



After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

Spring finds us busy working on the Maine AfterSchool Network's application for renewed funding from the C.S. Mott Foundation through their 2011 Mott Achievement Grant Program. Our proposal involves work toward establishing a system for credit attainment in ELO settings throughout the state. The work would complement and enlarge upon the ongoing goals of the Network to establish partnerships to support policy development, support policies to secure resources, and support systems to promote quality in out-of-school-time programs for children. With a focus on linking the school day with afterschool learning and expanding the options for credit toward graduation, we hope this proposal will meet the expectations of the Mott Foundation and carry our work forward. We welcome letters of support, and if you are interested in contributing one, please contact us!

Deb & Cyndy

Events and Trainings

SAVE THE DATES: July 27-29 – Youth Development Institute, Orono, Maine. “R3: Opening Doors to Student Success.” Keynote speaker Tony Wagner, author of **The Global Achievement Gap**. Workshops, plenaries, youth involvement; CEUs, great professional development opportunity. Registration to open April 30. Visit <http://www.maine.gov/cabinet/syv/>. Questions before 4/30, call Deb Chase at 778-7575.

May 6 – Project Citizen Workshop, Trenton Elementary School, Trenton, Maine. 8:45a.m -3:00p.m. KIDS Consortium-sponsored 1-day workshop designed for educators interested in involving their students (grades 5-12) in a civics-oriented service-learning program identifying, researching and solving a local public policy issue. FREE ([register here](#)) Deadline: April 29.

May 14 –Great Fun for Outing Clubs: A Teens-to-Trails fundraiser held at Bradbury Mountain State Park, teams of 2-3 teen racers follow clues using maps & compasses to find checkpoints & score points. Great prizes! To register, go to: <http://teenstotrails.donorpages.com/AdventureRace2011/>

May 16 - Bullying Prevention for Early Childhood and School-Age Providers - 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Educare, 56 Drummond Avenue, Waterville. Cost: \$10.00, pre-registration required. .3 CEU's will be available for an additional \$13.00. Chuck Saufler, Trainer. For information call Pam Soucy at Child Care Options: 582-3110 ext. 25, or email training@skcdc.org .

Accreditation Endorser Training available – The national Council on Accreditation (COA) needs volunteer Endorsers to assist with the accreditation of afterschool programs nationally and internationally. Training to be a volunteer endorser is available online at no cost. To register for Initial After School Endorser training, click here: [Endorser Training Registration](#)

July 19–22 – KIDS Consortium Service-Learning Summer Institute - Co-sponsored and hosted by Noble Middle School/Professional Development Center, South Berwick, Maine. Registration (\$750) includes 4 days of instruction with KIDS Consortium's Education Consultants, breakfast and lunch all days, 3rd edition of the KIDS as Planners Guidebook, Bibliography and Resources, and contact hours certificate. Scholarships are available to help defray the registration fee. For complete details visit: http://www.kidsconsortium.org/institute_for_educators.php

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Grants

Bikes Belong Grant Program - strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. **Funder:** Bikes Belong Coalition **Program Areas:** Health/PE **Recipients:** Public Schools, Higher Education, Other. **Proposal Deadline:** April 29 **Ave. Amount:** \$10,000. **Tel.:** [303-449-4893](tel:303-449-4893) **Email:** mail@bikesbelong.org **Website:** <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants>

Elmer's Teacher Tool Kit Grant - grants to teachers who wish to conduct classroom projects selected from a catalog of more than 500 projects. There is also a link to this application on the Elmer's website, www.elmers.com. Looking for creative lesson plans using Elmer's products to strengthen critical thinking skills, creativity, and core knowledge among students. **Funder:** Elmer's Products, Inc. and the Kids In Need Foundation. **Program Areas:** Arts, General Education, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies **Recipients:** Schools. **Deadline:** April 30 **Amount:** \$100.00 - \$500.00 **Website:** <http://kinf.org/elmers/> .

ING Unsung Heroes Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive help in funding their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Applications for the 2011 awards are now available. **Deadline** April 30. **Contact:** <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

Target Arts and Culture in Schools Grants - To enhance classroom curricula by bringing music, dance, drama and visual arts programs into the classroom by helping to bring performers to schools. **Funder:** Target Corp. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, K-12 schools, libraries, public agencies. **Deadline:** April 30. **Amount:** Multiple awards of \$2,000 each. **Contact:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/>.

Target Early Childhood Reading Grants - Supports programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs that foster a love of reading and encourage children to read with their families. **Funder:** Target. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, K-12 schools, libraries, public agencies. **Deadline:** April 30. **Amount:** Multiple awards of \$2,000 each. **Contact:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/>.

ING Run For Something Better School Awards - Provides grants to schools that desire to establish or expand upon an existing school-based running program. **Funder:** ING Run For Something Better, National Association for Sport and Physical Education. **Eligibility:** Programs that target K through eighth grade students and be a minimum of eight weeks. **Deadline:** May 1. **Amount:** Fifty grants of up to \$2,500 each. **Contact:** www.aahperd.org/naspe/about/ .

American Honda Foundation Grants - grants in the field of youth and scientific education, incl. General Education, Science/Environment, TAG, Technology, educational radio and/or television stations or networks; films, movies, film strips, slides and/or short subjects concerning youth and/or scientific education; Programs pertaining to academic or curriculum development that emphasize innovative educational methods and techniques; private, non-profit scientific and/or youth education projects. **Funder:** The American Honda Foundation **Eligibility:** Public School, Private/Charter School, Higher Education, other scientific and education-related non-profit, tax-exempt organizations. **Deadline:** May 1. **Amount:** \$40,000 - \$80,000. Tel. [310-781-4090](tel:310-781-4090) or email youthfoundation@finishline.com visit: http://corporate.honda.com/images/banners/america/AHF_brochure.pdf

Set Something Off grants: funding for music, education & teaching and grassroots organizing. Sparkplug funding is intended to build lasting infrastructure for carrying out the goals of music, education and community organizing work. **Funder:** Sparkplug Foundation; **Eligibility:** Schools and nonprofits; **Funding:** Maximum Award: \$5,000; **Deadline:** Call them to determine eligibility before May 6. Proposal deadline May 20. **Contact:** 877/866-8285. E-mail info@sparkplugfoundation.org or visit www.sparkplugfoundation.org .

Kinder Morgan Foundation Education Grants - educational programs for youth in grades K-12. **Program Areas:** Arts, Community Involvement/Volunteerism, General Education, Library, Math, Reading, Science/Environment, Social Studies. **Funder:** Kinder Morgan Foundation. **Eligibility:** Public School, Private School, Other. **Deadline:** May 10 **Amount:** \$1,000.00 - 5,000.00 **Contact:** km_foundation@kindermorgan.com Visit: http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation.cfm

Carol M. White Physical Education Program - To initiate, expand and improve physical education for students in grades K-12. Grant recipients must implement programs that help students make progress toward meeting State standards. **Funder:** U.S. Department of Education. **Eligibility:** Local educational agencies, charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, community and faith-based organizations. **Deadline:** May 13. **Amount:** Not specified. **Contact:** www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011.

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Vision:

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Network Goals:

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
- 2. Assist in securing resources needed to develop new after school programs and sustain existing programs.*
- 3. Assist with training, technical assistance and coordination to ensure that programs are inclusive, high quality, and meet the needs of children, families and communities.*

Grants, cont.d

Youth-Focused Education Technology Programs - Provides programs and services utilizing technology and/or computer and video games to educate youth ages 7 to 18. **Funder:** The ESA Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** **May 15**. **Amount:** grants of up to \$50,000. **Contact:** www.theesa.com/foundation/index.asp .

NEA Challenge America Fast-Track Grants (CFDA Number: 45.024) (Funding Opportunity Number: 2011NEA01CAFT) - support to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the arts to underserved populations. Grants for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize potential of the arts in community development, covering artists' fees, public relations, professional documentation, and program enhancements that are integral to the event. **Eligibility:** Governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofits. **Funding:** \$10,000 each, number varies (all grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1-to-1) **Deadline:** **May 26**. **Info:** www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/Challenge.html, fasttrack@arts.gov or 202/682-5700.

Saucony Run for Good grants – for community-based youth running programs, including supplies, equipment, awards, running shoes and healthy snacks. **Funder:** Saucony Run for Good Foundation **Eligibility:** 501 (c) (3) nonprofits that initiate and support running and fitness programs for children and youth under the age of 18; **Awards:** up to \$10,000 each; **Deadline:** **June 13**. **Info:** <http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/how-to-apply/>

Be Big In Your Community Contest - Maybe you have a BIG Idea (or a small idea with BIG potential) that you've been thinking about? Now is your chance to put that Big idea into action. If you have a BIG Idea that demonstrates Clifford's BIG IDEAS and helps make your community a better place, tell us! **Funder:** The Be Big Fund with help from HandsOn Network and American Family Insurance. **Eligibility:** Kids **Awards:** One grand prize entry with a \$25,000 community grant, ten first place honorees each with a \$2,500 community grant and 19 second place honorees each with a \$1,315.79 community grant. **Deadline:** **June 17**
www.scholastic.com/cliffordbebig/contest/

The Irving Community Fuel Grant Program - support to nonprofit organizations in communities served by the company in New England and Atlantic Canada. **Funder:** Irving Oil Foundation **Funding categories** include Education, which supports programs ranging from early childhood education to after-school mentorships for teens. **Awards:** Grants of up to \$15,000 are provided. **Deadline:** Applications may be submitted from **April 1 through June 30, 2011**. Submit an online application at <http://www.theirving.com/default.aspx?pageid=48>

Captain Planet Environment Grants - To provide hands-on environmental projects that encourage innovative programs which empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. **Funder:** Captain Planet Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** **June 30**. **Amount:** Multiple awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. **Contact:** www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx.

Net Literacy Financial Connects Contest - Net Literacy is a student-founded nonprofit where students comprise 50% of the board of directors. Thanks to support from State Farm, students from across the country to submit short videos that teach a lesson about the importance of financial literacy. Video entries win \$100 to \$500 and web-based games win \$500 to \$1000. We hope to give away \$100,000 in prizes as students provide the content to build a national financial literacy using their words to explain the importance of being financially literate. **Max Award:** \$5,000 for multiple entries. **Eligibility:** all full-time or part-time students - videos and games can be developed by a student, a group of students, or a classroom project. **Deadline:** **June 30**
www.netliteracyalliance.org/financial-connects-contest/

Miscellaneous

AFP-NNE Demont Scholarship Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award: The Association of Funding Professionals–Northern New England Chapter (AFP-NNE) recognizes service by an individual aged 8 to 17 who demonstrates outstanding commitment to his or her community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy. **The winner will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship** to be applied to a 4-year educational institution at the rate of \$2,500 per year. AFP-NNE Chapter will celebrate National Philanthropy Day on Thursday, November 3, 2011, in Manchester, NH. Among other awards for outstanding philanthropists, the AFP-NNE Demont Scholarship Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy will be presented. **Nominations must be received by Monday, May 16, 2011**. Late entries will not be accepted. For nomination form contact Gayle Kimball at gaylekimballjd@gmail.com .

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2011 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is **April 30**. For more information and to nominate, visit www.barronprize.org

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