

March 2009 Grant Opportunities

Public Welfare Foundation

Application Deadline: Requests for new funding may be submitted at any time during the year. The review committee considers letters of inquiry on a regular basis.

Description: The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need. The foundation looks for carefully defined points where its funds can make a difference in bringing about systemic changes that can improve the lives of countless people. Funding priorities for 2009 include: criminal and juvenile justice health reform workers' rights.

Who May Apply: Primarily, IRS 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible, but the foundation's Web site outlines alternatives for organizations without 501(c)(3) status whose fund-seeking activities are charitable.

Funding Amount: Most grants fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000, though some may be lower or higher.

For more information, go to: <http://www.publicwelfare.org>

The Comer Foundation -- Needle Exchange Program

Application Deadlines: March 1, July 1, and November 1 annually

Description: The Comer Foundation provides support to not-for-profit organizations focused on needle exchange and other harm-reduction strategies within the drug-using community, and seeks to facilitate the process between organizations and communities committed to creating and maintaining health.

Who May Apply: The Comer Foundation will make grants to organizations that are exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that are not classified as private foundations under section 509(a) of the code.

Funding Amount: Average single-year grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.comer-foundation.com/NEPfull.html>

U.S. Department of Justice – Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: None (open solicitation contingent upon fund availability)

Description: The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$10,000 in funding to grassroots community and faith-based victim-service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition

building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Who May Apply: Established organizations and coalitions that do not receive federal Victims of Crime Act victim assistance grant funding and operate with \$75,000 or less in annual funding may apply. Eligible organizations and coalitions must be operating for at least one year.

Funding Amount: Up to \$10,000

For more information, go to:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Allen Foundation

Application Deadline: The deadline for submission of proposals is midnight (EST) on December 31. A list of grant winners will be posted on the foundation's Web site in June.

Proposals received after December 31 will be considered for review the following year.

Description: Grants are limited under the terms of the foundation's charter to projects that primarily benefit programs centering around nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations

For more information, go to:

<http://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp>

The Heineman Foundation

Application Deadline: September 1 annually

Description: The purpose of the Heineman Foundation is to provide seed money to start-up projects and new projects within existing organizations for a maximum of three to five years. The foundation's general areas of interest are the following:

- * environmental research that will help prevent, reduce, or eliminate large-scale water degradation
- * music as education and a preserver of culture
- * research into prevention, education, and treatment for childhood illnesses
- * programs that enable youth to think, create, and communicate effectively
- * programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace, such as:
 - ◆ on-site day-care centers
 - ◆ job-training programs
 - ◆ language and leadership skills programs.

Funding Amount: The average range of the foundation's donations is \$20,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

Who May Apply: An organization must have 501(c)(3) status and upload copies of corresponding IRS documents to the online application form in order for the application to be considered.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/guidelines>

Mazda Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation accepts applications from May 1 through July 1 each fiscal year.

Description: Acting on a strong sense of responsibility to give something back to the American communities in which it operates, Mazda established a philanthropic foundation, the Mazda Foundation (USA), Inc. As the corporate foundation of Mazda North American Operations, it has awarded nearly \$3.8 million to worthwhile causes across the United States since its inception and initial awards in 1992. A focus on youth and educational opportunities for minorities are common threads that run through many of the programs funded by the foundation. Additionally, Mazda has nurtured long-term partnerships that advance medical research to find a cure for juvenile diabetes, help to improve the condition of the nation's parks, and promote cross-cultural understanding between the United States and Japan. Through its financial gifts to youth-oriented charitable programs, Mazda not only envisions a better future but is taking meaningful steps to realize that goal.

Mazda Foundation Application Deadline: The foundation accepts applications from May 1 through July 1 each fiscal year.

Who May Apply:

The Mazda Foundation awards grants to programs promoting:

education and literacy	environmental conservation
cross-cultural understanding	social welfare
scientific research.	

For more information, go to:

<http://www.mazdafoundation.org/grantguidelines.html>

The foundation does not support:

Individuals	political organizations
religious organizations	fund-raising dinners or events
capital-building, endowment, or debt-reduction drives	
organizations without 501(c)(3) designations	
requests in foreign countries.	