

# N Grants Action NEWS

Information on available state,  
federal and private grants

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## ... On the state level

### Department of State

The New York State Department of State has announced that there is an \$11.515 million incentive awards program to provide grants to entities that achieve cost savings and local service delivery efficiencies through municipal consolidation or intermunicipal cooperative efforts. Grants will be awarded in the following grant categories:

#### High-Priority Planning Grants

These non-competitive grants will be available to eligible municipalities and will cover costs associated with plans developed for a city or county charter revision that includes the following: functional consolidation or increased shared services; the village dissolution plan, plans developed for mergers, consolidations and dissolutions; the sharing of services on a multi-county or regional basis; and plans for a sustainable reduction in the cost of police, fire and highway services for a municipality whose per capita cost is in the top 25 percent of comparable municipalities in New York State.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

**Funding:** State assistance will be provided to successful applicants in

an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for costs associated with eligible project activities.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010.

**For more information, contact:**

Kyle Wilber, New York State Department of State, Office of Local Government, Coastal and Community Sustainability, One Commerce Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 1015, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231; or call: 518-473-3355 or e-mail:

[LGEprogram@dos.state.ny.us](mailto:LGEprogram@dos.state.ny.us).

#### General Efficiency Planning Grants

Available to eligible municipalities to support plans for improving local government efficiency and cost savings.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

**Funding:** State assistance of \$25,000 will be provided for the first two successful applicants, with an additional \$1,000 for each additional participating municipality, up to \$35,000.

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Demonstration Project Grants

Available to eligible municipalities for costs associated with projects that promote large-scale, transformative change in municipalities and can be used as living laboratories for municipal innovation. Projects may include the consolidation of supporting services for school districts within an area served by BOCES; consolidation of multiple police forces or multiple fire districts, fire departments or fire companies; creation of a regional smart growth compact or program; consolidation of services on a multi-county basis; creation of a regional entity empowered to provide multiple functions on a countywide or regional basis; or the creation of a regional or city-county consolidated municipal government.

**Eligibility:** Counties, cities, towns, villages, special improvement districts, fire districts, public libraries, association libraries, water authorities, sewer authorities, regional planning and development boards, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

**Funding:** State assistance will not exceed \$400,000 per municipality, and award amounts vary by project type. In no case shall the total award exceed \$1 million for costs associated with eligible project activities.

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## ... On the federal level

### National Institute of Food and Agriculture

The International Science and Education (ISE) Competitive Grants Program supports activities that will improve the capabilities of American colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, extension and teaching. ISE projects are expected to enhance the international content of curricula; ensure that faculty members will work beyond the U.S. and bring the knowledge they have acquired back home; promote international research partnerships; enhance the use and application of foreign technologies in the U.S.; and further strengthen U.S. colleges and universities to enable them to better compete on a global scale.

**Eligibility:** Public, state and private institutions of higher education.

**Funding:** A total of \$2.9 million is available. Individual awards are not to exceed \$150,000.

**Deadline:** Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.

**For more information, contact:** The International Science and Education Grants Program at [www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/intl\\_science.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/intl_science.html). Or, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Stop 2201, Washington, DC 20250-2201; or call 202-720-4423.

### Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

The Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for the National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC) for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Cooperative Agreement. The purpose of the program is to serve as a resource and training center to increase the effectiveness of mental health services for children, adolescents, young adults and their families in states, counties, tribes and territories. The NTAC will provide technical assistance on systems of care development, implementation, sustainability and related policy issues to current and previously

funded grantees of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program, also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI).

**Eligibility:** Domestic public and private non-profit entities. For example, state and local governments; federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations; urban Indian organizations; public or private universities and colleges; and community- and faith-based organizations may apply.

**Funding:** A total of \$3.5 million is available.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010.

**For more information, contact:** The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration's Division of Grants Management at 240-276-1400, or visit [www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/).

## ... On the private level

### BJ's Charitable Foundation

BJ's Charitable Foundation was established with the goal of creating a positive, long-lasting impact on communities that have a BJ's Wholesale Club. The mission of the foundation is to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. Since its first grant in 2005, the foundation has allocated funds on a quarterly basis, giving more than \$7.4 million to over 800 community organizations.

**Eligibility:** Community organizations that provide services that help end hunger and support self-sufficiency, health care and education.

**Funding:** Contact BJ's Charitable Foundation for figures.

**Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**For more information, contact:** BJ's Charitable Foundation, P.O. Box 9614, One Mercer Road, Natick, MA 01760; Or visit its Web site at [www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml](http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml).

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## ...Grant writing

### Grantsmanship Center

The Grantsmanship Training Program is coming to the Mohawk Valley!

The Grantsmanship Training Program offers grant-proposal training to nonprofit and government agencies.

The upcoming classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are restricted to a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$895, which includes a one-year enrollment in the Grantsmanship Center Alumni Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000.

**Host:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County

**Location:** Oriskany, NY

**When:** Feb. 8-12, 2010

For more information, to register or to apply for a scholarship, contact The Grantsmanship Center at 1-800-421-9512, or visit its Web site at [www.tgci.com](http://www.tgci.com).

### The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes during January 2010:

#### Grantseeking Basics

*Jan. 6, 9, 13, 27, 30*

Attendees will learn how the center's resources can help make them more effective grantseekers. For beginners, this introduction to the library provides instruction in foundation research and identification of potential funders. A tour of the library will follow.

#### Proposal Writing Basics

*Jan. 15*

Attendees will learn about the basics of writing a proposal for their non-profit organizations.

#### Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online

*Jan. 6, 28*

This class provides a hands-on introduction to the center's comprehensive online subscription database.

#### How to Approach a Foundation

*Jan. 8*

Attendees will learn how to initiate contact with potential donors, plan calls and meetings, and build partnerships with sponsors. This class is intended for fundraisers who have some experience but are not experts.

#### In addition:

Classes are held at The Foundation Center, located at: New York Library, 79 Fifth Ave., 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For additional training opportunities, to register, or for more information, visit [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org), or call 212-620-4230.