



Grantsline

A publication of the Carroll County Grants Office

August 2009

Volume 5, Number 8

In This Issue

- Weinberg Foundation
- Home Depot – Building Healthy Communities Grant
- Barbara Bush Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- Nationwide Foundation
- Wells Fargo Housing Foundation
- Disability.gov

Weinberg Foundation

After temporarily suspending its grant application process late last year, the Weinberg Foundation has announced it will begin accepting new applications August 3, 2009. Last year the foundation granted more than \$100,000,000 to over 600 organizations. The Foundation focuses on the following purpose areas:

- **Basic Human Needs**
- **Disabilities and Health**
- **Education, Children, Youth and Families**
- **Older Adults**
- **Workforce Development**

The foundation's Small Maryland Grants Program has continued to award funds during this period; however, through the economic crisis these grants will be focused on organizations that meet **basic needs such as food security, homelessness, health, family safety, economic assistance and workforce development**. The Small MD Grant program will provide up to \$100,000 in operating support over two years.

<http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org/>

Deadline: Rolling

Home Depot - Building Healthy Communities

Non-profits and public agencies, including schools, are eligible to apply for funds that improve the **physical health of the community**. Organizations can apply for up to \$2,500 in Home Depot gift cards to purchase tools or supplies. All grant activities must be completed by community volunteers.

Projects can include: construction or refurbishment of affordable housing, increasing energy efficiency or sustainability, painting, rebuilding refurbishing, landscaping, planting native trees, community facility improvements and the development of green spaces.

Deadline: September 15, 2009 and December 15, 2009

<http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

Great Web Sites:

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

Barbara Bush Foundation

The Barbara Bush Foundation funds projects designed to support the development of **literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children**. Approximately \$650,000 will be available during this competition with no award exceeding \$65,000. Both non-profits and government agencies are eligible to apply. In order to be considered, organizations must have been in existence for at least 2 years, demonstrate fiscal accountability and must operate an instructional literacy program aimed at one or more of the following:

- Literacy for adults
- Parent education
- Literacy for children pre-K to grade 3
- Intergenerational literacy activities

The Foundation also offers a program specific to Maryland – the Maryland Family Literacy Initiative. Last year 10 awards for a total of nearly \$500,000 were granted to Maryland organizations including a Carroll County non-profit.

Deadline September 14, 2009

For more information:

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com>

Verizon Foundation

In 2008, the Verizon Foundation gave more than \$68,000,000 for more than 30,000 grants. This foundation funds nearly ½ of the requests that it receives each year – a much higher rate compared to the majority of foundations. Proposals will be considered from non profits as well as government entities and public schools that focus on one of the following interest areas:

- **Education**
- **Literacy**
- **Domestic Violence Prevention**
- **Healthcare and Accessibility**
- **Internet Safety**

Before starting an on-line application, review the partnership guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions. Also, pay special attention to the examples of funded grants that are highlighted on the pages devoted to the individual interest areas. Programs should be sure not to duplicate services provided elsewhere in the community.

Deadlines: January 1 – November 30

For more information go to:

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

Recent Grant Applications and Awards:

Department of Citizen Services

ARRA- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Application

Carroll County Sheriff

School Bus Safety Award

Smooth Operator Award

Reduce Alcohol Availability to Minors (RAAM) Award

Human Services Programs of Carroll County

ARRA- Violence Against Women Act Award

ARRA- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Application

Youth Services Bureau

Juvenile Justice Act Grant Award

Salvation Army

ARRA- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Application

Bureau of Aging

Money Follows the Person Application

Nationwide Foundation

The Nationwide Foundation provides funding to organizations that transform the lives of their clients. In the Baltimore metro area, the foundation will fund projects that fall within two areas:

Emergency and Basic Needs

Nationwide partners with organizations that provide life's basic necessities.

Crisis Stabilization

Nationwide partners with organizations that provide resources to prevent crises or help pick up the pieces after one occurs

Nationwide will provide operating, project or capital support. Agencies that receive United Way funds are ineligible for operating support but may apply for project or capital funds. When reviewing requests, the organization's financial stability and community's need are critical factors.

For more information:

<http://www.nationwide.com/about-us/nationwide-foundation.jsp>

Deadline: Rolling

Wells Fargo Housing Foundation

The Wells Fargo Housing Foundation provides financial resources to local non-profit housing organizations to create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income clients. Funding can be requested for the following:

- **Development and pre-development costs**
- **Education, counseling and foreclosure prevention**
- **Subsidies for down payments, closing costs or interest rate buy downs**
- **Home repairs – essential repairs or modifications**

The foundation does not fund capital requests.

Submission periods:

January 1 to February 1

March 1 to May 1

June 1 to August 1

https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/wfhf/homeownership_guideline

Contact Us

Carroll County Grants
Office
225 N. Center Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Colleen Baumgartner
cbaumgartner@ccg.carr.org
410-386-2212

Debby Standiford
dstandiford@ccg.carr.org
410-386-2448

410-848-0003 fax

1-888-302-8978

Web Page

<http://ccgovernments.carr.org/ccg/grants/default.asp>

Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has just released its **2009 Kids Count Data Book**. Published now for 20 years, the data book gives readers access to hundreds of indicators of child well-being across states and smaller jurisdictions. The site includes state and local profiles, rankings, maps, and line graphs. There are several indicators available for Maryland counties including Carroll.

For more information:

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2009/Default.aspx>

Letters of Support

Strong letters of support are critical to a successful grant application. To make the process easier, applicant agencies should supply partner agencies with an outline containing all the information they will need to write an effective letter of support.

Heading - Check the grant guidelines, but most letters of support will be addressed to the granting agency. The partner agency should be provided with the name and address of the granting agency, as well as the language for the subject line including the grant title and project title.

Opening Paragraph - In the first paragraph, the partner agency should include a brief description of their agency, the nature of their relationship with the applicant agency and a short description of the grant project.

Paragraph 2 - The partner agency should detail the type of contribution they will make to the project - staff, cash or in-kind support, referrals etc. More detail is required if the partner agency is supplying any part of the match.

Paragraph 3 - The letter can also describe any ongoing collaborative efforts between partner and applicant agencies.

Closing - Finally, the partner agency should include contact information for any follow-up questions.

New Website: Disability.gov

The U. S. Department of Labor marked the 19th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by launching a new web site, Disability.gov. The web site is described by Labor Secretary Hilda Solis as "Far more than just a directory of federal resources, Disability.gov is a meeting ground for Americans to learn, respond and communicate about a wealth of critically important disability related topics."

The site integrates content from 22 federal agencies in order to provide comprehensive information to the disabled community as well as those who provide support and services to them. The web site is organized into 10 subject areas: benefits, civil rights, community life, education, emergency preparedness, employment, health, housing, technology and transportation.

For more information:

<http://www.disability.gov>

