ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

A Message from George H. Sheldon
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Welcome to the Administration for Children and Families' Guide to Resources and Funding for Community and Faith-based Organizations.

This Guide is an important component of our effort to inform the public about the wide range of programs and resources provided by ACF. The following pages contain an overview of the agency, basic information about finding and applying for federal funds, specific information about ACF's grant opportunities, and numerous resources and toolkits available for any community or faith-based organization.

President Obama stated, "Instead of driving us apart, our varied beliefs can bring us together to feed the hungry and comfort the afflicted." Community and faith-based organizations support ACF's mission by strengthening families, supporting healthy and comprehensive child development, promoting economic and social self-sufficiency, and ultimately developing a stronger society for generations to come. It is our hope that this volume will connect such organizations with important resources to assist in meeting the needs of communities across this great nation.

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Erratum

The Administration for Children and Families' website is currently being redeveloped. If you are unable to open an ACF web link in this document, please try replacing "www" with "transition." For example, instead of "http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb," type "http://transition.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb" into your browser.

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INTRODUCTION

This resource guide is intended to assist community and faith-based organizations seeking to learn about programs of the Administration for Children and Families, Federal, State and local grant opportunities and responsibilities, and capacity building toolkits and resources.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES: FUNDING OVERVIEW

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is the second-largest operating division in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), with an operating budget of over $50 billion in 2010.

ACF funds both discretionary and mandatory grant programs. ACF mandatory grant awards to State, Tribal and Territorial governments comprise approximately 80% of ACF grant funds. The remaining 20% of the grant funds are awarded through discretionary grants. These discretionary grants are awarded to a variety of organizations including State, local, Tribal and Territorial governments, academic institutions, nonprofits (including community and faith-based organizations), and for-profits. The types of activities supported by discretionary grants include demonstration projects, research, training and technical assistance, and human services that support ACF's mission.

In Fiscal Year 2010, ACF completed 8,612 mandatory grant awards for a total of $46,165,275,208. On the discretionary side, 12,485 grants were awarded for a total of $9,405,064,180. Overall, ACF awarded 21,097 grants totaling $55,570,339,388.

Discretionary grants permit the Federal government, according to specific authorizing legislation, to exercise judgment, or "discretion," in selecting the applicant/recipient organization, through a competitive grant process:

- ACF issues funding announcements to request applications for discretionary grant programs. This usually occurs annually from April to July.
- After the announcement is made, applications are accepted for a limited period of time, reviewed and funded on a competitive basis.
- Community and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for most discretionary grants.

About the Administration for Children & Families

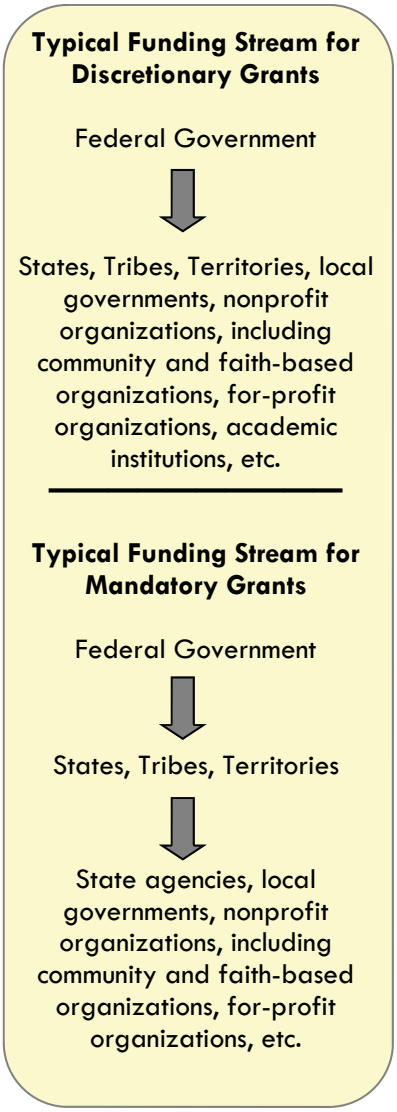
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for over 60 Federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF programs aim to achieve the following:

- Families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity;
- Strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;
- Partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian Tribes, Native communities, States, and Congress that enable solutions which transcend traditional agency boundaries;
- Services planned, reformed, and integrated to improve needed access;
- And a strong commitment to working with people with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrant seasonal workers to address their needs, strengths, and abilities.

Additional information about working with ACF can be found on the ACF website at www.acf.hhs.gov.

Mandatory grants are those that a Federal agency is required by statute to award if the State, Tribe, or Territory submits an acceptable plan or application and meets the eligibility and compliance requirements of the grant program:

- Depending on the type of program, these may be called formula, block, or entitlement grants.
- Recipients of mandatory grants frequently award sub-grants or contracts to community and faith-based organizations and other entities to implement activities and services funded by the mandatory grant.



FINDING AND APPLYING FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: AN OVERVIEW

Introduction

Finding and applying for Federal funds can be a difficult and time-consuming process for community and faith-based organizations. This document is intended to offer an overview of the grant process, but does not replace a grant-writing workshop. *The authors of this guide strongly suggest that you attend a grant-writing workshop prior to applying for a Federal grant.* A range of workshops are often offered by community-based organizations and Federal agencies. You may contact the Corporation for National and Community Service for online courses http://www.nationalservice.gov/ or do an Internet search for workshops in your area.

In addition, smaller community and faith-based organizations should strongly consider how they can contract, partner with, or apply for sub-grants from larger organizations or government entities (e.g., state, county, city) that have received Federal funds rather than applying for Federal funds on their own. Recipients of discretionary and mandatory grants are often able and sometimes required to provide contracts or sub-grants to other organizations to provide the services outlined in their grant application.

Preparing to Apply for Federal Funds

What Is Your Organization's Legal Status?

Federal funds are awarded to government entities, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, and others. Most community and faith-based organizations will apply as a nonprofit corporation, and typically must be registered as such in their home state. The USA.gov website has a list of State filing agencies for nonprofit organizations at: http://www.usa.gov/Business/Nonprofit_State.shtml.

After an organization is recognized by its State as a nonprofit corporation, it can apply to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for Recognition of Exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This is the Federal tax code designation for charitable, nonprofit organizations that receive donations or grant funding. The IRS provides guidance on the

process of receiving 501(c)(3) recognition on its website at: http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/index.html.

Exceptions:

1) Some ACF grants do not require 501(c)(3) status;

2) Churches are automatically exempt from Federal taxes, although many have 501(c)(3) status;

3) If your organization intends to apply for sub-grants or contracts from larger organizations or government entities, eligibility requirements may differ.

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—President Barack Obama

February 05, 2009

What Is Your Organization's Capacity?

Your organization should consider the following prior to applying for funds:

- Does your staff have the skills, education and experience to deliver the proposed program?
- Do you have the organizational capacity to manage a grant? For more information, see the *Managing Public Grants* guidebook (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf/ccf_resources/public_grants.pdf or *search "Managing Public Grants Guidebook"* at www.acf.hhs.gov).
- How will the receipt of Federal funds limit or expand the services you provide? For more information, see Executive Order 13559 at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-29579.pdf.
- If a match is required, is your organization able to secure non-Federal or in-kind resources that will match the Federal grant as required by the grant announcement?
- ACF Strengthening Nonprofits: A Capacity Builder's Resource Library: http://www.strengtheningnonprofits.org.

What Is the Need for Services Your Organization Wants to Provide?

Grant proposals must include an assessment of the need for the proposed program, documented and supported by statistical data. There are a number of resources available to assist in the research process:

- The U.S. Census Bureau website, www.census.gov can help you find demographic data about your community and target populations.
- State and local government entities that administer programs for your target population can help you determine whether there are unmet needs in your geographic and program area of interest.
- Others who are providing services similar to those you propose, or who serve the same population, can be an important resource. Building relationships with other service providers can help you prepare for the grant application process. However, if the program you are considering is already being offered in your community, it may be difficult to justify your program unless you can document the need for another program provider.

What Will Your Proposed Program Do?

After identifying the need, applicants must outline the proposed program. An outline of the program, sometimes presented in a "logic model," addresses:

1) available and needed resources, 2) program goals, 3) program activities or outputs, and 4) outcomes. A reasonable budget must accompany the program description, and budget items must be eligible according to the grant description. Nonprofit organizations should review OMB Circular A-122, which outlines Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations, available at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a122_2004. In addition to the program description and budget, applications must include a plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. *The authors of this guide strongly suggest that community and faith-based organizations consider participating in workshops on program planning, budgeting, and program evaluation to better understand these components prior to submitting a grant application.* The Child Welfare Information Gateway has a logic model builder and guide at http://www.childwelfare.gov/management/effectiveness/logic_model.cfm.

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Ready to Apply

The Federal Fiscal Year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. Each year, a budget must be passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. After the budget is signed into law, ACF is able to write and post funding announcements, often in the Spring; however, additional funding announcements may be announced throughout the year. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grants Forecast (www.hhs.gov/grantsforecast) is a tool organizations can use to determine if an HHS program (including ACF) plans to make a funding announcement in the fiscal year.

ACF Funding Announcements and Archives: The ACF website (www.acf.hhs.gov/grants) lists current funding announcements and includes a number of additional resources, forms, and manuals. As well, you can search for prior year funding announcements. Reviewing prior year funding announcements and past grant awardees will provide helpful information about the grant and the application process. All ACF funding opportunities are listed on the ACF website as well as www.grants.gov.

Grants.gov is a Federal website designed to simplify the grants process by creating a centralized, online process to find and apply for over 1,000 grant programs from the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov streamlines the process of awarding over $400 billion Federal funds annually.

Searching Grants.gov: The Grants.gov website www.grants.gov provides links for finding grant opportunities including:

- *Basic Search:* Search by keyword, Funding Opportunity Number (FOB), or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number.
- *Browse by Category:* Search by a variety of categories of funding activities.
- *Browse by Agency:* Search from a list of Federal agencies offering grant opportunities.
- *Advanced Search*: Search by more specific criteria such as funding instrument type, eligible applicants, sub-agency, or access prior year funding announcements by selecting “closed opportunities.”

Grants.gov Support: Grants.gov has webpage-specific "help" information for each step of the grant search and applications process. Support is also available Monday to Friday, 7:00a.m.-9:00p.m. EST/EDT at (800) 518-4726 or via email support@grants.gov.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) profiles all Federal grant programs and lists a specific contact for obtaining additional information and application forms: www.cfda.gov. Using CFDA numbers is an easy way to search for specific grants in www.grants.gov.

Grants.gov Email Subscription: Registration for Email Subscription on Grants.gov is a useful and time-saving method for receiving frequent notifications of new grant announcements. Click on the *Email Subscription* link at Grants.gov, and simply follow the prompts to begin receiving grant email alerts.

Get Registered for Grants.gov: You do not have to register with Grants.gov to *search* grant opportunities; however, to apply electronically through Grants.gov, you will need to register by clicking on the *"Get Registered"* link on the website. You may either register as an individual or as an organization; however, if an organization will be the applicant, the organization (not the individual) must be the registrant through an Authorized Agency Representative (AOR). Completing the registration process typically takes 3-5 business days, but could take up to four weeks.

All applicants for Federal grants *must* obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S®) Number. D-U-N-S registration is free, and can be completed online at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform or by calling 877-705-5711 (U.S. and U.S. Virgin Islands) or 800-234-3867 (Alaska and Puerto Rico).

Apply for Your Grant!

Successful grant writing involves advance planning and preparation. Make sure you clearly understand the funding agency's guidelines and requirements before you begin writing the application. Organize your application according to the funding agency requirements, paying strict attention to detail and stated specifications. Use concise, persuasive writing and keep budget requests reasonable.

If you have successfully registered at Grants.gov and wish to apply electronically, you may download a grant application package, complete, and submit the application online from the Grants.gov website. Upon submission you will receive a verification email and an agency-specific tracking number. This tracking number will allow you to log in to Grants.gov and check your application status. Alternatively, you may download an application from the funding announcement and submit the completed paper application by mail or in person. Due to the volume of applicants, and to avoid any potential technical difficulties, applicants are encouraged to submit applications in advance of the due date.

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The Grant Award Process

Generally, it takes three to four months after submitting an application for an applicant to learn whether the application is approved for funding. The awarding agency notifies every applicant in writing as to whether the application is approved for funding or not. All grants must be awarded by the end of the fiscal year, September 30th.

Some applications are approved for funding tentatively. These applicants may receive calls from either the responsible program office and/or grants office to review the proposed program activities or projected expenditures in your application in more detail. This is to ensure that costs are allowable and appropriate for accomplishing the grant purposes.

Successful applicants will receive a grant award package that contains an official Notice of Award (NoA), procedures for requesting grant funds, and information and forms related to the grantee's reporting responsibilities. The successful applicant is responsible for carefully reviewing this information, as there may be special terms, conditions, and/or regulations that must be considered. The HHS Grant Policy Statement (GPS) includes all terms and conditions applicable to funding recipients. The GPS is available online at: http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/adminis/gpd/index.htm.

Role of the Federal Government in Grants Management:

When an award is made, a Federal program officer and a grants management officer will be assigned to oversee your project as it is implemented. Your program officer and grants management officer are your best resources as you implement your funded project. They are available to provide assistance with everything from setting up a new program to grant closeout issues once a funded project has concluded.

The Roles and Responsibilities of Your Organization:

As a grant recipient, your responsibilities are to complete successfully your approved project within the agreed upon budget and timeframe. In order to accomplish your project goals and ensure compliance, you should:

- Develop and implement work plans that will ensure that the services and activities included in the approved application are achieved in an efficient, effective and timely manner.
- Ensure that key project staff members attend and participate in Federal funding agency-sponsored workshops and meetings.
- Develop a reporting system and submit the completed required performance and financial reports on time.
- Work collaboratively with agency officials and other intermediary organizations.

It is important to develop a good working relationship with the Federal program officer and grants management officer who have oversight responsibility for your funded project. Open, clear and consistent communication with your program officer and grants management officer will enhance your ability to implement your program successfully.

Discretionary Grants for which Community and Faith-Based Organizations Are Often Eligible to Apply

Discretionary grants permit the federal government, according to specific authorizing legislation, to exercise judgment, or "discretion," in selecting the applicant/recipient organization, through a competitive grant process.

The following is a partial list of discretionary grants often offered annually by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Community and faith-based organizations are often eligible to apply for the following grant opportunities. Other non-recurrent grants may be offered; please see www.grants.gov. The descriptions in this guide provide summary statements; potential grantees must consult actual grant announcements for more specific information. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) profiles all Federal grant programs and lists a specific contact for obtaining additional information and application forms: www.cfda.gov. The CFDA is an easy way to search in www.grants.gov. You can also search currently funded grantees in the Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS). The easiest way to do this is to search by CFDA category at http://taggs.hhs.gov/advancedsearch.cfm.

Abandoned Infants

CFDA#: 93.551

ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)

Funding Opportunity: Varies by year. Most awards have ranged from $200,000 to $1,100,000 per year. Recent opportunities included:

- National Resource Center for Programs Serving Abandoned Infants, Infants at Risk of Abandonment and Infants at Risk of Maltreatment and their Families (2010: 1, 4-year award of $1,100,000 per year).

Program Description: To develop, implement and operate projects that demonstrate how to: 1) Prevent the abandonment of infants and young children exposed to HIV/AIDS and drugs, including the provision of services to family members for any conditions that increased the probability of abandonment of an infant or young child; 2) identify and address the needs of abandoned infants, especially those born with AIDS and those exposed to drugs; 3) assist these children to reside with their natural families, if possible, or in foster care; 4) recruit, train and retain foster parents for these children; 5) carry out residential care programs for abandoned children and children with AIDS who are unable to reside with their families; 6) establish programs of respite care for families and foster families; 7) recruit and train health and social services personnel to work with families, foster families and residential care staff; and, 8) prevent the abandonment of infants and young children by providing needed resources through model programs. This program also funds technical assistance, including training, for planning, development and operation of the projects.

More information: **www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/areas/child-abuse-neglect-prevention-intervention**

Adoption Opportunities

CFDA#: 93.652
ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Integrating Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Focused Practice in Child Protective Service (CPS) Delivery (2011: 5, 5-year awards up to $640,000 per year, average award of $640,000 per year).
- Early Education Partnerships to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement (2011: 8, 17 month awards up to $250,000, average award of $250,000).
- Education System Collaborations to Increase Educational Stability (2011: 8, 17-month awards up to $250,000, average award of $250,000).

Program Description: The Adoption Opportunities program eliminates barriers to adoption and helps to find permanent homes for children who would benefit by adoption, particularly those with special needs. The major programs areas, as mandated by the legislation, are: 1) the development and implementation of a national adoption and foster care data gathering and analysis system; 2) the development and implementation of a national adoption information exchange system; 3) the development and implementation of an adoption training and technical assistance program; 4) increasing the placements in adoptive families of minority children who are in the foster care and have the goal of adoption with a specials emphasis on recruitment of minority families; 5) post-legal adoption services for families who have adopted children with special needs including day treatment and respite care; 6) support the placement of children in kinship care arrangements, pre-adoptive, or adoptive homes; 7) study the efficacy of State contracting with public and private agencies (including community-based and other organizations); 8) increase the number of older children adopted from foster care, emphasizing several child specific recruitment strategies (media campaigns to inform the public of the needs of older children available for adoption; training personnel in older children's needs and recruiting families to adopt older children); 9) to improve efforts to eliminate inter-jurisdictional adoption barriers; 10) study manner in which interstate placements are financed; best practice recommendations for inter and intra intra-State adoptions and how State definitions of special needs differentiate and/or group similar categories of children; and 11) research adoption outcomes and factors that affect these outcomes.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/areas/adoption

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Profession Opportunity Grants

CFDA#: 93.093
ACF Program Office: Office of Family Assistance (OFA)
Funding Announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- University Partnership Research Grants for the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (2011: 5, 4-year awards of up to $500,000 per year, average award of $300,000 per year).
- Health Profession Opportunity Grants to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals (2010: 17, 5-year awards of $1,000,000 to $5,000,000 per year.
- Health Profession Opportunity Grants for Tribes, Tribal Organizations or Tribal College or University (2010: 3, 5-year awards of $1,000,000 to $5,000,000 per year).

Objectives: To provide eligible individuals with the opportunity to obtain education and training for occupations in the health care field that pay well and are expected to either experience labor shortages or be in high demand. The Affordable Care Act was established and provided funding for this program through FY 2014.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/health-profession-opportunity-grants-hpog

Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

CFDA#: 93.508

ACF Program Office: Office of Family Assistance (OFA); Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE)

Funding Announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Tribal Research Center on Early Childhood under the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and the Head Start Act's Head Start and Early Head Start Programs (2011:1, 5-year awards of $600,000 per year).
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early childhood Home Visiting Grant Program (2010: 15, 5-year grants of $100,000 to $500,000 per year).

Objectives: For eligible Tribes (or consortia of Tribes), Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations, strengthen and improve maternal and child health programs, improve service coordination for at-risk communities, and identify and provide comprehensive evidence-based home visiting services to families who reside in at-risk communities.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/initiatives

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

CFDA#: 93.602

ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS) and the Administration for native Americans (ANA)

Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (50, 5-year awards of up to $1,000,000 per year, average award of $350,000 per year).
- Native Asset Building Initiative (20, 5-year awards up to $1,250,000 per year, average award of $350,000 per year).

Objectives: The purpose of the Assets for Independence program is to demonstrate and evaluate the effectiveness of asset-building projects that assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient by teaching them about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called individual development accounts (IDAs). The program is demonstrating and evaluating the effects of AFI projects and IDAs in terms of increasing the economic self-sufficiency of low-income families; promoting savings for home ownership, post-secondary education, and small business or micro-enterprise development; and stabilizing families and communities.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/assets-for-independence

Assistance for Torture Victims

CFDA#: 93.604

ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Services for Survivors of Torture Program: Assistance to Torture Survivors through Direct Services (2009: 25, 3-year awards of $100,000 to $600,000 per year).
- Services for Survivors of Torture Program: Technical Assistance to Organizations Providing Direct Services to Torture Survivors (2009: 2, 3-year awards of $100,000 to $600,000 per year).

Program Description: The ORR program funding announcement includes two areas of emphasis: 1) Assistance to Torture Survivors through Direct Services, services are funded that meet the medical, psychological, social, and legal needs of torture survivors. Activities also include outreach and training for community service providers that have access to or work with torture survivors. A total of 27 grantees are currently funded in 16 States to provide direct services to persons who have been tortured and their family members. 2) Technical Assistance to Organizations and Institutions Providing Direct Services to Torture Survivors. Two cooperative agreements are funded under this priority area to design and deliver technical assistance that enables programs to provide effective services to torture survivors.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/services-for-survivors-of-torture

Basic Center Program

CFDA#: 93.623
ACF Program Office: Family Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)
2011 Opportunity: 107, 3-year awards of up to $200,000 per year.
Program Description: FYSB's Basic Center Program works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The programs provide youth up to age 18 with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. Most basic centers can provide 21 days of shelter for up to 20 youth. There are exceptions for jurisdictions that have different standards for licensing. Basic centers seek to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. Although slight differences exist from one program to the next, all basic centers must offer the following types of assistance to young people and their families: food, clothing, medical care and other services that youth need (offered either directly or by referral); individual, group and family counseling; recreation programs; outreach to youth who may need assistance as well as to public and private agencies that work with youth and families; aftercare services for youth after they leave the shelter.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/basic-center

Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Programs

CFDA#: 93.670
ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (2010: 1, 5-year award of up to $675,000 per year).
- Rigorous Evaluations of Existing Child Abuse Prevention Programs (2009: 4, 5-year awards of up to $200,000 per year).

Program Description: The discretionary fund activities funded by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) support a variety of activities, including research and demonstration projects on the causes, prevention, identification, assessment and treatment of child abuse and neglect, the development and implementation of evidence-based training programs, technical assistance to grantees and communities through national resource centers and the Child Welfare Information Gateway. Grants are provided to State and local agencies and organizations as well as university- and hospital-affiliated programs. Funds have also supported contracts for cross-site evaluations, technical assistance to grantees, the biennial National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, various publications most notably the User Manual Series Congressionally mandated studies, and Interagency Agreements to support multiagency efforts at the Federal level.
More information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/areas/child-abuse-neglect-prevention-intervention

Community Services Block Grant - Discretionary Awards

CFDA#: 93.570
ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS)
Objectives: To support program activities to alleviate the causes of poverty in distressed communities which assist businesses in creating jobs for low-income individuals, i.e., develop employment and business development opportunities for low-income individuals.
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

Community Economic Development (CED) Program

2011 Opportunity: 20, 3-year awards of up to $8000,000 per year.

Program Description: The purpose of the Community Economic Development discretionary grant program is to promote and support projects that address economic self-sufficiency for low-income persons and distressed communities by awarding funds to community development corporations (CSCs) to create employment and business development opportunities. Each year approximately 40-45 grants are awarded with a maximum grant award level of $800,000. Grants are awarded to cover project costs for business start-up or expansion and the development of new products and services. The grants serve as catalysts for attracting additional private and public collars; for every CED dollar awarded, $3-$5 is leveraged. Types of projects funded include business incubators, shopping centers, manufacturing business and agriculture initiatives. Funded projects are to create new employment or business opportunities for low-income individuals.

More information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/community-economic-development

Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance (PNS)

CFDA#: 93.631

ACF Program Office: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Projects of National Significance: Data Collection for Supporting Families (2011: 1, 5-year award of $200,000 per year).
- Projects of National Significance: Partnerships in Employment Systems Change (2011: 6, 5-year awards of $300,000 to $500,000 per year).
- Projects of National Significance: Partnerships in Employment Systems Change Training and Technical Assistance (2011: 1, 5-year award of $200,000 per year).

Program Description: Under Projects of National Significance (PNS), ADD awards grants and contracts to create opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to directly and fully contribute to, and participate in, all facets of community life and to support the development of national and State policies that reinforce and promote the self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion of such individuals in the community. These Projects focus on the most pressing issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families. Project issues transcend the borders of States and territories, while project designs are oriented to permit local implementation of practical solutions. Examples include: data collection and analysis; technical assistance to program components, and to self-advocacy organizations of people with developmental disabilities; technical assistance to develop information and referral systems; projects which improve supportive living and quality of life opportunities; projects to educate policymakers; and efforts to pursue Federal interagency initiatives.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/programs/projects-of-national-significance

Developmental Disabilities University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs)

CFDA#: 93.632

ACF Program Office: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

2011 Opportunity: 2, 5-year awards of up to $535,00 per year.

Program Description: Under University Centers for the Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Services (UCEDDs), ADD awards grants to public service units of universities or public or not-for-profit entities associated with universities. The grant is used to support the operation and administration of the center and additional funds are leveraged to implement the core activities of interdisciplinary training; community service (e.g., training, technical assistance, exemplary services); research; and information dissemination. UCEDDs support activities that address various issues from prevention to early intervention to supported employment. They represent a broad range of disabilities. Additional grants may be awarded to UCEDDs to carry out national training and other initiatives.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/programs/national-network-of-university-centers

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement / Improving the Capability of Indian Tribal Governments to Regulate Environmental Quality

CFDA#: 93.581

ACF Program Office: Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

2011 Opportunity: 5, 1 to 3-year awards of $100,000 to $300,000 per year.

Program Description: ANA provides project funding to eligible applicants to strengthen Tribal Governments by building capacity to identify, plan and develop environmental programs consistent with Native culture. ANA funds projects that address the responsibility of Tribes and Alaska Native villages to formulate environmental ordinances, implement laws, and train community members in the use and control of their natural resources.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/environmental-regulatory-enhancement

Family Connection Grants

CFDA#: 93.605

ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)

Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

2011 Opportunity: 6, 3-year grants up to $550,000 per year (average: $550,000).

Objectives: To provide matching grants to State, local or tribal child welfare agencies and private non-profit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care to reconnect with family members.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/

Family Violence Prevention and Services – Discretionary Grants

ACF Program Office: Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

CFDA#: 93.592

Funding Opportunity: Varies by year; multi-year grants have ranged from $25,000 to $1,500,000 per year.

Program Description: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program funds a range of discretionary programs each year for the purposes of: 1) preventing family violence; 2) protecting victims and their dependents; 3) improving the design, delivery, and coordination of services to address family violence; 4) gathering information on the incidences of family violence; and 5) increasing knowledge and understanding of issues through research, demonstration, and evaluation projects.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services

Head Start

ACF Program Office: Office of Head Start (OHS)

CFDA#. 93.600

2011 Opportunity: 38 Head Start and/or Early Head Start Replacement Grants from $427,474 to $16,493,151 per year.

Description: The Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. They engage parents in their children's learning and help them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. Significant emphasis is placed on the involvement of parents in the administration of local Head Start programs. Head Start also includes the American Indian Head Start and Migrant Head Start programs and Early Head Start, which expands the benefits of early childhood development to low-income families with children under age three and to pregnant women.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs

Healthy Marriage Promotion and Responsible Fatherhood Grants

CFDA#: 93.086
ACF Program Office: Office of Family Assistance (OFA)
Funding Announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Community-Centered Healthy Marriage and Relationship Grants (2011: 40, 3-year awards of $300,000 to $2,500,000 per year).
- Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Grants (2011: 37, 3-year awards of $300,000 to $2,500,000 per year).
- Community-Centered Responsible Fatherhood Ex-Prisoner Reentry Pilot Project (2011: 4, 3-year awards of $1,000,000 to $1,500,000 per year).
- National Resource Center for Strategies to Promote Healthy Marriage (2011: 1, 3-year award of $1,500,000 per year).

Objectives: Included four objectives: 1) To fund Healthy Marriage Promotion activities that will help couples, who have chosen marriage for themselves, gain greater access to marriage education services on a voluntary basis. These services will help couples acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage; 2) To fund Responsible Fatherhood promotion activities specifically designed to promote responsible fatherhood to reverse the rise in father absence and its subsequent impact on our nation's children. ACF awards these funds on a competitive basis to States, territories, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and public and nonprofit community entities, including faith-based organizations; 3) To award competitive based demonstration projects designed to test the effectiveness of tribal governments or tribal consortia in coordinating the provision to tribal families at risk of child abuse or neglect of child welfare services and services under tribal programs funded under this part; and, 4) To provide technical assistance by the Federal government to States, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, receiving a grant for any program funded under this part.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/healthy-marriage-responsible-fatherhood

Infant Adoption Awareness Training

CFDA#: 93.254
ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)
2011 Opportunity: 6, 17-month grants of up to $2,500,000 (average: $750,000).
2011 Grant Description: These grants will be available to national, regional, or local adoption organizations for the purpose of training the staff of eligible health centers in providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women on an equal basis with all other courses of action included in nondirective counseling to pregnant women. The focus of these projects is to increase and maximize the penetration of training delivered to the target population: public and nonprofit private entities that provide health services to pregnant women, including voluntary family planning projects; community health centers, migrant health centers, and centers serving homeless individuals and residents of public housing; and school health clinics. Grant recipients will work collectively to strengthen the curriculum to address identified areas of need.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/areas/adoption

Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

CFDA#: 93.593
ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS)
2011 Opportunity: 4, 3-year grants of up to $290,000 per year (average: $290,000).
Program Description: The purpose of the Job Opportunities for Low Income Individuals (JOLI) program is to foster the economic self-sufficiency of the targeted populations by creating new jobs for low-income individuals through business plans and the provision of technical and/or financial assistance to private employers in the community. Uses of funds include startup or expansion of businesses; self employment/ micro-enterprise projects; capital expenditures such as the purchase of equipment, however, funds may not be used for construction and purchase of real property; allowable operating expenses; and loans or equity investments.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/job-opportunities-for-low-income-individuals-program

Promote the Survival and Continuing Vitality of Native American Languages

CFDA#: 93.587
ACF Program Office: Administration for Native Americans (ANA)
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance (2011: 14, 3-year awards of $100,000 to $300,000 per year, average award of $250,000 per year).
- Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance – Esther Martinez Initiative (2011: 8, 3-year awards of $100,000 to $300,000 per year, average award of $250,000 per year).

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible applicants for the purpose of promoting the survival and continued vitality of Native languages. This program area is divided into two categories: (1) Native Language Preservation and Maintenance and (2) Esther Martinez Initiative. The Language Preservation and Maintenance Grants are 12, 24 or 36-month projects that enable communities to conduct assessments of Native languages, plan language programs and implement language projects that support the communities' long-term language preservation goals. The Esther Martinez Initiative Grants are 36-month projects that will be awarded to applicants that meet the statutory requirements for immersion projects with language nests, restoration programs or language survival schools in accordance with P.L. 109-394.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/native-language-preservation-maintenance

Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Discretionary Grants

CFDA#: 93.576
ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Discretionary Funds for Refugee Childcare Microenterprise Development Project (2011: 15, 2-year awards of $100,000 to $300,000 per year).
- Ethnic Community Self-Help Program (2011: 15, 3-year awards of $100,000 to $250,000 per year).
- Refugee School Impact (2010: 37, 2-year awards of $150,000 to $1,000,000 per year).

Objectives: To improve resettlement services for refugees, asylees, Cuban and Haitian entrants, Amerasians, certified victims of a severe form of trafficking, and special immigrants from Iraq or Afghanistan. Program objectives include: 1) decreasing the numbers of refugees on public assistance and the length of time refugees require such assistance; 2) promoting refugee family stability and healthy marriages; 3) encouraging the placement of refugees in locations with good job opportunities and lower costs of living; 4) enhancing services to disadvantaged refugee groups; 5) promoting older refugees' access to aging services; 6) assisting low-income refugees with matching funds for individual development accounts and with financial literacy classes; 7) providing micro-credit to refugees interested in starting new businesses but unable to access commercial sources of capital; 8) providing services to refugees in rural areas; 9) providing preventive health services; and 10) providing school impact assistance.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs

Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Wilson/Fish Alternative Program

CFDA#: 93.583
ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
2010 Opportunity: 13, 4-year awards of $500,000 to $20,000,000 per year (average: $2,400,000).
Program Description: The Wilson-Fish (WF) program is part of the Division of Community Resettlement and is an alternative to the traditional State administered refugee resettlement program for providing assistance (cash and medical) and social services to refugees. The purpose of the WF program is to increase refugee prospects for early employment and self-sufficiency, promote coordination among voluntary resettlement agencies and service provider and ensure that refugee assistance programs exist in every State where refugees are resettled. The program emphasizes early employment and economic self-sufficiency by integrating cash assistance, case management, and employment services and by incorporating innovative strategies for the provision of cash assistance.
More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/wilson-fish

Services to Victims of a Severe Form of Trafficking

CFDA#: 93.598
ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Recent announcements include:

- Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program (2011: 12, 3-year award up to $300,000 per year, average award of $300,000 per year).
- National Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (2001: 4, 3-year awards of $500,000 to $4,250,000 per year, average award of $1,062,500 per year).

Objectives: To provide outreach to, identification of, and service referral to individuals who may be victims of a severe form of trafficking. To enhance anti-trafficking efforts in the U.S. by building regional capacity, developing regional coalitions, conducting public awareness, and providing training and technical assistance on human trafficking issues.
More information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/anti-trafficking-in-persons

Social and Economic Development Strategies for Native Americans / Native American Programs

CFDA#: 93.612
ACF Program Office: Administration for Native Americans (ANA)
Funding Opportunity: Funding announcements under this CFDA# vary by year. Multi-year awards have ranged from $50,000 to $400,000 per year.
Program Description: ANA provides project funding to eligible applicants for the purpose of assisting Native communities to achieve the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency.

- Economic Development Projects: Involves the promotion of the physical, commercial, technological, industrial, and/or agricultural components necessary for a sustainable local community. Applicants are encouraged to develop sustainable projects to support stable and diversified private sector local economies.
- Social Development Projects: Involves investment in human and social capital for advancing peoples' well-being. Applicants are encouraged to develop and implement culturally appropriate projects to enhance Tribal, community, and village activities. Social development projects under this area support elders, positive youth development, and individuals with disabilities.
- Governance Projects: Involves assistance to Federally-recognized Tribal and Alaska Native village governments to increase their ability to exercise local control and decision-making over governance activities.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/seds

Street Outreach Program / Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth

CFDA#: 93.557

ACF Program Office: Family Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

2011 Opportunity: 21, 3-year awards of up to $200,000 per year (average: $100,000).

Program Description: The Street Outreach Program enables organizations around the country to help young people get off the streets. To that end, the program promotes efforts by its grantees to build relationships between street outreach workers and runaway, homeless and street youth. Grantees also provide support services that aim to move youth into stable housing and prepare them for independence. The program's ultimate goal is to prevent the sexual abuse or exploitation of young people living on the streets or in unstable housing. Street outreach programs provide services directly or by collaborating with other agencies. In particular, street outreach programs work closely with other organizations that work to protect and treat young people who have been or are at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation. Street outreach services include the following: Street-based education and outreach, access to emergency shelter, survival aid, individual assessments, treatment and counseling, prevention and education activities, information and referrals, crisis intervention, and follow-up support.

More Information: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/street-outreach

Transitional Living for Homeless Youth / Maternity Group Homes

CFDA#: 93.550

ACF Program Office: Family Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Funding Opportunity: 3-year awards of up to $200,000 per year (No new awards in 2011).

Objective: The overall purpose of the Transitional Living Program (TLP) for Homeless Youth and the Maternity Group Homes (MGH) is to establish and operate transitional living projects for homeless youth, including pregnant and parenting youth. This program is structured to help older homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency and avoid long-term dependency on social services. Transitional living projects provide shelter, skills training, and support services to homeless youth, including pregnant and parenting youth, ages 16 to less than 22. This extends the residential stay for homeless youth to 635 days or 21 months. MGHs provide the same services as the TLP in addition to providing parenting instructions and child care. Other services that are offered include, but are not limited to, transportation, family planning, and pregnancy prevention services.

More Information: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth

Unaccompanied Alien Children Program

CFDA#: 93.676

ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Objective: The Unaccompanied Alien Children's program is designed to provide for the care and placement of unaccompanied alien minors who are apprehended in the U.S. by Homeland Security agents, Border patrol officers, or other law enforcement agencies and are taken into care pending resolution of their claims for relief under U.S. immigration law or released to adult family members or responsible adult guardians. Resolution of their claims may result in release, granting of an immigration status (such as special immigrant juvenile or asylum), voluntary departure, or removal.

This CFDA# typically includes the following funding announcement:

> **Residential Services for Unaccompanied Alien Children**
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> **2010 Opportunity**: 15, 3-year awards of $500,000 to $7,500,000 per year (Average: $2,500,000).
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> **2010 Grant Description**: One of the functions of the ORR, Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services (DUCS), is to provide temporary shelter care and other related services for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) in ORR custody. Shelter care services will be provided for the period beginning when DUCS receives the child for placement and custody and ending when the child is released from custody, a final disposition of the child's immigration case results in removal of the

child from the United States, or the child turns 18 years of age. Shelter care and other child welfare related services in a State-licensed residential shelter or foster care program will be provided in the least restrictive setting in the best interest of UAC, appropriate to the UAC age and special needs. While the majority of UAC remain in care for an average of 65 days, some will stay for shorter or longer periods of time. This announcement provides the opportunity to fund providers for basic shelter and/or group homes, short-term and long-term foster care, staff-secure, secure and more specialized types of residential care.

More Information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/unaccompanied-childrens-services

Mandatory Grants: Awarded Directly to States, Tribes, and Territories

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) awards mandatory (formula, block or entitlement grants) to States, Tribes and Territories to support a variety of services. ACF is required by law to award mandatory grants if the recipient submits an acceptable State Plan or application and meets the eligibility requirements of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the grant program.

Contracting With Mandatory Grantees
Mandatory grant recipients often award sub-grants or contracts to community and faith-based organizations to implement the activities and services supported by the grant funds such as:

- Staffing, training, technical assistance, infrastructure (technology, fiscal services), etc.
- The delivery of program services
- Supplying goods (get on the grantee's qualified vendor list)
- Collaboration

The following is a partial list of mandatory grants awarded directly to States, Tribes and Territories. This list includes grants which frequently have sub-grants or contract opportunities for community and faith-based organizations.

Access and Visitation
ACF Program Office: Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)
Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands
Description: Through this program, the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands have provided access and visitation services to over a half million non-custodial parents (NCPs) and their families. With $10 million in annual nationwide funding, States contract with over 300 court and/or community and faith-based, non-profit service providers for the delivery of access and visitation services to NCPs and their families. Grant funds are used to develop programs and provide services such as: mediation, development of parenting plans, education, counseling, visitation enforcement (including monitored and supervised visitation, and neutral drop-off and pick-up), and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocsp/partners

Child Care and Development Fund
ACF Program Office: Office of Child Care (OCC)
Eligible Applicants: States, Territories, and Tribes
Description: The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and after-school programs. A portion of the funds is used for activities that improve the quality of care and promote early learning. Subsidized child care services are available to eligible families through vouchers or contracts with providers. Parents may select any legally operating child care provider that accepts subsidies—including a child care center, family child care home, relative, friend or neighbor. States use quality enhancement dollars for resource and referral services, provider training and technical assistance, grants and loans to providers for specific improvements, monitoring of compliance with regulatory requirements and other activities.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/funding

Child Welfare Programs

ACF Program Office: Children's Bureau (CB)
Eligible Applicants: States, Territories and Tribes
Description: Child Welfare programs focus on preventing the abuse and neglect of children in troubled families, protecting children from abuse, and finding permanent placements for those who cannot safely return to their homes. Programs include:

- **Title IV-E Foster Care:** Assistance with costs of foster care for eligible children and associated administrative and training costs. The Federal Foster Care Program helps to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. Funds are available for monthly maintenance payments for the daily care and supervision of eligible children; administrative costs to manage the program; training of staff and foster care providers; recruitment of foster parents and costs related to the design, implementation and operation of a statewide data collection system.
- **Title IV-E Adoption Assistance:** Financial and medical assistance for adoption of children with special needs as well as associated administrative and training costs. The Adoption Assistance Program provides funds to States to facilitate the timely placement of children, whose special needs or circumstances would otherwise make it difficult to place, with adoptive families.
- **John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP):** Funds to help current and former foster care youth achieve self-sufficiency. Activities and programs include, but are not limited to, help with education, employment, financial management, housing, emotional support and assured connections to caring adults for older youth in foster care.
- **Child Welfare Services: Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security Act - Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services:** Preventive intervention, alternative placements, and reunification efforts to keep families together. Funds include preventive intervention so that, if possible, children will not have to be removed from their homes. If this is not possible, children are placed in foster care and reunification services are available to encourage the return of children who have been removed from their families. Services are available to children and their families without regard to income.
- **Promoting Safe and Stable Families: Title IV-B, Subpart 2 of the Social Security Act:** Family support, family preservation and support, time-limited family reunification services, and services to support adoptions.
- **Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grants:** Assistance to improve State child protective service systems (CPS). CAPTA places a strong emphasis on interagency collaborations across child protective services, health, mental health, juvenile justice, education, and other public and private agencies. Additional funding for this program will assist States with meeting the expectation of the grants and also allow them to place a greater emphasis on the prevention-related activities to help strengthen and support families that are brought to the attention of CPS agencies across the country.
- **Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CBCAP):** Support for community-based, prevention-focused programs and activities. This program provides funding to States to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

For more information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/grants

Community Services Block Grants

ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS)
Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico., Territories, Tribes, and Tribal organizations.
Description: The Community Services block Grant (CSBG) provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in community. CSBG funds, typically administered through a network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs) provide a range of services and activities to assist the needs of low-income individuals including the homeless, migrants and the elderly. Grantees receiving funds under the CSBG program are required to provide services and activities addressing employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health. These services and activities can be provided directly or by a contracted provider.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/community-services-block-grant

Developmental Disabilities Programs

ACF Program Office: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)
Eligible Applicants: States and Territories
Description: Developmental Disabilities programs improve and increase services to and assure that individuals with developmental disabilities have opportunities to make their own choices, contribute to society, have supports to live independently, and are free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual exploitation and violations of their legal and human rights. Developmental disabilities are severe, life-long disabilities attributable to mental and/or physical impairments which manifest themselves before the age of 22 years and are likely to continue indefinitely. They result in substantial limitations in three or more of the following areas: self-care; comprehension and language; skills (receptive and expressive language); learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; economic self-sufficiency ; and an ability to function independently without coordinated services (continuous need for individually planned and coordinated services). Persons with developmental disabilities use individually planned and coordinated services and supports of their choosing (e.g., housing, employment, education, civil and human rights protection, health care) to live in and to participate in activities in the community. Programs include:

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD): SCDD indentify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory. Councils work to address these needs through systems change and capacity building efforts that promote self-determination, integration and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities. Council efforts include training; technical assistance; barrier elimination; coalition development and citizen participation; informing policymakers; advocacy, capacity building and systems change; and demonstration of new approaches to services and supports.

State Protection and Advocacy Agencies (P&As): P&As provide individuals with developmental disabilities with legal and human rights assistance; information and referral; investigation of complaints of violation of rights; and work to resolve complaints through mediation, alternative dispute resolution and litigation.

For more information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/programs

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

ACF Program Office: Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)
Eligible Applicants: States, Territories, Tribes, and State Domestic Violence Coalitions
Description: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) provides the primary Federal funding stream dedicated to the support of domestic violence programs and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. The domestic violence programs funded through FVPSA provide a safe and supportive environment that allows residents to go about the tasks of setting goals and decisions about their futures. FVPSA grantees operate battered women's shelters, provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling, information and referral, legal and service advocacy, transportation, emergency child care, referrals for health care, training, technical assistance, and the implementation of collaborative activities with public agencies and other service providers within their States. State Coalitions also provide assistance with needs assessments, social service and legal advocacy training, and Domestic Violence Specialist Certification programs.
Grantee information:
State DV Coalitions: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/state-dv-coalitions
Tribal: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS)
Eligible Applicants: States, Territories, Tribes, and Tribal organizations
Description: The mission of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs. Congress established the formula for distributing funds based on weather and low-income population. Grantees sometimes work with CFBOs and/or Community Action Agencies to provide LIHEAP services.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program

Refugee Assistance

ACF Program Office: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
Eligible Applicants: States receive formula grants for social services and are reimbursed 100 percent for their costs of cash and medical assistance.
Description: Refugee assistance provides benefits and services to refugees admitted to the United States. Refugees are those who have a well-founded fear of persecution in their country of origin because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion. Eligibility extends to refugees, asylees, Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain Amerasians from Vietnam, victims of a severe form of trafficking and specified family members of trafficking victims. The Office of Refugee Resettlement provides funds for the following programs: cash and medical assistance, social services (including employment services), preventive health services, the voluntary agency matching grant program, the targeted assistance program, the victims of torture program and the Wilson/Fish alternative program.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/about/collaborations-and-partnerships

Social Services Block Grants

ACF Program Office: Office of Community Services (OCS)
Eligible Applicants: States and Territories
Description: Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds enable States and Territories to furnish social services best suited to meet the needs of individuals. Such services may be, but are not limited to: daycare for children or adults, protective services for children or adults, special services to persons with disabilities, adoption, case management, health-related services, transportation, foster care for children or adults, substance abuse, housing, home-delivered meals, independent/transitional living, employment services or any other social services found necessary by the State or Territory for its population.
Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/grants

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF, formerly AFDC)

ACF Program Office: Office of Family Assistance (OFA)

Eligible Applicants: States, Territories and Tribes

Description: The TANF block grant is administered by State, Territorial and Tribal agencies. Citizens can submit an application for TANF at the respective agency administering the program in their community. The Federal government does not provide TANF assistance directly to individuals or families. TANF is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States, Territories and Tribes receive a block grant to design and operate their programs to accomplish the purposes of TANF. These are assisting needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reducing the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Grantee information: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/temporary-assistance-for-needy-families-tanf

Names of State TANF Programs: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/states/tnfnames.htm

Tribal TANF: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/programs/tribal-temporary-assistance-for-needy-families-tribal-tanf

Clearinghouses and National Resource Centers

Several program offices in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) support clearinghouses and resource centers which house important program information and resources that can be useful to community and faith-based organizations. A partial list follows:

- Adopt Us Kids www.adoptuskids.org
- Alianza: The National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence www.dvalianza.org
- Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence APIA Health Forum www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute
- Assets for Independence Resource Center www.idaresources.org
- Battered Women's Justice Project www.nnedv.org
- Childcare.gov www.childcare.gov
- Community Action Partnership www.communityactionpartnership.com
- Community Action Partnership Legal Services, Inc http://caplaw.org
- Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc
- Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence www.endabuse.org
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community www.dvinstitute.org
- National Association for State Community Services Programs www.nascsp.org
- National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org
- National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov
- National Child Welfare Resource Center for Youth Development www.nrcyd.ou.edu
- National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth www.ncfy.com
- National Domestic Violence Hotline www.ndvh.org or 1-800-799-SAFE
- National Healthy Marriage Resource Center www.healthymarriageinfo.org
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center www.traffickingresourcecenter.org
- National Immigrant Family Violence Institute www.nifvi.org
- National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women www.vawnet.org
- National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood www.qic-ec.org
- National Quality Improvement Center on Non-Resident Fathers and the Child Welfare System www.fatherhoodqic.org
- National Resource Center for Adoption www.nrcadoption.org
- National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention www.friendsnrc.org
- National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections www.nrcpfc.org
- National Resource Center for Tribes (NRC4Tribes) www.nrc4tribes.org
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence www.nrcdv.org
- National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse www.fatherhood.gov
- National Runaway Switchboard www.1800runaway.org or 1-800-786-2929
- Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody www.ncjfcj.org
- Sacred Circle: National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women www.sacred-circle.com
- Two of Us (a project of the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center) www.twoofus.org

Toolkits and Online Resources for Community and Faith-Based Organizations

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and other agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have compiled toolkits and online resources for community and faith-based organizations. The toolkits contain best and promising practices in strategic program planning, funding development, board development, organizational assessment and more. The toolkits are free.

- **Administration for Native Americans Guide to Successful Projects and Applications**
  www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/grants

- **Department of Health and Human Services Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership Center**
  The Partnership Center leads the department's efforts to build and support partnerships with faith-based and community organizations in order to better serve individuals, families and communities in need. News: The Affordable Care Act and your Community; Let's Move Faith and Communities: Working Together to End Childhood Obesity and Fatherhood.
  www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/index.html

- **Strengthening Nonprofits: A Capacity Builder's Resource Library** www.strengtheningnonprofits.org

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has three resource sites on capacity building:**
  Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers
  http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/Volunteer_handbook.pdf
  Maximizing Program Services through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationship: A Guide for Faith- and Community-Based Service Providers
  http://www.samhsa.gov/fbci/docs/PartnerHandbook_feb2006.pdf
  Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith Based Service Providers
  http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Sustaining-Grassroots-Community-Based-Programs/SMA09-4340

- **The Program Manager's Guide to Evaluation**
  Explains program evaluation — what it is, how to understand it, and how to do it. It answers your questions about evaluation and explains how to use evaluation to improve programs and benefit staff and families. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/research/cross-cutting -other

- **Touching Lives and Changing Communities Training Video Workshops**
  A series of video workshops including topics such as capacity building, strategic planning, giving, board development, and program evaluation.
  http://www.justice.gov/archive/fbci/apply.html

Federal Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

The White House Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships forms partnerships between government at all levels and non-profit organizations, both secular and faith-based, to more effectively serve Americans in need. This office coordinates 12 Federal Centers, which are listed below. Each Center forms partnerships between its agency and faith-based and neighborhood organizations to advance specific goals. For example, the Department of Labor (DOL) Center forms partnerships between DOL and community-based groups to better integrate those groups in job training and workforce development programs. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center helps to link DHS with community-based groups to address disaster response.

The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships also coordinates the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. This Advisory Council is a group of 25 leaders from both faith-based and nonsectarian organizations, each serving 1-year terms. The Advisory Council forms recommendations on how the Federal Government can more effectively partner with faith-based and neighborhood organizations.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships

www.hhs.gov/partnerships

The HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (The Partnership Center) is the Department's liaison to the grassroots. HHS recognizes that without the engagement of secular and faith-based nonprofits, community organizations neighborhoods and wider communities, services will not reach people who need them most. The Partnership Center is a mechanism for the Department to engage and communicate with the grassroots, ensuring that local institutions that hold community trust have up-to-date information regarding health and human service activities and resources in their area.

The Partnership Center is committed to helping grassroots organizations access the necessary tools to reach those in need. While the Center exists to supply information and resources, it is important to note that there is no "faith-based funding." Rather, the Center works to enable community and faith-based organizations to partner with the government through both non-fiduciary and fiduciary partnerships to achieve the goals of HHS and the specific goals put forward by the President.

Additional Federal Centers:

- **Agency for International Development** www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/fbci
- **Corporation for National and Community Service** www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/faith
- **Department of Agriculture** www.usda.gov/partnerships
- **Department of Commerce** http://www.commerce.gov/office-secretary/center-faith-based-and-neighborhood-partnerships
- **Department of Education** www.ed.gov/edpartners
- **Department of Homeland Security** www.dhs.gov/fbci
- **Department of Housing and Urban Development** www.hud.gov/offices/fbci
- **Department of Justice** www.justice.gov/fbci
- **Department of Labor** www.dol.gov/cfbnp
- **Department of Veterans Affairs** www.va.gov/cfbnpartnerships
- **Environmental Protection Agency** www.epa.gov/fbnpartnerships
- **Small Business Administration** www.sba.gov/fbci

ACF Regional Liaisons for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Regional Liaisons for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) engage community and faith-based organizations in partnering with government through the dissemination of information about funding announcements, capacity building resources, and training and technical assistance opportunities. Contact information is as follows:

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