonsustainable practices within communities, examples of successful sustainable development projects, and the strategies, resources, and tools available to local communities to integrate sustainable development in their planning process.

Federal Real Property for Public or Private Use

Related Category:

Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Property Disposal
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-0084
Real Property Sales List
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 1-800-776-7872
Web site: www.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: State and local governments, eligible public institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private individuals and companies may acquire real estate that the Federal Government is no longer using. Properties include improved and unimproved land, office buildings, warehouses, commercial and industrial facilities, airfields, former post offices, farms, and single- and multi-family residences. State and local public agencies are notified of the availability of any surplus Federal property that they may be eligible to acquire, including public health or educational facilities, unused public buildings for homeless assistance, public parks or recreational areas, historic monuments, correctional institutions, port facilities, public airports, and wildlife conservation areas.

Laboratory Technical Assistance Programs (LabTAP)

Related Categories:

Community Building, Environment, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Sandia National Lab
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 505-844-9982
Web site: www.doe.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Energy has engaged its chief national asset, the National Laboratory System, to provide free technical assistance to help communities access and employ sustainable technologies and practices. LabTAP focuses on the solutions to community-based needs in areas such as building energy and materials conservation, transportation and infrastructure systems, renewable energy generation, industrial resource management, and pollution prevention technologies.

Local Technical Assistance Program

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Planning and Development
Assistance Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2873
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants awarded under this program are designed to assist in solving specific economic development problems, respond to developmental opportunities, and build and expand local organizational capacity in distressed areas. In responding to specific problems and opportunities, a local economic development organization might focus on military base and industrial plant closures, deteriorating commercial districts, and technical or market feasibility studies. Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit national, State, area, district, or local organizations; public and private colleges and universities; Indian tribes; local governments; and State agencies.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.5 million for FY 1998.

National Technical Assistance Program

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Research and Technical Assistance Division

U.S. Department of Commerce

Phone: 202-482-4085

Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants awarded under this program provide resources to intermediary organizations giving technical assistance to local, district, and State economic development organizations and for national demonstrations of innovative economic development techniques, including program performance measurement.

Funded proposals include economic impact analyses and measurement; surveys of best practices in economic development tools; newsletters and reports on new developments and success stories in rural and urban economic development; and demonstrations of national significance in areas such as regional cooperation, improving competitiveness, better use of private capital, financial intermediaries, export development, technology infrastructure, and sustainable development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.5 million for FY 1998.

Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)

Related Category:

Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-260-5815

Web site: www.epa.gov

Program Description/Activities: RCAP is a national network of non-profit organizations that work to improve water and wastewater treatment facilities in rural communities, particularly those with low-income populations. RCAP provides communities with onsite technical assistance in needs assessment, financing, technology selection, operation and maintenance, management practices, system restructuring, and consolidation for achieving compliance.

Technical Assistance for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), and Minority Institutions (MI)

Related Categories:

Education, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Defense

Phone: 703-697-1688

Web site: www.defenselink.mil/

Program Description/Activities: Through cooperative agreements, the U.S. Department of Defense shares its management expertise with colleges and universities that primarily serve minority students—African American, Native American, and other minorities. Technical assistance may be offered about procurement procedures, preparation of proposals, DoD organizations, and subcontract opportunities.

Technical Assistance on Ports and Intermodal Development

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping
Maritime Administration
Phone: 202-366-4357
Web site: marad.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: Technical assistance and advice are provided to Federal, State, and local government agencies; port authorities; and private-sector marine transportation companies on issues relating to port and intermodal development and related environmental concerns. Port activities covered include analysis of issues associated with the adequacy and condition of U.S. ports; planning, development, and operation requirements; economic importance and development; physical security; and financial requirements. Intermodal activities include improving transportation affecting land-side access (rail and highway) to marine facilities and reducing congestion and air pollution. Technical assistance is available on the impact of dredging, vessel scraping, and pollution from ships related to ports, shipping, and shipyards; recommendations that enhance environmental protection in the maritime industry; and compliance with national and international standards for prevention of marine pollution.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Growth Network

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Smart Growth Network
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-260-2750
Web site: www.smartgrowth.org

Program Description/Activities: Smart Growth Network offers technical assistance to encourage more compact, pedestrian-oriented, center-city development and thereby slow the spread of urban sprawl. Assistance includes workshops on infill redevelopment; industrial ecology models; peer matching among local government officials, economic development officials, and developers; fiscal impact and land-use modeling of new or redevelopment building deconstruction as an alternative to building demolition; modeling the air-quality benefits of infill; and limited scholarships to a number of regional smart growth conferences.

Welfare to Work

Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Phone: 202-622-6060
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit provides an incentive to hire individuals who are long-term family assistance recipients. The tax credit is scheduled to end and does not apply to individuals who begin work after April 30, 1999.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum credit amount is \$3,500 in the first year and \$5,000 in the second year. Credit is equal to 35 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages paid during the first year of employment and 50 percent in wages paid during the second year of employment.

Welfare-to-Work Grants

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Welfare to Work
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-0181, ext. 141
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: Welfare-to-Work Grants are provided to States and local communities. The grants provide transitional assistance designed to move the hardest-to-employ recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) into unsubsidized jobs that provide career potential for achieving economic self-sufficiency. Seventy-five percent of the formula grants funds will be allocated to States based on a formula that considers States' shares of the national number of poor individuals and adult recipients of TANF. States are required to pass 85 percent of the money to local private industry councils (PICs) that oversee and guide job training programs in geographical jurisdictions called service delivery areas. Remaining funds are used for competitive grants awarded directly to local governments, PICs, and private entities. Special consideration is given to Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community applicants.

Grant/Award Amount: Formula grants total \$1.1 billion for FY 1998. Competitive grants total \$368.3 million for FY 1998. Range of awards is \$1 million to \$5 million.

Workforce Development

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)

Related Category:

Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Operations and Programs
Veterans' Employment and Training Service
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-9105
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: DVOP provides and develops jobs and job training opportunities for disabled and other veterans through contacts with employers; on-the-job training and apprenticeships within Federal job training (e.g., Job Training Partnership Act, Veterans Administration programs); outreach to veterans through community agencies and organizations; and assistance to community-based groups, organizations, and appropriate grantees under federally funded employment and training programs. The programs also develop linkages with other agencies to promote maximum employment opportunities for veterans and provide job placement, counseling, testing, and job referrals to eligible veterans, especially disabled Vietnam-era veterans, using a case-management approach to services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$80 million for FY 1998 and FY 1999. Range of awards is \$146,000 to \$12.1 million.

Employment Assistance Program and Adult Vocational Training Program

Related Category:
Education

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Economic Development
Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-208-5324
Web site: www.doi.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Employment Assistance program provides financial assistance to adult American Indians to find and retain permanent employment. The Adult Vocational Training Program provides training to American Indians to acquire the skills necessary for full-time employment. Vocational training can be taken at any public or private institution that is accredited by a recognized national accrediting association, by State agencies authorized to make such approvals, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP), Title VII, Subtitle C, Section 738 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (MHAA)

Related Categories:
Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Operations and Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-9105
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: This project provides funds for demonstration programs to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force and assists eligible, homeless veterans by providing employment, training, supportive, and transitional housing assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$3 million for FY 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act, Section 401, Indian and Native Employment and Training Programs

Related Category:
Education

Program/Agency Contact:
Division of Indian and
Native American Programs
Office of National Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-5500, ext. 119
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides employment and training services to Indians and Native Americans (including Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians) through classroom training, subsidized employment, and supportive services designed to increase the employability of participants. Grants are awarded to federally and State-recognized tribes, bands, or groups and private, nonprofit, Indian-controlled organizations and consortia.

Grant/Award Amount: \$53.8 million and \$15.8 million, respectively, for FY 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title II-A (Employment and Training Programs for Economically Disadvantaged Adults)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Employment and Training Administration

U.S. Department of Labor

Phone: 202-219-5305

Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: Funding is provided for employment and training activities to increase the employability of economically disadvantaged adults and to help them find permanent, family-sustaining jobs. Eligible applicants generally meet the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines and usually have additional barriers to entering the workforce, including low academic skills. Employment, training, and related services are often funded in coordination with other Federal, State, and local programs with similar missions, as the workforce development system moves toward a one-stop, seamless integration of services and funding streams. Communities may access program resources in cooperation with local Service Delivery Areas and One-Stop Career Centers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$955 million for FY 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title II-B (Summer Employment and Training Programs for Economically Disadvantaged, At-Risk Youth)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Employment and Training Administration

U.S. Department of Labor

Phone: 202-219-5305

Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: Funding is provided for community employment, training, and educational activities to encourage completion of school and to increase employability of economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, during summer vacation. Work experience, job skills training, and related services are coordinated through local school systems in conjunction with other youth programs with similar missions. Communities may access program resources in cooperation with local Service Delivery Areas and One-Stop Career Centers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$871 million for 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Title II-C (Year-Round Youth Programs)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Employment and Training Administration

U.S. Department of Labor

Phone: 202-219-5305

Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: Funding is provided for community employment, training, educational activities, and mentoring to encourage completion of school and to increase employability of economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth. Work experience, job skills training, and related services are generally coordinated through local school systems in conjunction with other youth programs with similar missions. Communities may access program resources in cooperation with local Service Delivery Areas and One-Stop Career Centers. The expected number of eligible participants during FY 1998 is 106,500.

Grant/Award Amount: \$130 million for FY 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act, Titles III and IV, Disability Employment Program Demonstration Grants

Related Categories:
Equal Opportunity, Human Services
and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of National Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-5500, ext. 125
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Labor awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve individuals with disabilities. The program design is operated by nonprofit organizations and has close linkages to rehabilitation agencies and community business organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.2 million for FY 1998. Range of awards is \$208,651 to \$1.1 million.

Job Training Partnership Act, Title IV, Section 402, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs

Related Category:
Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of National Programs
Division of Migrant and Seasonal
Farmworker Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-5500, ext. 119
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program is authorized to provide employment and training services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers through public agencies and private, nonprofit organizations familiar with the problems of migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Program activities include services that enable farmworkers and their dependents to obtain or retain employment, to participate in other program activities leading to their eventual placement in unsubsidized agricultural or nonagricultural employment, and to participate in activities leading to stabilization in agricultural employment, including related assistance and supportive services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$71 million for FY 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Title V (Job Corps)

Related Category:
Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:
National Office of Job Corps
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-8550
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: Job Corps is a training program for severely disadvantaged youth ages 16 to 24. Designed to make these youth more responsible citizens, who are prepared to obtain and hold productive jobs or enroll in further education or training, Job Corps is operated through a network of 111 Job Corps centers. Program components include orientation and assessment, occupational exploration, job-readiness training, basic education, occupational skills training, social skills training, and work-based learning. Other activities and support include healthcare, meals, recreational activities, counseling, group living guidance, arts and crafts, student government, and placement assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.154 billion for FY 1997.

Local Veterans' Employment Representative Program (LVER)

Related Category:
Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Operations and Programs
Division of Employment and
Training Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-9105
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: LVER provides job development, placement, and support services directly to veterans. It also ensures that there is local supervision of State Employment and Service/Job Service compliance with Federal regulations, performance standards, and grant agreement provisions in carrying out requirements of 38 U.S.C. 4104 in providing veterans with maximum employment and training opportunities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$77.1 million for FY 1998 and FY 1999. Range of awards is \$66,000 to \$6.4 million.

One-Stop Career Center Systems, Employment and Training

Related Categories:
Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
One-Stop and Labor Market Information
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-8395, ext. 181
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: This is a system-building technical assistance program to help States integrate programs that provide training and employment services. All States are developing and/or implementing plans to offer information and services about jobs and careers, labor markets, and training programs for employers and job seekers through a network of One-Stop Career Centers.

Opportunities for Out-of-School Youth and School-to-Work Programs

Related Categories:
Education, Human Services and Family
Support, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:
Employment and Training Administration
Division of Acquisition and Assistance
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-7300, ext. 107
Web site: www.dol.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Opportunities for Out-of-School Youth and the School-to-Work programs, offered in many targeted urban areas across the country, are designed to provide high school dropouts and economically disadvantaged youth with training, internships, job skills, and employment opportunities. Youths involved in the programs may have a history of truancy, gang involvement, drug use, and other serious barriers to successful employment and career building.

A wide variety of community-based programs may receive grants to provide outreach services including industry-based job training, school dropout prevention programs, linkages to private-sector employers, work-based learning opportunities, career counseling, apprenticeships, leveraging of resources, and expertise of community-based organizations, businesses, employers, and public institutions. Disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, who live in high-poverty communities are trained for employment opportunities in manufacturing, industrial technology, computer software, and many other vocations.

Grant/Award Amounts: Range of awards is from \$100,000 to \$6 million.

Planning Program for Economic Development Districts, Indian Tribes and Redevelopment Areas

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Planning Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2873
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants under this program support the formulation and implementation of economic development programs designed to create or retain full-time permanent jobs for the unemployed and underemployed in economically distressed areas.

Planning grants for administrative expenses are awarded to establish and implement effective economic development programs at local and multijurisdictional levels. Eligible activities under this program include the preparation and continuation of an overall economic development program and planning, implementation, and technical assistance services to communities and local governments within the organization's jurisdiction.

Grant/Award Amount: \$17.1 million for FY 1998. \$2.6 million for FY 1998 for the Indian Program.

SELECTED NEW PROPOSED INITIATIVES

The following program proposals are featured in President Clinton's FY 1999 budget and, if approved, will provide additional resources for Empowerment Zones and other distressed communities.

- **Community Empowerment Fund**
- **Brownfields Redevelopment**
- **Welfare-to-Work Vouchers**
- **Regional Connections**
- **Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Initiative**
- **Childcare Initiative**
- **Children's Health Insurance Program**
- **School to Work**
- **Welfare-to-Work Grants**

Community Empowerment Fund

The centerpiece of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) job creation efforts is the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF), an enhancement of HUD's existing Economic Development Initiative (EDI) and Section 108 Loan Guarantee programs. The CEF will provide resources for spurring private investment in our Nation's cities and increasing opportunities for former welfare recipients to successfully move from welfare to work. The FY 1999 request of \$400 million will leverage an estimated \$2 billion in private-sector loans over time and will support an estimated 280,000 jobs when projects are completed.

The CEF works in the following ways:

- It acts as a creative financing tool that combines local control, private-sector capital, and Federal loan guarantees to rebuild distressed urban and rural communities.
- It will merge the discipline of a strengthened Section 108 Loan Guarantee program, the power of private-capital leverage through a revamped EDI, and the flexible approach of HUD's Community Development Block Grant program to local economic development problems.
- It will finance a wide range of job-creation projects including loans for business expansion or modernization, starting new small and medium-size businesses, preservation and expansion of existing industrial facilities, neighborhood-based commercial revitalization efforts, and regional economic strategies.

An Approach Based On Success

The CEF will improve and combine the EDI and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Fund to boost economic development in communities with sound Strategic Plans and create jobs and prosperity for all of their citizens. Using a similar approach, HUD's EDI program funded:

- Revolving loan funds, such as Ohio's Mahoning Valley Economic Development Fund that is aimed at helping communities retool their economies in the wake of the decline of the steel industry, which had once been the backbone of the local economy.
- Inner-city shopping centers, such as the Good Hope Marketplace in Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia neighborhood, which includes a full-service, 55,000-square-foot Safeway food and drug store.

- Cessna Aircraft's Learning and Work Complex in Wichita, Kansas, a welfare-to-work effort that provides daycare and job training for former welfare recipients employed in the company's adjacent industrial facility.

Brownfields Redevelopment

Brownfields are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The General Accounting Office estimates that there are 450,000 brownfields across the Nation. These properties pose impediments to job creation and community development. The cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields provides the unique opportunity to promote community revitalization, improve environmental quality, and protect public health.

In May 1997 the Clinton/Gore Administration launched the Brownfields National Partnership to bring together the resources and expertise of more than 15 Federal agencies to address brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. As part of the National Partnership, Federal agencies are working together to provide communities with the tools they need to safely clean up, redevelop, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

A key feature of the administration's brownfields efforts are the grants and assistance provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and HUD. In FY 1998, HUD will provide \$25 million in competitive Brownfields EDI grants. HUD proposes doubling its funding in FY 1999 for brownfields redevelopment to \$50 million. Brownfields EDI grants will help cities redevelop contaminated industrial and commercial sites by helping to leverage an additional \$200 million in investments and create approximately 28,000 construction and related jobs. EPA provides environmental assessment grants and technical assistance to communities. In both FY 1998 and FY 1999, EPA plans to award \$20 million in assessment grants. In FY 1999, EPA also plans to award \$35 million in grants to capitalize cleanup revolving loan funds, bringing the total to more than 300 communities that have EPA Brownfields pilot grants.

In addition to HUD and EPA, other agencies are providing assistance to communities. The Department of Treasury's \$1.5 billion Brownfields Tax Incentive allows private developers to expense the costs of cleanup as a cost of doing business instead of treating the costs as a capital expense. Targeting brownfields in distressed communities, the tax incentive is expected to affect the cleanup of 14,000 properties. Other Federal agencies, such as the General Services Administration, the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Health and Human Services, have also developed special programs to assist communities working on brownfields.

Welfare-to-Work Vouchers

HUD's FY 1999 budget provides a flexible new tool to help States and communities meet the challenge of moving welfare recipients into jobs. Specifically, HUD proposes to provide 50,000 new welfare-to-work vouchers at a cost of \$283 million, targeted to welfare recipients who need housing assistance to get or keep a job. Individuals could use these new vouchers to move closer to new jobs or to reduce long and cumbersome commuting patterns.

Background

In many parts of the country, jobs are being created far from where many welfare recipients live. Three-fourths of welfare recipients live in cities or rural areas and the vast majority of jobs are being created in suburbs. Even when jobs are available, long public transit routes pose a substantial barrier to welfare recipients finding and keeping jobs. For example, 45 percent of entry-level jobs in the Cleveland metropolitan area are accessible from Empowerment Zone neighborhoods within an 80-minute, one-way commute via public transportation. Fifty-five percent of these jobs are not accessible by public transit at all.

The Department of Transportation is proposing a \$600 million Access to Jobs initiative to improve transportation connections for welfare recipients. This proposal builds upon HUD's Bridges to Work demonstration project, currently under way in five cities, which is connecting inner-city residents to suburban jobs.

Results

Welfare-to-work vouchers go beyond solving the transportation barrier by helping families move closer to available jobs. HUD's request of 50,000 additional portable housing vouchers will help families making the transition from welfare to work. The vouchers will be available on a competitive basis to local public housing agencies (PHAs), which will develop plans to use the new vouchers to support families making the transition from welfare to work. Plans will be developed jointly with the local welfare agency and the welfare-to-work grantee (generally the local private industry council), allowing both State and/or local participation in the effort.

The voucher program will focus on families who need housing assistance to make the transition from welfare to work—that is, where housing assistance is essential to getting or keeping employment. Local agencies will have great flexibility to design and operate the welfare-to-work voucher program within broad national guidelines. For example, the agencies would decide whether to focus on particular groups of welfare recipients and how to structure the assistance to meet local needs. Local plans will be selected by HUD, in consultation with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Labor. HUD intends to monitor and evaluate the impact of this program on the overall mission of moving welfare recipients to work.

Regional Connections

In support of the President's efforts to promote regionalism, HUD's new Regional Connections Initiative is a \$100 million set-aside within the FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It will make funds available by competition to States and localities to cooperate regionally to develop Strategic Plans that address key regional issues facing the Nation's metropolitan areas and rural communities. The Initiative will help communities adjust to the significant demographic and economic shifts occurring in metropolitan regions. It will encourage regional strategies that emphasize coordinated metropolitan economic growth and regional solutions to a range of environmental and social equity issues.

In light of the long-term shift of jobs and people to the suburbs, regions have become the building blocks of the larger national economy. The challenge

for local communities is to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the new regional economies and retain the capacity to deal with problems presented by this new situation:

- The acknowledged negative impacts of the metropolitan economy include a growing job skills and training gap; the concentration of poverty in central cities; the spatial mismatch of housing and jobs; a growing disparity in local government fiscal capacity; schools at risk; rising infrastructure costs; more vehicle miles traveled; increasing congestion; air and water pollution; and loss of prime farmland and open space.
- Regional connections will enable communities to address one or more of the following topics: regional economic development strategies that tap the “competitive advantage” or location efficiency of the inner city, sustainable growth management or compact development strategies, regional job training/access to work initiatives, regional affordable housing strategies, and other regional concerns.
- Proposed outcomes for funded projects include: strengthened partnerships between city and suburban governments and their private-sector partners, enhanced regional coordination of Federal resources and planning requirements, expanded use of HUD’s existing consolidated planning process, and increased community capacity to implement more comprehensive, regional solutions to local problems.

HUD will establish an advisory board of distinguished urban planners, economists, and regional experts to develop the competition, and expects to contract with a qualified national organization to assist in managing the funding awards process.

Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Initiative

President Clinton’s Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Initiative commits the Nation to eliminating longstanding disparities in the health status of people of racial and ethnic minority backgrounds. This initiative is particularly significant to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs), as those neighborhoods typically include higher proportions of racial and ethnic minority residents. It is also important for EZ/EC sites because many of these adverse health conditions reflect the lack of economic opportunity faced by their residents.

Facts About Health Disparities

Despite recent progress in the overall health of the Nation, there are continuing disparities in the incidence of illness and death of African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders, compared with the U.S. population as a whole. For example, infant mortality rates are much higher for African Americans and Native Americans than for white Americans. African American men suffer from heart disease at nearly twice the rate of white men. Cancer deaths are disproportionately high among Latinos and African Americans. Hepatitis B is much more prominent among Asian Americans than the rest of the population. Hispanic rates for diabetes are double the national average and Native American rates for diabetes are triple the national average. Research shows, in general, that people of racial and ethnic minority heritage are less likely to get regular medical checkups, receive immunizations, and be routinely tested for cancer.

Coordinated Action for Eliminating Disparities

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is managing this important initiative. HHS will work with the private sector, States and localities, and community-based groups such as EZs and ECs to eliminate disparities that for too long have been thought to be intractable. The initiative will focus on six key diseases and prevention strategies:

- Infant mortality.
- Cancer screening and management.
- Cardiovascular disease.
- Diabetes.
- HIV/AIDS.
- Child and adult immunization.

The initiative includes several core components:

- HHS will broaden and strengthen its partnerships with State and local governments, national and regional minority health organizations and other minority-focused organizations, and community-based organizations for coordinated action to reduce the health disparities.
- HHS will boost its research on minority health issues to ensure a coordinated response to health conditions specific to minority groups and will monitor progress in meeting particular needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

- The Surgeon General will head an outreach campaign encouraging employers, religious organizations, schools, community-based clinics, and health professionals to address the racial and ethnic health disparities.

In addition, President Clinton's FY 1999 budget proposes a new 5-year, \$400-million set of promising prevention and outreach programs:

- \$150 million over 5 years for up to 30 major community-based pilot intervention projects including public education programs that show promise for reducing health disparities. Knowledge developed from the projects will be used to improve other HHS-financed public health programs.
- \$175 million over 5 years to strengthen proven strategies for addressing the target health conditions. They will finance community-based programs including cancer screening and education, diabetes outreach and education, heart disease awareness programs, and HIV prevention.
- \$75 million over 5 years for existing federally supported Community Health Centers, in communities where racial disparities in health are most evident. These increased resources would allow the centers to serve 150,000 additional low-income, underserved, and vulnerable patients. Typical Community Health Center services include patient outreach, case management, health education, translation, transportation, and other strategies for making quality healthcare easily accessible.

Childcare Initiative

President Clinton's FY 1999 budget proposal includes \$20 billion in new funding over 5 years for childcare—the single largest national commitment to childcare in our Nation's history. It is a comprehensive plan to make childcare more affordable and accessible, to raise the quality, and to ensure the safety of care for millions of American children.

This is important news for leaders and residents of Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) neighborhoods. Accessible and affordable childcare is an important component of healthy and successful communities. The childcare industry also provides meaningful jobs for residents. Quality childcare helps children become better prepared for school and increases their academic achievement. Most importantly, with accessible and

affordable childcare, EZ/EC working families will be better able to balance the dual responsibilities of succeeding as parents and succeeding at work.

The President's proposal includes the following key components:

- **Double the number of children whose parents would receive childcare subsidies** by adding \$7.5 billion in funding for the HHS-managed Childcare and Development Block Grant.
- **Increase the Federal Child and Dependent Childcare Tax Credit** to help working families pay for childcare. The credit would eliminate Federal income tax liability for almost all families with incomes below 200 percent of poverty (\$35,000 for a family of four) that take the maximum allowable childcare expenses under the law. The President's proposal also calls for the creation of a new Federal tax credit for businesses that provide childcare services to their employees' children by building or expanding childcare facilities, operating existing facilities, training childcare workers, reserving slots for employees' children at childcare facilities, or providing childcare resources and referral services to employees.
- **Increase the availability of after-school care** by expanding the 21st Century Community Learning Center program that provides startup funds to school-community partnerships to establish or expand before- and after-school programs. The President's proposal includes a set-aside that would fund programs run by community organizations.
- **Improve childcare safety and quality and enhance early childhood development** by establishing a new Early Learning Fund. The fund, which would be managed by HHS, would provide challenge grants for communities (distributed by States) to support programs to improve early learning and the quality and safety of childcare for children from birth to age five. Funds would be available for the following types of activities: providing basic training to childcare providers; connecting individual childcare providers to centers for education and support; helping childcare providers to meet accreditation and licensing requirements; linking childcare providers with health professionals; reducing group sizes and child-to-staff ratios; and providing home visits, parent education, and consumer education about childcare.

HHS and other Federal agencies stand ready to assist localities to incorporate the principles of this historic initiative into their EZ/EC Strategic Plans.

Children's Health Insurance Program

President Clinton's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a Federal/State partnership to expand health coverage to millions of uninsured children whose families earn too much to be eligible for Medicaid, but too little to afford private insurance coverage. Signed into law in August 1997 as part of the Balanced Budget Act, this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) program will provide \$24 billion to States over 5 years for this historic new health coverage. States can use part of these Federal funds to expand outreach and ensure that all children eligible for Medicaid and the new CHIP program are enrolled.

It has long been known that children with access to health insurance are more likely than noninsured children to have access to physician care and to receive adequate preventive services. While there are many reasons why children do not have access to healthcare, the cost of insurance is clearly one of the most important deterrents. Almost 75 percent of families with uninsured children point to the cost of insurance as the primary reason they are not covered. The CHIP program is a tool for addressing this need. It can be an important step in making sure our children have access to the healthcare services they deserve.

To participate in CHIP, States must take legislative action to either expand their Medicaid programs, design a new child health insurance program, or create a combination of both. As of early April 1998, eight states—Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and South Carolina—have received approval from HHS for their CHIP programs. Many more States have submitted their plans for approval and almost all other States have processes in place to submit plans for expanding coverage to uninsured children.

To bolster the aggressive outreach strategies that are already part of CHIP, President Clinton's FY 1999 budget proposal provides \$900 million for children's health insurance policies to help make sure that all eligible children are covered either under traditional Medicaid or CHIP.

This historic program is an important opportunity for Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) organizations to provide leadership for their States and their residents and make sure every eligible child in EZ/EC neighborhoods is enrolled in either Medicaid or CHIP.

EZ/EC leaders should work closely with their State legislators and other policymakers to ensure that their State CHIP plan meets the needs of their residents. Choices made by State leaders will determine what services will be made available to children who could be insured through Medicaid or CHIP.

EZ/EC leaders should coordinate closely with the States and community-based organizations such as churches, schools, hospitals, health clinics, and neighborhood businesses that serve families with young children, such as pharmacies and grocery stores, to create a coordinated effort to ensure that all young residents of EZ/EC neighborhoods who are eligible either for Medicaid or CHIP are enrolled.

HHS is working closely with States to expedite the development and implementation of State CHIP plans. It will also assist EZ/EC groups and other state and local organization in developing outreach strategies to enroll young children in this important healthcare program.

School to Work

In FY 1999, Secretary Richard Riley hopes to increase the U.S. Department of Education's budget to \$31.2 billion. The main goals set for attainment include reduction in class size, modernizing schools, improving teacher quality, targeting assistance to poor urban and rural schools, bringing technology to the classroom, and improving access to college.

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, the School to Work program is proposed to be funded at \$125 million. School to Work links education and employment through competitive grants to States and communities. The funds help youth to acquire the knowledge, skills, and labor market information they need to make a smooth transition from school to career-oriented work or further education and training. It provides seed money to local initiatives and promotes system-building efforts to make hands-on learning opportunities available to *all* children nationwide. The goal is to help

local communities and States build partnerships that will help *all* children—whether they live in large cities, rural areas, suburbs, or small towns. Federal funding for School to Work is expected to be phased out by October 2001. By the end of FY 1998, School to Work grants will have been given to the entire United States, supplementing the separate grants to high-poverty areas, rural areas, and Native American groups.

Funding for vocational education programs is to be increased to \$1.2 billion. Also outlined by the budget is a reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career Preparation Education Act. The act intends to:

- Streamline and consolidate most program authorities.
- Enhance State and local flexibility.
- Strengthen the focus on accountability and program results and target tools more effectively to the neediest communities and educational institutions.

The budget for vocation programs includes:

- \$1 billion for State grants.
- \$103 million for formula grants for tech-prep education that link secondary and postsecondary, and vocational and academic institutions to prepare individuals for high-technology careers.
- \$13.5 million for national programs that support applied research and development activities to improve access to vocational education programs.

Adult education programs will also receive a total of \$394 million to aid adult literacy. The budget will attempt to simplify these programs by eliminating set-asides and requirements, strengthening accountability for results, and targeting funds more effectively to States and local areas with the greatest need.

Welfare-to-Work Grants

Background

In August 1996 the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act reformed the Nation's welfare laws. A new system of block grants to States for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) was created, changing the nature and provision of welfare benefits in America.

Moving people from welfare to work is now one of the primary goals of Federal welfare policy. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997, signed by the President on August 5, 1997, helps to achieve that goal by authorizing the U.S. Department of Labor to provide welfare-to-work grants to States and local communities to create additional job opportunities for the hardest to employ recipients of TANF. These grants will provide many welfare recipients with the job placement services, transitional employment, and other support services they need to make the successful progression into long-term unsubsidized employment.

Summary of Welfare-to-Work Grants

Funding: The grants total \$3 billion, with \$1.5 billion to be awarded in FY 1998 and \$1.5 billion in FY 1999. There will be two kinds of grants: (1) formula grants to States and (2) competitive grants to local communities. A small amount of the total grant money will also be set aside for special purposes: 1 percent for Indian tribes; 0.8 percent for evaluation; and \$100 million for performance bonuses to successful States. Grantees will have up to 3 years to spend the funds.

Formula Grants to States: After reserving the special purpose funds described above, 75 percent of the grant funds will be allocated to States based in a formula that equally considers States' shares of the national number of poor individuals and adult recipients of assistance under TANF. States will be required to pass 85 percent of the money to local private industry councils (known as workforce development boards in some areas), which oversee and guide job-training programs in geographical jurisdictions called service delivery areas. A State can retain 15 percent of the money for welfare-to-work projects of its choice. States must provide one dollar of non-Federal funding match for every two dollars of Federal funding provided under the formula.

State Plan and Administration: To receive formula funds, the State must submit a plan for the administration of the welfare-to-work grant. The Secretary of Labor must determine that the plan meets the statutory requirements. Governors are responsible for administering formula funds and for ensuring that they are coordinated with funds spent under the TANF block grant.

Competitive Grants to Local Communities: The 25 percent of funds not allocated by formula will be used for competitive grants awarded directly to local governments, private industry councils, and private entities (such as

community development corporations, community-based organizations, community action agencies, and other private organizations) who apply in conjunction with a private industry council or local government. The Secretary of Labor will give special consideration to cities with large concentrations of poverty as well as to rural areas.

Targeted Participant Eligibility: *At Least 70 Percent of the Grant Funds* must be spent on individuals who face two of three specified labor market deficiencies and who are long-term welfare recipients; who face termination from TANF within 12 months; or who are noncustodial parents of minors whose custodial parent meets these criteria. Labor market deficiencies include (1) lack of high school diploma or general equivalency diploma and low reading or math skills, (2) requiring a substance abuse treatment for employment, and (3) a poor work history.

Up to 30 Percent of the Grant Funds may be spent on individuals who are recent recipients of TANF assistance or noncustodial parents who have characteristics associated with long-term welfare dependence such as school drop out, teen pregnancy, or poor work history.

Relationship to TANF Time Limits: Assistance can be provided to individuals who have reached the 60-month TANF time limit. Such assistance does not count toward the 60-month limit unless it is cash assistance provided directly or through wage subsidies.

Evaluation: The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretaries of Labor and Housing and Urban Development, will develop a plan to evaluate the grant program.

APPENDICES

- **Appendix A: State Data Centers**
- **Appendix B: Agency Web Sites**
- **Appendix C: HUD/USDA Contact Information**
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- **Appendix E: EZ/EC Main Contact List**

Appendix A: State Data Centers (SDCs)

State Data Centers offer technical assistance, census data, and maps that may be used for the planning and application processes. Data centers are usually housed in State government agencies, universities, or libraries and head up a network of affiliate centers. The Business and Industry Data Center Program expands SDC services to directly serve businesses. Below is a list of the SDC and Business/Industry Data Center (BIDC) lead agency contacts. Asterisks identify States that also have BIDCs. In some States, one agency serves as the lead for both the SDC and the BIDC; the BIDC is listed separately where there is a separate agency serving as the lead. On the World Wide Web, State Data Centers can be found at: <http://www.census.gov/sdc/www/>.

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Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

Web site: <http://www.ezec.gov>

Appendix D: Available Publications

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS FOR URBAN COMMUNITIES

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): Published in the *Federal Register* and available upon request.

Empowerment Zones: Rules for Round II Designation: Published in the *Federal Register* and available upon request.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Guidelines for the Uses of EZ/EC SSBG Funds

Urban Application Guide: This *Guide* offers specific instructions as to how urban communities should prepare their application for Empowerment Zone designation.

Urban Application Forms: Nomination for designation as an Urban Empowerment Zone (Parts I–IV): The *Application Forms* identify the eligibility information a community must submit to HUD or USDA to be eligible for Round II designation. Each set of forms contains certifications that the information provided is accurate and that the applicant will implement its Strategic Plan.

Federal Programs Guide: Provides a list of Federal Government programs available to distressed communities. Applicants can use this *Guide* to identify current or prospective Federal Government programs that can be used to help revitalize their neighborhoods.

Strategic Planning Guide: Provides a comprehensive overview of how to prepare a Strategic Plan: including a discussion of the planning process and the ways in which residents, community-based organizations, businesses, nonprofits, government entities, and others come together to create a shared vision for the future.

Performance Measurement System Guide: Provides communities with a “how-to” approach to establishing and implementing a performance measurement system. Performance measurement systems provide an organized process for gathering information to track how well programs and projects are meeting their goals, and then using that information to improve performance and report to interested stakeholders.

Internal Revenue Service Publication 954, “Tax Incentives for Empowerment Zones and Other Distressed Communities”

What Works! in the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities, Volume II: A compilation of successful projects from current Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (includes contact names and telephone numbers).

To request publications for urban communities, please call 1-800-998-9999.

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Notice of Invitation to Apply: Published in the *Federal Register* and available upon request.

Rule—Rural Empowerment Zones Round II: Published in the *Federal Register* and available upon request.

Rural Application Guide: This *Guide* offers specific instructions as to how rural communities should prepare their application for Empowerment Zone designation.

Rural Application Forms: Nomination for designation as a Rural Empowerment Zone (Parts I–IV): The *Application Forms* identify and contain the eligibility information a community must submit to USDA for Round II designation.

A Guide to Strategic Planning for Rural Communities: Leads communities through the process of establishing a vision, evaluating problems and opportunities, assessing their strengths and weaknesses, and setting goals and strategies.

A Guide to Implementation and Benchmarking: Helps rural communities turn their Strategic Plans into specific work programs and create performance measures to evaluate their own progress.

Federal Programs Guide: Provides a list of Federal Government programs available to distressed communities. Applicants can use this *Guide* to identify current or prospective Federal Government programs that can be used to help revitalize their neighborhoods.

Internal Revenue Service Publication 954, “Tax Incentives for Empowerment Zones and Other Distressed Communities”

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What Works! in the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities, Volume II: A compilation of successful projects from current Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (includes contact names and telephone numbers).

To request publications for rural communities, please call 1-800-851-3403.

OTHER RESOURCES

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

Two CD-ROMS that detail information on Federal procurements valued at more than \$25,000 for an entire fiscal year, the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* and the Census Bureau's *Federal Assistance Award Data Systems* are available. This information helps to identify who buys what, who gives grants and loans, and who gets Federal funding.

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