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Lego Children's Fund

The Lego Group has announced the formation of a foundation to support programs and organizations dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity. Programs should serve youth birth to 14 and priority will be given to disadvantaged and at risk populations. Grants will range between \$500 and \$5,000. The foundation will fund in the following areas of interest:

- **Early childhood education**
- **Technology and communication projects**
- **Sport and athletic programs**

Grants will be awarded quarterly.

Deadlines February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1

For more information go to:

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

Best Buy Teach Award

Best Buy will recognize hundreds of schools with \$3.5 million in total awards through its Best Buy Teach Program. This award program recognizes creative use of interactive technology in K - 12 classrooms. The program will focus on the use of technology by students to learn a standards-based curriculum rather than programs that teach students how to use technology or programs where the teacher uses technology. Schools must be located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store (there are locations in Frederick and Owings Mills). Applications should be completed by educators who have been at the school for one year and should be for existing programs in place for at least one year.

Deadline: September 30, 2007

For more information go to:

<https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Great Web Sites for Grant Writing Basics

Tools to Enhance Proposals

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/agcomm/AgCom/ppet/Index.html>

Examples of Grant Narratives

http://www.ulm.edu/gradschool/Help_Page.html

Sample Proposals

http://www.npguides.org/guide/sample_proposals.html

Dollar General Back-to-School Grants

The Dollar General Back-to-School Grants provide funding to assist elementary, middle and high schools as they implement new programs or purchase new equipment, materials or software for their school libraries or literacy programs. All funds must be used to enhance or expand programs. Programs may address the needs of new readers, below-grade-level readers, readers with learning disabilities or for general literacy. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. To be eligible, applicants must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General location (there are locations in Hampstead, Hanover, Sykesville and Reisterstown).

Deadline: August 10, 2007

For more information, including giving guidelines, go to:

<http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx?Category=Community&SubCategory=Grant%20Programs#BackToSchoolGiving>

Chesapeake Bay Trust Grants

For the 2008 fiscal year, the Chesapeake Bay Trust is offering the Stewardship Grant Program and the Education Grant Program. Funded programs are intended to engage the public and students in activities that raise public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

- **Stewardship Grant Program** - grants are provided to watershed associations, citizen groups or volunteers for restoration (\$5,000 to \$35,000) or outreach (\$5,000 to \$15,000).
- **Environmental Education Grant Program** - grants will be awarded to K-12 schools, universities or non profits for environmental education initiatives. Two categories will be awarded: Green School Grounds (\$5,000 to \$15,000) and Expanded Bay and River Education Program (\$5,000 to \$35,000).

For more information, go to:

<http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.enJIKQNoFiG/b.2020005/k.BD51/Home.htm>

Deadline: December 7, 2007

Recent Awards:

Junction Integrated Drug Treatment Program

Circuit Court Drug Court Program Grant

Westminster Police Department Byrne Justice Assistance Grant - Equipment

Comcast Foundation

Comcast, Carroll County's new cable provider, has given more than \$30 million to non-profits nationwide through its foundation. The foundation directs its support to non-profits provides diversity-oriented programs that address:

- **Literacy**
- **Volunteerism**
- **Youth Leadership Development**

The Foundation's goal is to maximize the impact of their investments to yield tangible, measurable benefits in the neighborhoods and to the people who live there. Community partners are generally referred by Comcast employees who have first hand knowledge of the non-profits in their own community.

For more information go to:

<http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/grantcriteria.html>

Deadline: Rolling

Bank of America Charitable Foundation

With locations throughout Carroll County, Bank of America will support non-profits in the community through their foundation. The foundation supports several initiatives including:

Education: financial literacy; early childhood development; mentoring and teacher development

Community Revitalization: affordable housing; neighborhood revitalization; small business and workforce development

Health and Human Services: affordable child care, affordable health care, family support services

Augmenting cash donations are the corporation's contributions to the community of both surplus equipment, as well as volunteer hours. In addition, company associates serve on boards of nonprofit organizations, and employees are encouraged to contribute hours to non-profit ventures in the community.

Deadlines: Rolling

<http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>

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2007 Governor's Grants Conference

On September 14, 2007, the Governor's Grants Office will host their annual conference in College Park. The conference theme is "The Changing Face of Grants" and should benefit grants managers, grant writers, program managers, fiscal officers, auditors and non-profit personnel. In addition to a keynote speaker, the conference will offer over 20 training sessions and an opportunity to network with state agency grant contacts. Topics for the training sessions include:

- Researching Grant Opportunities
- Capacity Building for Non-Profit Organizations
- Leveraging Community Assets
- Using Grant Management Tools
- Local Government and Grant Issues
- How to Survive a Federal Audit
- Federal Cost Principals

To learn more and to register on-line, go to:

<https://www.dhcd.state.md.us/GGO/Index.aspx>

Community Investment Tax Credits

Non-profits with a 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply for Maryland State Tax credits to be used as incentives for businesses that donate cash or real property to the non-profit organization. The tax credits are in addition to any State or Federal deductions that result from the charitable contribution. Depending on the tax structure of an individual business, the net cost to the business could be as low as \$.27 on the dollar. Projects must be located in or serve residents of a Priority Funding Area and fall into one of the following categories:

- Education and Youth Services
- Housing and Community Development
- Job and Self Sufficiency Training
- Enhancing Neighborhoods and Business Districts
- Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- Economic Development
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Services for At-Risk Populations

Organization interested in applying must attend training before submitting an application. In addition, the state will conduct training for all awardees on effective ways to market tax credits to businesses.

For more information go to:

<http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/CITC/CITC.aspx#Who>

