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The Partnerships in Law and Aging Program

The American Bar Association, Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly, and the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging are pleased to announce the availability of grants to encourage the development of collaborative, community-based projects to enhance the legal awareness of older persons, and to improve their access to the legal system.

Legal services and other nonprofit organizations continue to struggle to meet the law-related needs of older persons in their communities, particularly elders whose legal problems are compounded by incapacity or communication, cultural, linguistic or physical barriers, or by the failure to recognize the existence of a legal issue. As an incentive for addressing these issues, the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly, and the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging created the Partnerships in Law and Aging Program. Now entering its fourth year, the Partnerships Program annually awards grants for development of collaborative, community-based projects to enhance the legal awareness of older persons and to improve elder access to the legal system.

Amount Available: Ten grants of up to \$7,500 each.

Matching Funds: Larger budgets using matching funds are encouraged but not required. Priority will be given to proposals indicating that, where appropriate: (a) in-kind or cash contributions are available; and/or (b) active attempts will be made to solicit additional funds that will allow the project to continue (including potential sources of funds).

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Eligible Applicants: This Request for Proposals is open to not-for-profit, law-related groups and organizations, including state or local bar association sections and committees (e.g., elder law, legal services, senior lawyers, young lawyers, disability rights, health law, trusts and estates, etc.), Older Americans Act and other publicly-funded legal services programs, elder rights advocacy groups, law schools and law-related education

groups, dispute resolution programs, aging services providers, and others seeking to develop or strengthen the legal awareness and rights of older Americans. State and county agencies, including attorney general offices and agencies on aging, are not eligible as primary grantees, but may participate as partners. National organizations are not eligible, but local affiliates of national organizations may apply. Former grantees are not prohibited from applying for funding for new projects, although reviewers aim for geographic, organizational, and programmatic diversity when making decisions.

Application Deadline: All materials, including letters of support, must be submitted in a single packet, post-marked on or before December 1, 2001. The Announcement, complete RFP and application can be downloaded from the Commission's Web site, <http://www.abanet.org/elderly/rfp-info-1.html>.

Agency: American Bar Association

For More Information: Please visit the Commission's Web site <http://www.abanet.org/elderly/rfp-info-1.html>. If further assistance is needed please contact: Stephanie Edelstein at the ABA Commission, (202) 662-8694, or by e-mail at sedelstein@staff.abanet.org.

Housing Search Assistance Program

The Department of Housing and Urban Development gives notice of funding availability for the Housing Search Assistance Program.

The purpose of the Housing Search Assistance Program (HSAP) is to assist housing choice voucher families in (1) expanding their housing opportunities and (2) accessing lower poverty neighborhoods through the receipt of housing counseling and supportive services from public housing agencies (PHA) partnering with nonprofit organizations. The program also will provide supportive services to help recipients remain stably housed, successfully adjust to their new communities and comply with private owner rental lease requirements, housing quality standards (HQS) and other family obligations under the voucher program.

Amount Available: Approximately \$10 million will provide funding for up to 15 eligible applicants for three years.

Eligible Applicants: PHAs that submit an application with one or more nonprofit organizations as the co-applicant (including but not limited to faith-based and other community-based organizations) for the provision of housing counseling services and related supportive services are eligible.

Application Deadline: October 9, 2001

Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

For More Information: Contact George C. Hendrickson, Housing Program Specialist, Room 4216, Office of Public and Assisted Housing Delivery, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410 or, call (202) 708-1872, ext. 4064.

The Federal Register's Notice of Funding Availability contains all of the information necessary for the submission of an application. *Federal Register 7/11/2001 Page 36403-36413.*

The Administration for Native Americans

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of FY 2002 funds to support projects that will promote the goal of social and economic self-sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Pacific Islanders.

The mission of the ANA is to promote the goal of social and economic self-sufficiency for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American Pacific Islanders. ANA invites eligible applicants for the below three competitive areas to undertake 12 to 36 month development projects that are part of long-range comprehensive plans to move toward governance, social, and/or economic self-sufficiency.

Area (1) Governance and Social and Economic Development

Area (2) Governance and Social and Economic Development for Alaska Native Entities

Area (3) Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

Amount Available:

Area (1) Approximately \$20 million of financial assistance is anticipated to be available under this priority area for governance, and social and economic development projects. ANA anticipates awarding approximately 150 competitive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$1million.

Area (2) Approximately \$2 million of financial assistance is anticipated to be available for Alaska Native governance, social and economic development projects. ANA plans to award approximately 10-15 grants under this competitive area.

Area (3) Approximately \$3 million of financial assistance is anticipated to be available for environmental regulatory enhancement. ANA expects to award approximately 35 grants under this competitive area. The funding level for a budget period of 12 months will be up to \$250,000. An applicant may propose project periods of between 12 to 36 months.

Eligible Applicants: The following organizations are eligible to apply under the noted competitive areas:

Areas 1, 2 and 3

- Federally recognized Indian Tribes (Area 1, 2 and 3);
- Alaska Native villages as defined in the Alaska Native claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and/or nonprofit village consortia.
- Nonprofit Alaska Native Regional Corporations/Associations in Alaska with village specific projects (Area 1, 2 and 3).

Areas 1 and 2

- Consortia of Indian Tribes (Area 1 and 2); and
- Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multi-purpose community-based organization (Area 1 and 2).

Areas 1 and 3

- Incorporated non-federally recognized Tribes (Area 1 and 3); and
- Nonprofit Alaska Native community entities or tribal governing bodies (Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) or Traditional Councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Area 1 and 3).

Area 1

- Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians (The population served may be located on these islands or on the continental United States (Area 1);

- Incorporated nonprofit multi-purpose community-based Indian organizations (Area 1); Urban Indian Centers (Area 1);
- National or regional incorporated nonprofit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives (Area 1);
- Public and nonprofit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (The populations served may be located on these islands or in the United States (Area 1); and
- Tribally controlled community colleges, tribally controlled secondary vocational institution, and colleges and universities located in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Palau, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands which serve Native American Pacific Islanders (Area 1).

Area 3

- Tribal governing bodies (IRA or traditional councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Area 3).

Match Requirements: Under all three areas, grantees must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved costs of the project as a Non-Federal match. Cash or in-kind contributions may meet the non-Federal share, although applicants are encouraged to meet the match requirement through cash contributions.

Application Deadline:

Area (1) closing dates are October 26, 2001, February 28, 2002, and May 17, 2002.

Area (2) closing day is May 10, 2002.

Area (3) closing day is March 22, 2002.

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and Administration for Native Americans.

For More Information: The application kit contains the necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program announcement. To obtain an application kit and/or, training and technical assistance, applicants are encouraged to contact the ANA Technical and Training Assistance provider within the appropriate service area. If you do not know the identity of the contractor currently serving the region you are located in, you may identify the contact by calling: Administration for Native Americans, Applicant Help Desk, toll free at (877) 922-9262; or visit ANA's Web site listing of current providers at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana>. *Federal Register 7/25/2001 P.34206-34222.*

Rural Utilities Service, USDA

Attention rural providers who are working with other entities to address the digital divide in rural communities. Please make appropriate entities in your area aware of the following new grant program.

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces the availability of funding under a new grant program, the Utilities Service, the USDA Local Dial-Up Internet Grants Program.

The purpose of this program is to finance the acquisition, construction, and installation of equipment, facilities and systems to provide dial-up Internet access service in rural America. This program will provide grant funds, on a competitive basis, to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications services that are available in urban and suburban communities.

Amount Available: The maximum amount of a grant award to an applicant under this program is \$400,000. The minimum amount to be considered is \$10,000.

Match Funds: No match funding is required.

Eligible Applicants: Grants may be made to legally organized entities providing, or proposing to provide, dial-up Internet services in rural areas. Eligible entities may be public bodies, commercial companies including limited liability companies, cooperatives, nonprofits, and limited dividend or mutual associations.

Application Deadline: November 13, 2001

Agency: Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service

For more Information: Contact Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590, or, call (202) 720-9554, and Fax (202) 720-0810.

The Federal Register's notice of funding availability contains all of the information necessary for the submission of an application. *Federal Register* 8/15/2001 Page 42836-42838.
