



# Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to [ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov). If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/).

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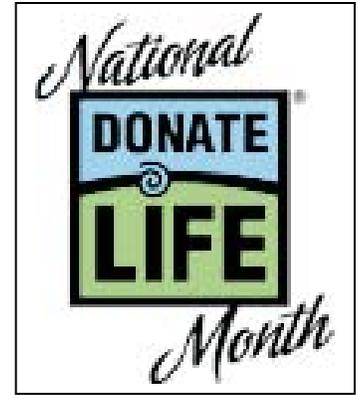
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## Feature Articles

### *April is National Donate Life Month ...*

Every day, 17 people die while waiting for an organ transplant. Today, more than 90,000 Americans are waiting for a second chance at life while thousands more are in need of a tissue transplant. As the federally-designated organ and tissue recovery agency for Fairfax County, Washington Regional Transplant Consortium (WRTC) is dedicated to inspiring the community to Donate Life! One donor can save or enhance the lives of over 50 people!



One of the more common myths about organ and tissue donation is that it is against one's religion. **In fact, all major religions support organ and tissue donation.** Only when people have the facts can they make the right decision. Together, congregations and WRTC volunteers can help to educate people in the community, and in the pews, and save more lives through the Gift of Life.

### ***What Congregations Can Do***

WRTC often provides support to places of worship regarding organ and tissue donation. Whether congregations have a member who is waiting for a transplant, a member who was a donor or a donor family member, or would just like to focus attention on the issue of organ and tissue donation, WRTC can provide speakers, materials, and resources to help.

- Invite WRTC to speak during a service, education meeting, or special event
- Ask a leader of the congregation to write a letter encouraging support for organ and tissue donation
- Have a special donor sign up
- Write an article for your newsletter
- Distribute information to members in bulletins, literature tables, e-mail
- Invite WRTC to your health fair

### ***Contact WRTC:***

Contact one of WRTC's Community Education Specialists to find out more about how you join us in a lifesaving partnership that will have a positive impact on your congregation's community!

Phone: 703-641-0100

Email: [contactwrtc@wrtc.org](mailto:contactwrtc@wrtc.org)

Web: [www.BeADonor.org](http://www.BeADonor.org)



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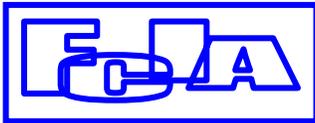
## *April is also Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention Month*

### **Help End Family Violence—Purchase Kids First License Plates**



The Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) of Virginia supports programs designed to bring an end to family violence through public/private partnerships and collaboration by providing funding to community based organizations offering programs in family violence prevention, treatment and public awareness activities. These programs serve those affected by child abuse and neglect, adult abuse, neglect and exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence and suicide. Funds for these grants are secured through two main sources: KIDS FIRST License Plates and the Virginia State Income Tax Check-off Program. Direct donations are also accepted. For more information about what FACT is and how you can help, please visit [www.fact.state.va.us](http://www.fact.state.va.us).

## **Faith Communities in Action**



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

### **Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2006 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Government Center Conference Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA  
Conference Rooms 2 & 3

***ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES INVITED TO ATTEND***

*Please RSVP to 703-324-3453 or email [ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov)*

### **Faith Communities in Action Youth Task Force Next Meeting April 26, 2006 Noon to 2:00 p.m.**

The Task Force is developing suggested guidelines for partnerships between faith communities and government agencies. The Task Force is currently reviewing current partnerships' "lessons learned" and "best practice" models. Additional membership is being encouraged. If interested, call Sandy Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail her at [schish@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:schish@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Events...Workshops...Conferences

Monday, April 3, 2006

SkillSource Group and Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration present

A Mini-Conference for Faith and Community-Based Organizations

Accessing Workforce Development Resources in Northern Virginia

Monday, April 3, 2006

9:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pennino Building

12011 Government Center Parkway, Rooms A&B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Fairfax, VA

You are invited to attend a mini-conference on *Accessing Workforce Development Resources in Northern Virginia* on April 3, 2006 from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pennino Building in Fairfax, Virginia. This mini-conference is an excellent opportunity for community and faith-based organizations in Virginia to network and learn more about some of the workforce development resources that are available in Northern Virginia.

Panel members include representatives from the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Virginia Employment Commission, the SkillSource Center and the Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration. Click here to [review the tentative agenda](#). Space is limited to Virginia community and faith-based organizations only. If you and/or others from your organization would like to attend, email [cpaletta@worconline.org](mailto:cpaletta@worconline.org) to register. If you know of any other organizations that might be interested in attending, please forward the contact information to them.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

McLean Community Connections presents ...

McLean Community Connections Dialogue  
"Bias-Fear-Crisis: How Can Our Community Cope?"

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean, VA

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Film clips from "Crash," 2006 Best Picture of the Year, will be featured at the McLean Community Connections' Thursday, April 6, evening community dialogue

entitled "Bias-Fear-Crisis: How Can Our Community Cope?" Using "Crash" as background, dialogue participants will examine and discuss how their own community copes or will cope during and after a crisis in the presence of bias and fear. The dialogue, scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, will be held at the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean, Virginia.

The dialogue organizers, Community Connections, invite all individuals living, working, worshipping, or visiting in the McLean area to participate in this upcoming dialogue. Space is available for only 150 people so early registration is encouraged.

The Community Connection dialogues are an open, respectful exchange of ideas and opinions that allows a group of people to explore differences, find commonalities, and think together. The dialogues provide persons of different cultural, ethnic, and faith groups with an opportunity to share and interact in a safe, facilitated setting as a way to promote deeper conversations and understanding. These exchanges help create resilience within the community to more effectively deal with community emergencies and crises. While over 100 people will attend the Dialogue, participant discussions will be at tables hosting only nine to ten people each. A trained dialogue facilitator will staff each table to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to speak and that discussion guidelines are followed.

The Dialogue is planned and presented by McLean Community Connections, a group of McLean and Great Falls residents representing the communities' diverse cultural, religious, racial, and ethnic populations. The committee originally formed after September 11, 2001, to foster community understanding and respect to strengthen community resilience for times of crisis. Should you be interested in joining this group's efforts or would like to learn more about community dialogue, please call Sandy Chisholm at 703-324-5185.

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Emerging Leaders Institute presents ...

Career Services Day

April 8, 2006

12 Noon – 4 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson Library

6101 Knollwood Dr.

Falls Church, VA

Free but Registration is Recommended

You are invited to attend Career Services Day. Get Ready to Get a Job. Four sessions will be held ... Interview Skills, Resume Writing, Career Consulting and Internet Job Search. All sessions are FREE. Registration is recommended. Free refreshments and parking will be available. For more information or to register call 703-820-8774 Ext. 4.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

George Mason University – Fairfax County Commission for Women presents ...

"Effective Networking"

Presenter: Patricia Carretta, Associate Dean of University Life  
George Mason University

Wednesday, April 12, 2006  
7:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 4 & 5

No RSVP required

Regardless of who you are or what you do, networking is an important skill that can increase your efficiency, productivity, and resources. This presentation addresses how to network effectively in your personal and professional life – to find a new job, meet new people, further a cause, increase your client/customer base, recruit volunteers, collaborate to provide services, or build membership and support for your organization. This lecture series is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Refreshments will be provided. Free parking is available. No RSVP is required. For more information, call 703-993-8846.

Friday, April 21, 2006

Volunteer Fairfax presents ...

Nonprofit Emergency Response Planning Series  
"Internal Emergency Response"

Friday, April 21, 2006

George Mason University  
Fairfax, Virginia  
12 noon – 2 p.m.

This training focuses on how organizations can plan for the initial response in the moments after a disaster or emergency. Participants will learn about shelter in place needs, evacuation techniques, and other key functions to ensure the safety of

the staff, volunteers, clients, or parishioners. There is no cost, but registration is required. For more information or to register visit, [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Ventures in Community presents ...

CROP Walk

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Start at  
Heritage Presbyterian Church  
Fort Hunt Road

1:15 p.m.

Please join with your friends and neighbors to support the VIC Mt. Vernon CROP Walk this year. CROP Walks are a team effort supporting local and worldwide hunger programs. We need your faith community's participation to make this a successful walk. If students or scouts need volunteer community service hours, this is an excellent opportunity to earn them.

United Community Ministries (UCM) and New Hope Housing will share 25 percent of the CROP Walk proceeds for their food programs. UCM uses the money to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables for its food closet, and New Hope Housing uses its share to supplement food purchases at the Kennedy Shelter and Mondloch House. Church World Service (CWS) will use the remainder (75 percent) to supply family shelter kits, clean water, food, seeds and seedlings, and education programs throughout the world. For almost 60 years, CWS has been a first responder to disasters such as the 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia, the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, the Gulf Coast hurricane destruction this past fall, and also to many ongoing projects in Africa, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, etc. For more information visit [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org).

Monday, April 24, 2006

Fairfax County Departments of Community and Recreation Services, Family Services, Health, Housing, Mental Health and Systems Management for Human Services presents ...

Building Bridges III: Maximizing Independence for Adults

Monday, April 24, 2006

12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 2 & 3  
Fairfax, VA

Join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Building Bridges event. The goal is to enhance communication among human service providers in order to improve access to services for seniors and adults with disabilities in our diverse community.

The keynote speaker will be Sandy Markwood, CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Bring brochures from your organization to share at the resource fair. There is no registration fee. For more information or to register, please contact Trina Webb by April 17 at 703-533-5451, TTY 703-449-1186 or email [trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Thursday, May 4, 2006

Fairfax Partnership for Youth, CrisisLink, & Virginia Dept. of Health presents ...

"Second Annual Conference: Bridging the Gap"  
An Interfaith Conference on Suicide Prevention  
and Mental Wellness

Thursday, May 4, 2006  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Matthews United Methodist Church  
Annandale, VA

Register now for the Second Annual Bridging the Gap Conference. The conference will deal with the issues of suicide prevention and mental wellness and is open to religious leaders and clergy of all faiths, youth ministers and group leaders, congregational care workers, religious educators, pastoral and school counselors, parish nurses and hospital chaplains, support group facilitators, and interested others. To register online, visit [www.crisislink.org/conference](http://www.crisislink.org/conference). For more information, please contact Susan Lydick at 703-324-5292 or email [susan.lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:susan.lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Friday, May 26, 2006

Volunteer Fairfax presents ...

Nonprofit Emergency Response Planning Series  
"External Response and Community Engagement"

Friday, May 26, 2006

George Mason University  
Fairfax, Virginia  
12 noon – 2 p.m.

Participants will learn how their organization can assist in community recovery effort in case of a disaster or emergency. Information on providing and receiving

volunteer support through Volunteer Fairfax and the Volunteer Mobilization Center will be highlighted. Organizations will take away tools to build plans to respond to more clients and heightened community needs. There is no cost, but registration is required. For more information or to register, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

Sunday, June 18, 2006 – Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Points of Light Foundation presents ...

National Conference on Volunteering and Service

Sunday, June 18, 2006 – Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Seattle, Washington

Volunteers climb mountains and lift lives. On the societal level, there are mountains of poverty, despair, homelessness, and illiteracy to overcome. On a movement level, volunteers seek higher ground of excellence in funding, management, and collaboration. And on a personal level, volunteers strive to be more helpful and relevant through their service.

While volunteers have made tremendous progress, there is much more to do. The conference will both raise our sights to the climb ahead and give us the route to get there. Join us in Seattle June 18-20, 2006, for an uplifting experience. For information on registration fees and hotel reservations, visit [www.volunteeringandservice.org](http://www.volunteeringandservice.org).

## News, Announcements, & Updates

### ⌘ SafetyNET Background Checks Extended

SafetyNET background checks program has been extended until June 2008. Through this congressionally approved extension, mentoring programs will be able to access FBI fingerprint searches for \$18 with a 3-5 day turnaround time. In the future, organizations that serve young people may also be eligible for this program. MENTOR, a mentor advocacy organization for mentor programs, will be working with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the FBI to develop a system to handle background checks for the larger youth-development community. This is part of the ongoing effort to create a permanent system for accessing FBI searches that is widely available, affordable, and timely. Learn more about MENTOR and the [SafetyNET program](http://www.mentoring.org) at <http://www.mentoring.org>.

### ⌘ Regional Findings in Hunger in America 2006 Report

On February 23, the Capital Area Food Bank released the regional findings from *Hunger in America 2006*, an extensive national study assessing the nonprofit sector's response to domestic hunger. The findings suggest a dramatic increase in hunger in the DC Metro Area. According to the study, the Capital Area Food Bank serves an estimated 383,422 different people annually. This represents up to a 39 percent increase in total clients from 2001.

The study includes several other alarming statistics that break many of the stereotypes commonly associated with needy Americans. Overall, 46% of households receiving emergency food assistance contain one or more employed adults. Eighty-eight percent of clients have some sort of housing while nearly a quarter claim to own their own homes. A large percentage of clients had to make difficult decisions regarding home necessities, with 38 percent of clients reporting having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities and heating fuel.

The study also provided an in-depth look at the efforts of nonprofit organizations within the Food Bank's network. The findings reveal that the nonprofit response to hunger is still largely a faith-based effort with nearly 75 percent of food pantry programs run by religiously affiliated organizations.

Data for the 2006 Hunger Study was drawn from more than 500 face-to-face client interviews and 426 surveys completed by Food Bank member agencies. *Hunger in America 2006* was sponsored by the national anti-hunger organization America's Second Harvest and involved over 150 Food

Banks nationwide. If you are interested in further regional or national findings from the study, please contact Matt Brouwer, Community Anchors Coordinator, at 202.526.5344 ext 237 or [brouwerm@cfoodbank.org](mailto:brouwerm@cfoodbank.org).

### ⌘ **Fairfax Caregiver 2006 Spring Seminar Consortium**

Mark your calendars now for the Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium Spring 2006 series of presentations for caregivers of older adults. These are free Seminars and will be presented by experts at various times and places in Fairfax County. Registration is not required but strongly encouraged. Please call 703-324-5205, TTY 703-449-1186, to register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations.

- "Transitions ~ When More Help is Needed"  
Tuesday, 4/4/2006, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center.
- "Understanding Dementia ~ Communication and Behavior"  
Friday, 4/7/2006, 10:00-11:30 a.m.; Alzheimer's Family Day Center.
- "Financial Management 101"  
Tuesday, 4/11/2006, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Centreville Regional Library.
- "Home is No Longer an Option ~ Now What?"  
Tuesday, 4/18/2006, 1:00-2:30 p.m.; Herndon Senior Center.
- "Long Distance Caregiving"  
Wednesday, 4/19/2006, 7-8:30 p.m.; George Mason Regional Library.
- "Navigating the Legal and Medicaid Maze of Long Term Care"  
Wednesday, 4/26/2006, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center.
- "End of Life Decisions"  
Tuesday, 5/2/2006, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Pennino Building.
- "Understanding Insurance and Medicare"  
Friday, 5/5/2006, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Fairfax County Government Center.
- "Protecting Your Loved One: Consumer Protection, Financial Abuse, Fraud"  
Thursday, 5/11/06, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Sully District Building.

- "Geriatric Mental Health/Medications and Alcohol Use"  
Thursday, 5/11/06, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Groveton Senior Center.
- "Legal and Financial Aspects of Long Term Care"  
Tuesday, 5/16/06, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Little River Glen Senior Center.
- "Humor for the Caregiver's Soul"  
Tuesday, 5/23/06, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Lincolnia Senior Center.

The Consortium includes the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Family Day Center, Thomas West Financial Services, and Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, Department of Community and Recreation Services, Public Library, and Health Department.

### ⌘ Catering that Makes a Difference

The S. John Davis Career Center is a Fairfax County Public School located at Marshall High School in Falls Church that provides career and employment skills instruction to students with disabilities. The Culinary Arts class prepares each dish while maintaining proper kitchen standards of etiquette and sanitization. Through this class, students attain the skills and knowledge necessary to perform important job functions in a kitchen or restaurant. In addition, these students develop a work ethic and a sense of responsibility. The Center's menu includes breakfast (muffins and Danish); appetizer dips; nine different salads; cheese, vegetable, fruit, and mini-sandwich platters; pasta entrees; and cookie and dessert bar trays. Orders must be placed one week in advance and picked up at the Center in Falls Church, which is open Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact [Rebecca McDermott](#) at (703) 714-5600.

### ⌘ Free Clothes from Groveton Baptist Church

Groveton Baptist Church provides free clothes through their Clothes Closet which is open to the public Thursdays from 7 – 9 p.m. and Fridays from 1 – 2:30 p.m. The church is located at 6511 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. For more information, call 703-768-9084.

### ⌘ Faith-Based & Community Calendar Available on Virginia Department of Social Services Web site

The Virginia Department of Social Services has recently added a feature on its Web site ... the Community Calendar. Groups or organizations can self-post training and other opportunities of interest to community organizations to aid in publicizing events. For more information, visit [www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ocp/calendar/index.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ocp/calendar/index.cgi).

## Resource & Grant Opportunities

### ***Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility-3/21/2006***

#### **The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy**

**By: Roundtable Correspondent Allison Sarnoff with Lisa Montiel**

**First published: March 21, 2006**

The grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Justice, State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Potential applicants should be aware that some grant programs require specific medical, educational or scientific expertise, or experience with specific foreign countries.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

##### **Rural Utilities Service**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Household Water Well System Grant Program, which will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own.

The projects will establish lending programs that will provide water well loans to individuals. Individuals, as loan recipients, may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems.

A total of \$990,000 is available for one or two awards. Interested applicants should note that there is a ten percent match required of the successful applicant. Applications are due May 31, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-3694.pdf> .

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Administration for Children and Families**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Community Services Block Grant/Rural Community Development Activities Program, Homeland Security Program: Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Safety and Security Training and Technical Assistance Project. This project will address concerns that many small and very small community water and wastewater treatment systems may be most vulnerable to possible terrorist attack, yet be the least prepared to deal with such an event.

The project will conduct water and wastewater infrastructure security technical assistance on-site and in workshops using regional coordinators; expand the on-site services with telephone and on-line capabilities to reach a broader audience; develop emergency preparedness training manuals for small

water systems; develop an electronic magazine and a listserv for information sharing, on-line responses, and electronic networking; and focus services on training water utility board members and local officials, as well as providing additional outreach to community leaders and systems operators.

A total of \$369,597 yearly is available for one award. Applications are due May 15, 2006. The program announcement is at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EF-0102.html>.

### **Administration on Aging**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Senior Medicare Patrol Projects, which will demonstrate effective ways of utilizing retired persons as volunteer expert resources and educators in community-based efforts to prevent and identify health care error, fraud and abuse in the Medicare/Medicaid programs. The Administration on Aging is accepting applications for projects in specific states that are listed in the program announcement.

Project activities include: developing a systematic plan for project start-up; involving local, community-based entities in any collaboration among a variety of local, state and federal agencies and organizations; identifying procedures used to determine the service areas; identifying a specific strategy for recruiting, training, and maintaining a pool of SMP volunteers; developing collaborative efforts to improve services and follow-up assistance with beneficiaries in the provision of services; developing outreach strategies specifically designed to identify vulnerable, isolated, and limited English-speaking beneficiaries and disseminating those outreach strategies determined to be effective to the national audience concerned with health care error, fraud, and abuse; expanding current program activities to enlist volunteers to support and provide assistance to beneficiaries with low functional literacy; collecting and reporting information on beneficiaries participating in the proposed training; and developing a plan to measure and evaluate the performance of the project in reaching and educating beneficiaries about Medicare and Medicaid error, fraud and abuse.

A total of 28 projects will be awarded \$180,000 annually for three-year projects. A 25% match is expected. Applications are due April 28, 2006. The program announcement is at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-3932.pdf>.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the National Mesothelioma Virtual Registry and Tissue Bank, which will develop and maintain a virtual mesothelioma patient registry and tissue bank; establish the mesothelioma patient registry and tissue bank as a resource for the clinical science community; and document the usefulness of the mesothelioma virtual registry and tissue bank to the scientific community in the conduct of studies that address the etiology, mechanisms, diagnosis and treatment of malignant mesothelioma.

A total of \$950,000 is available for one two-year project. Letters of intent are due March 24, 2006. Applications are due April 24, 2006. The program announcement is at: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OH-06-005.html>.

### **National Institutes of Health**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Ancillary Studies to Major Ongoing National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Clinical Research Studies. These projects will focus on a wide range of diseases and conditions including diabetes; obesity; acute and chronic liver disease; heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders; chronic kidney disease; and benign prostatic hyperplasia and other lower urinary tract conditions. Funding for these projects is contingent on the availability of funds. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-216.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for two types of grants on Ancillary Studies to the Ad Neuroimaging Initiative (R03 and R21). Successful applicants will develop a multi-site, longitudinal, prospective, naturalistic study of normal cognitive aging, mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and early Alzheimer's disease (AD) as a public domain research resource to facilitate the scientific evaluation of neuroimaging and other biomarkers for the onset and progression of MCI and AD.

R03 (Small Research Project) grants may request a project period of two years and up to \$50,000 per year in funds. R21 (Exploratory/Developmental Research) grants may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Letters of intent for the R03 grants are due May 1, 2006. Applications for both types of grants are due June 1, 2006.

The R03 program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-240.html> .

The R21 program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-241.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for Exploratory Basic Research in Glomerular Disease, which will enhance the understanding of the pathogenesis of the various forms, primary or secondary, of Glomerular Disease.

Up to \$275,000 is available for each project over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-228.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Exploratory/Developmental Clinical Research Grants in Obesity. These projects will conduct research on the prevention or treatment of overweight or obesity in children or adults, including dietary, physical activity, behavioral, psychosocial, pharmacologic, and surgical, and other biomedical approaches.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-256.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for a grant entitled From Intervention Development to Services: Exploratory Research Grants. The grant will support clinical trial planning research that provides resources for evaluating the feasibility, tolerability, acceptability and safety of novel approaches to improving mental health and modifying health risk behavior, and for obtaining the preliminary data needed as a prerequisite to a larger-scale (efficacy or effectiveness) intervention or services study.

A total of \$450,000 is available over a three year period to each project. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-248.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for research on Hearing Impairment and Other Communication Disorders Associated with HIV/AIDS, which will clarify the role of HIV, AIDS, and therapeutic agents used in the treatment of these diseases in the etiology and development of hearing loss and other communication disorders.

Funding for this project is contingent upon the availability of funds. Applications are due May 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-251.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for three types of grants on Information Technologies and the Internet in Health Services and Intervention Delivery (R01, R03, and R21). These projects will test the effectiveness of adapted "Internet-based" interventions; the effectiveness of the Internet and other technologies as a mechanism to deliver health information to consumers; the impact of technology use on consumer health; develop theory-based health information technology implementation; and explore the use of health information technology as a vehicle, not a new intervention, to deliver effective health treatments to consumers.

Funds for the R01 grants are contingent on the availability of funds. R03 grants may receive up to \$50,000 per year for a two year project. R21 grants may apply for up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications for all three grants are due June 1, 2006.

The R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-226.html>.

The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-225.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-224.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for two types of grants on Interactions between Stem and Progenitor Cells and the Microenvironment (R03 and R21). These projects will conduct a thorough exploration and characterization of the bi-directional communication between multipotent cells and the three-dimensional local milieu or niche that they encounter in vivo under normal and compromised states, such as with aging or following injury, disease or drug exposure.

A total of \$2.7 million is available for these two project types and a third, parallel, award. R03 projects may request a total of \$50,000 over a two year period. R21 projects can receive up to \$275,000 over two years. Applications for both types of awards are due June 1, 2006. The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-06-207.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-06-208.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for two types of grants on a Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities (R03 and R34), which will support mental health and/or substance abuse services research, as well as broader-based alcohol or drug abuse research in rapidly evolving areas where opportunities for empirical study are, by their very natures, only available through expedited award of support.

A total of \$50,000 per year is available for the R03 grants, which may last up to two years. The R34 grants may receive up to \$450,000 over a three year period. Applications are due on the ninth of each month. Letters of intent are due four weeks before the application submission deadline.

The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-249.html>.

The R34 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-250.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for funding to establish Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Centers, which will be organized around a methodology core and will be expected to include a minimum of three highly meritorious projects encompassing clinical research drawing from different disciplines. The methodology core will be the foundation of the center, providing key support for development and implementation of clinical projects.

Approximately \$3.6 million is available for up to three projects. Each project may last up to five years, with a yearly budget of \$800,000 per project. Letters of intent are due April 24, 2006. Applications are due May 24, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AR-06-001.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute - Innovative Research Grant Program, which propose innovative and potentially high impact studies that make use of existing data sets or existing collections of biological specimens from human subjects. Proposed studies are expected to provide preliminary results to demonstrate feasibility of novel approaches to heart, lung, and blood diseases and sleep disorders.

Each project may apply for up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-239.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research - Clinical Pilot Data Grant, which will provide a mechanism for the collection of preliminary data that is necessary to support the development of definitive Phase III clinical trials to evaluate interventions for the treatment or prevention of craniofacial, oral, and dental conditions and to promote craniofacial, oral, and dental health.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-244.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research - Clinical Trial Planning Grant, which will support the development of a detailed Manual of Procedures and can include preliminary studies to refine study procedures or to document recruitment potential of clinical sites.

Each project will receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-245.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research - Exploratory and Developmental Grants in Clinical Research. These projects will document oral conditions and risk factors for oral and craniofacial diseases and disorders; investigate new methods of diagnosing oral disease; address behavioral and health promotion topics relevant to oral health, dental care or oral health promotion; and/or identify promising culturally appropriate approaches to prevent and reduce oral health disparities.

Each project will receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-246.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for two types of grants on the Ontogeny of Host Innate Immune Recognition of and Response to Oral Microbes (R01 and R21). These projects will address, at a molecular and cellular level, ontogeny of, recognition of, and response to oral microbes by the innate immune system. The projects are expected to provide a fundamental understanding of how the host usually tolerates the presence of over 700 species of microbes in the oral cavity without adverse effects.

Approximately \$2 million is available for seven to eight R01 (Research Project) awards. Each of the R01 projects may request up to \$500,000 annually for up to a five year period. A total of \$1 million is available for the four to five R21 (Exploratory/Developmental Research) awards, with each two year project receiving \$275,000 in funds. Letters of intent for both types of grant are due July 14, 2006.

Applications are due August 14, 2006. The R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-07-004.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-07-003.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for two types of grants on Rapid Assessment Post-Impact of Disaster (R03 and R21). These projects will conduct research on the post-impact of disasters, in order to permit access to a disaster area in the immediate aftermath of the event.

A maximum of \$50,000 per year for a total of two years is available under the R03 program. R21 projects may receive a maximum of \$275,000 over two years. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Program Staff before submitting a RAPID application. Applications are due within six weeks of the identified disaster event.

The program announcement for the R03 grants is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-252.html>.

The program announcement for the R21 grants is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-253.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to do Research on Sleep and Sleep Disorders. These projects will advance biomedical knowledge related to sleep or sleep disorders, improve understanding of the neurobiology or functions of sleep over the life-span, enhance timely diagnosis and effective treatment for individuals affected by sleep-related disorders, or implement and evaluate innovative community-based public health education and intervention programs.

Each project may apply for a total of \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-238.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for four types of awards on Treatment Response: Linking Genes with Behavioral Phenotypes of Relevance to Patients, Families, and Policymakers (R01, R03, R34, and Collaborative R01). All of these projects will integrate what are currently two distinct tracks of research - determining the complex genetic basis of mental disorders and creating new strategies and tools for assessing individual functioning in the real world.

Approximately \$1 million is available to fund all four types of grants. Two to six awards will be made. R01 grants may receive up to \$50,000 over a two year project period. R03, R34 and the Collaborative R01 awards are contingent on the availability of funds. Applicants for the Collaborative R01 awards may request a project period of up to five years. For all types of awards, letters of intent are due April 11, 2006. Applications are due May 11, 2006.

The R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-07-010.html>.

The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-07-011.html>.

The R34 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-07-012.html>.

The Collaborative R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-07-013.html>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### **Community Capacity Development Office**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the FY 2006 Weed and Seed Program. Operation Weed and Seed is a community-based initiative that encompasses an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

Operation Weed and Seed aims are to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to a few square miles. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in 'weeding out' violent crime and drug abuse; and 'seeding' brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for a list of designated weed and seed neighborhoods.

Each project may receive up to \$175,000 over a one year period with a required 25% match of funds. Applications are due May 11, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/2006WSNewSitesSol.pdf>.

### **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Field-Initiated Demonstration Program, which will foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related practice at the local, state, and tribal government levels as part of OJJDP's overall effort to support programs that enhance juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Activities should include: innovative approaches that have yet to be tested through experimental research, but merit consideration because their relevance to public policy, practice, or theory may facilitate their practical application nationwide; and advancements in the applicant's present program practices intended to address a new or continuing juvenile justice problem and foster improvements in efficiency, practical application, flexibility, cost effectiveness, operational standards, partnership-building and service delivery.

Up to \$300,000 is available for each of the approximately seven projects lasting for a two year period. Applications are due May 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/2006fieldinitiated.pdf>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Qualified applicants are sought for The Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Small Grants Program, which assists small grassroots, community-run projects in all nine of South Africa's provinces. The program focuses on health service delivery to communities affected by HIV/AIDS.

Projects should: be related to service delivery; improve basic conditions at the local, community or village level; be community driven; benefit a substantial number of people in the community; involve a contribution of labor, money or materials by members of the local community; be within the means of the local community to operate and maintain; lend themselves to quick implementation and impact, utilizing the entire grant within the one-year agreement period; and be conducted by local (South African) groups.

Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, although grants may be awarded up to \$20,000. Applications are due March 31, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/sf2/wwwf2006smallgrantsapp.pdf>.

## **U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to develop methods to Control Neglected Tropical Diseases. These projects will focus on: direct implementation of neglected disease programs; issuance of grants to implement programs; establishment and running of a technical oversight board; grant management and support; documentation and dissemination of best practices; and resource mobilization.

A total of \$100 million is available over a five year period and requires a 10% match from the award recipients. Applications are due April 21, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppM-OAA-GH-06-845-cfda98.001-instructions.doc>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may also apply for a project on Improving Livelihoods in the Earthquake Affected Areas of Pakistan. Individual projects not only recreate the livelihoods that existed before the earthquake in these regions, but also connect some of Pakistan's most vulnerable communities to markets that can generate increased incomes, an improved asset base, and employment.

Projects should focus on: reconstruction of livelihoods in the earthquake-affected populations; increased cooperation between government at the provincial and district levels, the private sector, and local communities resulting in a more appropriate allocation of scarce public and private resources in support of economic growth; and improved viability, efficiency, and profitability of a few of the most promising existing or potential value chains in the targeted areas. Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for specific program details.

A total of \$28 million is available over a three year period. Applications are due May 9, 2006. The program announcement is at:  
<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/opp391-06-014-cfda98.001-cid391-06-014-instructions.DOC>.

## Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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