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## News

### Grants.gov to Offer One-Stop Site for Federal Funding

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) unveiled on Tuesday a single, comprehensive website that will contain information on all federal grant programs once fully operational. The website, Grants.gov, is expected to make it easier for organizations to learn about and apply for federal grants.

Grants.gov presently has information for more than 800 available grant programs involving all 26 federal grant-making agencies. The website provides information in a standardized format across these agencies and features a search tool to help applicants find potential funding opportunities. The cross-agency website also simplifies the application process by allowing applicants to download, complete and submit applications for specific grant opportunities.

To date, application packages have been posted to Grants.gov by five agencies — the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Education, Energy, Justice and HHS. This list will be expanded in the coming months as federal agencies continue to post application information about additional grant opportunities.

Grants.gov is a key element of President Bush's E-Gov initiative, which aims at harnessing Internet-based technology to make it easy for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government communications. The White House Office for Management and Budget named HHS as the lead agency for the Grants.gov initiative. HHS is joined in the collaborative effort by the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Labor and Transportation, as well as the National Science Foundation. More information on Grants.gov is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.

### Hewlett Packard to Award up to \$5M in Microenterprise Grants in 2004

Do you have a local nonprofit development agency that works with the smallest of small businesses and meets the following microenterprise criteria?

- Five or fewer workers
- \$35,000 or less in start-up capital
- No access to traditional funding.
- Needing equipment and support

If so, please spread the word in your nonprofit community about HP's awarding up to 20 grants (each \$150,000-\$250,000) with applications due **January 24, 2004**.

The critical links:

- [http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/micro\\_index.html](http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/micro_index.html) - applications and additional information grant awards, requirements applications
- [http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/microenterprise\\_program\\_rfp\\_nov\\_2003.pdf](http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/microenterprise_program_rfp_nov_2003.pdf) - Request for Proposal

Please tell your nonprofits that they can participate in a teleconference hosted by HP

December 16, 2003 from 7-10:00 A.M. (EST) (10:00 A.M.- 12:00 noon PCT) to answer questions about the grants. Check the HP Microenterprise Development Program Web site above for teleconference details not available when we went to press.

In addition to assisting the smallest of businesses, HP is building bridges with non-profits by helping them integrate technology into their operations and cores services.

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## Funding Opportunities

### **Fellowships Provide Seed Money for Public Service Projects**

[Echoing Green Foundation: Public Service Fellowships](#)

The Echoing Green Foundation offers full-time fellowships to emerging social entrepreneurs. The fellowships provide a two-year \$60,000 stipend (\$30,000 per year), health care benefits, on-line connectivity, access to Echoing Green's network of social entrepreneurs, and training and technical assistance. The stipend serves as seed money to start a new public service organization or an independent project. Individuals with domestic or international projects in the start-up phase are eligible to apply. Public service projects in areas including, but not limited to, the environment, arts, education, youth services and development, civil and human rights, and community and economic development are supported. Initial applications are due January 12, 2004, and full applications are due March 9, 2004. Visit the above website for more information.

### **Support for Technology in the Classroom**

[Best Buy Children's Foundation: te@ch program](#)

The Best Buy Children's Foundation's te@ch program supports schools and educators using technology to make learning fun. The program awards \$2,500 grants to K-12 public, private, and parochial schools within 25 miles of a Best Buy store in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. Of special interest are innovative, interactive programs or projects that make learning fun for students. Deadline for submitting applications is December 31, 2003. Visit the Best Buy website for more information and application instructions. To locate the te@ch program guidelines, click on "Community Relations" under "Company Information" on the company home page, then click on the link to the te@ch program.

### **Development Grants Support Community Partnerships for Older Adults**

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Community Partnerships for Older Adults](#)

Community Partnerships for Older Adults, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, supports efforts of local public-private partnerships to improve long-term care and supportive services systems for older adults. Up to 17 communities across the country will receive development grants of up to \$150,000 for 18 months. Development grantees will then have the opportunity to compete for grants to implement the activities described in their plans. Applicants must demonstrate that a core group of community leaders have been working together in a partnership for at least two years, and the partnerships must encompass a geographic area with at least 10,000 residents who are age 60 or older, except in rural communities. Letters of intent are due January 9, 2004. Visit the above website for more information or to submit letters of intent online.

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## In Need of News/Updates

I am in need of news to share in my weekly emails and to post on the ndalliancelink.com website. E-mail me at [levery@gondtc.com](mailto:levery@gondtc.com)

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## Upcoming Meetings/Events

- ✓ December 17 Alliance Conference Call Meeting
- ✓ December 18 REAP Investment Board Conference Call Meeting
- ✓ January 13 CONAC Monthly Meeting in Rugby
- ✓ January 13 SW Monthly Meeting
- ✓ January 15 Marketplace for Entrepreneurs in Grand Forks
- ✓ February 17, 2004 Sirolli Institute Presentation, Hettinger, ND
- ✓ Feb 18 & 19, 2003- REAP Annual Meeting, Hettinger, ND

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## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### **December**

15- SBA Homebased Businesses in Mayville

18- SBA Manufacturing for Uncle Sam at H. Schaefer Learning Center, Bismarck

22- SBDC Pricing for Profitability & Strength in Mott

### **January**

5- SBDC Quickbooks for beginners in Grand Forks

12- SBDC Working with Quickbooks in Grand Forks

29- SBDC Intro to Gov't Procurement in Langdon

### **February**

4- SBDC Intro to Gov't Procurement in Maddock

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12- SBDC Working with Quickbooks in Grand Forks

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## Current and Ongoing Projects

- ✓ NDalliancelink.com maintenance and updating
- ✓ Alliance Link Newsletter (December 2003)
- ✓ Champion REAP Alliance Annual Meeting in Hettinger (February 18 & 19, 2004)
- ✓ ND Leadership Capacity Building in Designated Areas

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## Links

SBDC <http://www.ndsbdc.org>

E-Commerce Guide <http://sbdnet.utsa.edu/SBIC/e-com.htm>

Biz Pathways <http://nd.bizpathways.org/Bizpathways/Index.aspx>

SBA <http://www.sba.gov>

Fundsnet <http://www.fundsnetservices.com/>

Philanthropy News Digest <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/>

The Grantsmanship Center <http://www.tgci.com/>

DUNS Number Information [http://www.dnb.com/US/duns\\_update/index.html](http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/index.html)