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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.

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First Annual Fairfax County Interfaith Mental Wellness Observance Week May 15 – 21, 2006

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will proclaim at its May 1 meeting that May 15 – 21, 2006, will be the first annual Fairfax County Interfaith Mental Wellness Observance Week. The observance week is a collaborative effort between the Fairfax Partnership for Youth and Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action. The proclamation will focus on the importance of faith communities and the mental health community working together to promote mental wellness of all Fairfax County youth and families.

To celebrate the observance week, faith communities throughout Fairfax County have been asked to devote time during their worship services to focus on the role the faith community has in promoting mental wellness. Faith communities are encouraged to explore ways to increase mental health education, support for youth and families experiencing mental health challenges, and referral of congregants to professional mental health providers when they exhibit signs and symptoms of mental illness.

Begun in March of 2005, The Fairfax Partnership for Youth, with the support of the Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, initiated this endeavor to include communities of faith in its effort to improve outcomes for young people across the county. To have healthy children and youth, we must have healthy individuals, healthy families, and a healthy community environment. Faith communities play a crucial role supporting healthy families by teaching values, modeling strong morals, and providing connectedness to strength and purpose beyond ourselves. By acknowledging the impact of mental illness on individuals and families, faith communities can nurture and support members to have the courage to seek help. Recognizing difficulties such as depression and serious anxiety as treatable illnesses and receiving help can prevent tragedy and reduce suffering.

Every day 86 people in the United States die by suicide ...

11 are Youth



It's not too late to register for this free conference "Bridging the Gap: An Interfaith Conference on Suicide Prevention and Mental Wellness" which will be held Thursday, May 4, 2006, (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. The conference is cosponsored by CrisisLink, Fairfax Partnership for Youth, Inc., and the Virginia Department of Health.

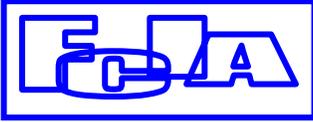
At the conference, religious leaders of all faiths will join with the mental health community to learn how they can work together to help prevent suicide and to promote mental wellness. Imam Mohammed Magid of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, board member for Fairfax Partnership for Youth, and chair of Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, will offer the opening blessing. Faith leaders will learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression and other mental illnesses, will learn how to provide ongoing support as families experience mental illness, and will learn about available resources for referring families for professional mental health assistance.

Parents may tell themselves that it will never happen to their child, but 11 sets of parents lose a child to suicide every day. The most common cause of suicide is untreated depression. Rev. Weaver Blondin, Youth Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Herndon, VA and a panelist at the conference reflects his thoughts that two aspects come to mind when working with youth and parents on depression and possible suicide. First, it is important to offer hope through God's word to youth who are dealing with depression and contemplating suicide, and secondly, getting youth counseling help is important as we learn to recognize the signs of depression and suicide with youth.

Attendees will receive a copy of the newly released Interfaith Mental Wellness Tool Kit. The purpose of the tool kit is to heighten awareness about the importance of mental wellness for the entire family, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to learn about available mental health resources.

For more information on "Bridging the Gap" or the YSAD program, please contact Susan Lydick of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth at 703-324-5292 or 703-328-4421 or Susan.Lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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.

Participate in a Faith Communities in Action 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 call or email us to let us know you will be attending.
703-324-3453 or email ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov*

*Topic ~~Homelessness in Fairfax County –~~
Faith Community Hypothermia Centers
Plan to End Homelessness*

Faith communities sheltered homeless persons last winter.

- How did that work?
- Challenges and successes.
- Faith community suggestions for the future.

Speakers from participating Faith Communities, supporting non-profits ...
FACETS, LAMB Center, and Ventures in Community.

The County is developing a 10-Year Plan To End Homelessness.

- Who's preparing this plan?
- How can faith communities participate in its development?
- Will faith communities have a role in its implementation?
- What was the April 7th Homeless Summit?
- Will there be Regional Dialogues to discuss the development of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness?
- How can the Faith Communities in Action Housing Task Force participate?

Speakers from the Fairfax County Community Homeless Council Collaborative, the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Committee, and the FCIA Housing Task Force,

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"End of Life Decisions"

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Betsy Murphy, FNP, CHPN, Capital Hospice

12011 Government Center Parkway, Room 206A
Fairfax, VA

Many people fail to write an advance medical directive or living will because they do not understand which medical treatments at end of life will benefit them and which will not. This presentation will help you understand the available research on benefits and burdens of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, tube feeding, hydration and the use of antibiotics at end of life.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

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. For more information, please contact Susan Lydick at 703-324-5292 or email susan.lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Friday, May 5, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"Medicare Part D Made Easy"

Friday, May 5, 2006

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Speaker: Howard Houghton, Virginia Insurance Counseling &
Assistance Program
Fairfax Area Agency on Aging

12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 9& 10
Fairfax, VA

Learn the facts about Medicare Part D, the new Medicare prescription drug coverage plan. This presentation will explain the process of finding the best plan to fit your individual needs. Other insurance related issues will also be addressed.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

Saturday, May 6, 2006

Laurie Mitchell Employment Center presents ...

"Federal Jobs for People with Disabilities"

Saturday, May 6, 2006

11 a.m.

8794-S Sacramento Drive
Alexandria, VA

(inside PRS Mount Vernon on Richmond Highway)

A Human Resources Specialist with the federal government will discuss KSA's, how to apply for federal jobs, reasonable accommodations, and incentives that help disabled applicants avoid the red tape other applicants face when applying for federal jobs. The seminar is free and lunch will be provided. RSVPs are required. Please call 703-531-6380 to RSVP.

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"Protecting Your Loved One: Consumer Protection, Financial Abuse, and Fraud"

Thursday, May 11, 2006

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Speakers: Thomas Polhemus, Investigator, Financial Crimes Unit
Lauren Marsnick, Social Worker, Adult Protective Services
Tara West, Social Worker, Adult Protective Services

Sully District Government Center- James McDonnell Room
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA

Many scams target the elderly. At this seminar, you will learn what can be done to protect your loved one. For directions, call 703-324-5401

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"Geriatric Mental Health/Medications and Alcohol Use"

Thursday, May 11, 2006

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Speakers: Susan Wolk, Team Leader, Program for Older Adults
and Their Families
Margaret Kollay, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

Groveton Senior Center
8350 Richmond Highway, 3rd Floor
Suite 325
Alexandria, VA

Many scams target the elderly. At this seminar, you will learn what can be done to protect your loved one. For directions, call 703-704-6216

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"Legal and Financial Planning for Long-Term Care"

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Speakers: A. Mark Christopher, Elder Law Attorney,
Vaughan, Fincher & Sotelo, PC
Thomas C. West, CLU, ChFC, Financial Advisor,
Thomas West Financial Services

Little River Glen Senior Center
4001 Barker Court
Fairfax, VA

Learn essential legal and financial tools to aid in planning for long-term care, such as durable powers of attorney, medical directives, and guardianship. Learn how to stretch financial assets over the long term. For directions, call 703-503-8710.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Laurie Mitchell Employment Center presents ...

"Meet the Employer"

Saturday, May 20, 2006

11 a.m.

6295 Edsall Road, Suite 175
Alexandria, VA

(inside ServiceSource, next to the Social Security Office)

Attendees will be able to conduct informational interviews with a local nonprofit that serves individuals with disabilities and an administrative/clerical recruiter with opportunities throughout Northern Virginia. Bring your resume, dress to impress, and be prepared to network with other job seekers. Refreshments will be served

and transportation assistance is available from the Van Dorn Metro Station. For more information, please contact Ronnie Haskins or Troy-Ann Patterson at 703-461-3886 after 5 p.m. or Saturdays.

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

"Humor for the Caregiver's Soul

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Susan Stone, Outreach Coordinator, Alzheimer's Family Day Center

Lincolnia Senior Center
4710 North Chambliss Street
Alexandria, VA

Humor is a healthy and powerful way to provide perspective on life's difficult experiences. Learn how to let humor help you survive the everyday challenges of caregiving. For directions, call 703-914-0223.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged so that adequate handouts are available. To register or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5205.

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.

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.

News, Announcements, & Updates

❖ Family Preservation Services ~ formerly Family and Child Services ...

The Family and Child Services program of the Fairfax County Department of Family Services has changed its name to *Family Preservation Services* to more accurately reflect the work that social workers in that program do with families.

Family Preservation Services social workers provide intensive case management services to vulnerable families in our community. Families are referred to the program by county and nonprofit service providers, and may also self-refer by contacting the Fairfax County Department of Family Services office in their region. The Fairfax County Department of Family Services has four divisions to provide services:

1. Adult and Aging
 - ◆ services and resources for seniors and adults with disabilities
2. Office for Children
 - ◆ child care, early childhood education
3. Self-Sufficiency
 - ◆ public assistance and employment services
4. Children, Youth, and Families
 - child protective services, foster care and adoption, child abuse prevention, family preservation services (formerly family and child services)

For more information, contact your regional office.

Region 1 (Alexandria, Lorton, some parts of Springfield)
703-704-6353

Region 2 (Falls Church, Annandale, some parts of Springfield)
703-533-5300

Region 3 (Herndon/Reston)
703-481-4025

Region 4 (Fairfax, Centreville, Burke, Oakton)
703-324-7500

❖ Adult Day Health Care Offers an Option

If a relative is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or experiences a chronic, debilitating illness, many families may feel as if they have only two options for care; either to provide round the clock home care or to place their loved one in a nursing home. Adult day health care offers, for many, a more palatable option.

As more family caregivers are making the choice to care for their loved ones at home in the community, adult day health care (ADHC) is becoming more popular. ADHC programs are designed to provide a safe, fun, and therapeutic environment for frail elderly or adults with disabilities who need supervision during the day due to cognitive and/or physical impairment. They typically offer health monitoring by a registered nurse, nutritious meals, daily exercise programs and other therapeutic activities, assistance with personal care and many opportunities for socialization. The benefits of the program are many as they aim to:

- Prevent or delay the need for institutionalization;
- Provide a variety of services, including restorative/maintenance therapy, and preventive health care in a single setting;
- Promote the well being of participants by providing a variety of activities in warm, stimulating, and social environment; and
- Provide family members relief from their caregiving responsibilities.

The Fairfax County Health Department operates five adult day health care centers and is planning to open its sixth center in response to the mounting need for community-based long-term care for the elderly. Over the past 20 years, Fairfax County, with over 1 million residents, has seen a significant increase in the senior population. According to the 2000 Census, 11.5% of the population or 111,415 persons were age 60 and older. It is estimated that this population will increase by 43.8% in 2010 to 160,188 persons. Residents age 85 and older - those with the greatest degree of frailty and in most need of long-term care services - will increase by 38.7% from 6,922 persons in 2000 to 9,604 persons in 2010. Adult day health care programs will play a critical role in the long-term care arena as the aging population grows and more caregivers decide to care for their loved ones at home.

For more information about the benefits of the Fairfax County Health Department Adult Day Health Care Program, please contact Shauna Severo at 703-246-8633 or visit their Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/adhc.

❖ **New County information line number ... 703-FAIRFAX...**

The county information line has changed to 703-FAIRFAX to make it easier for Fairfax County residents to find the information they need. The county information line, staffed by the Office of Public Affairs, provides general county information from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. When listing the general county information phone number in a publication, on the Web or in correspondence, please replace 703-324-3185 with 703-FAIRFAX. Also, when providing this phone number for county information, please add that county information is available during non-business hours on the 24-hour automated information line, 703-324-INFO and on the county's Web site.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 4/25/2006

The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Roundtable Correspondent Allison Sarnoff with Lisa Montiel

First published: April 25, 2006

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

Potential applicants should be aware that some grant programs require specific medical, educational or scientific expertise. Some grants also require the grantee to provide matching funds.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applicants interested in the Early Reading First Program grant opportunity listed in the January 24, 2006 e-Newsletter should note that the deadline for applications has been extended to May 31, 2006. The full details of this extension can be found at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-5782.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

The Office of the Secretary is requesting nominations of public and private sector organizations for the 2006 Secretary's Innovation in Prevention Awards. The awards will highlight organizations that have implemented innovative chronic disease prevention and health promotion programs that address obesity, physical activity and/or nutrition. One of the seven categories of awards is "Faith-Based."

Nominations are due June 15, 2006. The Federal Register announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-3759.pdf>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to study the Feasibility of Delivering New Adolescent Vaccines in Complementary Health Care Settings, which will evaluate the capacity of complementary health care settings to promote attainment of national health objectives by serving as an additional resource to adolescents for immunization services previously primarily limited to traditional medical providers.

Program objectives are to: evaluate the perceptions, attitudes, and practices of adolescents, parents of adolescents, and providers about the receipt of new and recently recommended adolescent vaccines in

complementary settings through the use of focus groups, surveys, and interviews of adolescents, parent of adolescents, and providers who serve adolescents in these settings; identify the complementary settings best qualified to deliver these vaccines to adolescents, in terms of acceptability, capacity, and feasibility, using such methods as surveys, analysis of existing datasets, and onsite data collection; and to provide science-based information to be included in a model of how these complementary sites would be included in an implementation plan for adolescent vaccine delivery.

Approximately \$400,000 is available to fund one or two two-year projects. Letters of intent are due May 5, 2006. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/IP06-004.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color. These projects will provide effective HIV prevention services to young men of color who have sex with men (YMCSM) and young transgender persons of color who are at high risk for HIV infection or transmission and fund nonprofit organizations to conduct selected, standardized HIV prevention programs for the above populations and to complement HIV prevention activities and interventions conducted by state and local health departments.

Project activities fall into three categories. Category A includes effective behavioral interventions for high risk YMCSM and their partners. Category B includes effective behavioral interventions for high risk young transgender (YTG) persons of color and their partners. Category C includes a demonstration project for a locally developed, theory-based HIV prevention program model targeting high risk YMCSM and their partners or YTG persons of color and their partners.

Twenty-six awards will be funded for Categories A and B with average awards of \$300,000. Up to four grants will be awarded for Category C, each averaging \$250,000. Projects under Categories A and B may be funded for up to five years. Projects under Category C may be funded for up to three years.

Letters of intent are due May 1, 2006. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PS06-618.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct research on Increasing Adolescent Immunization Coverage in School-Based Health Centers, which will help expand and advance our understanding of the feasibility and acceptability of providing adolescent vaccines in school-based health centers (SBHCs).

Objectives of this program are to: assess immunization services offered in SBHCs and identify the barriers to improving the administration of vaccines recommended for adolescents; describe how the consent procedure works within the SBHC, how safe vaccination practices and appropriate reporting of adverse events are ensured, and how SBHCs ensure that the parent and child receive appropriate notification before a vaccination is delivered; develop, test, and draw conclusions about the effectiveness of low cost interventions to increase vaccination coverage among adolescents in SBHCs, in a sub-sample of these settings; identify ways that vaccination programs in SBHCs may potentially increase vaccination of students who do not use SBHCs; and determine the attitudes and feasibility of larger scale routine and emergency school-based vaccination programs that could potentially offer vaccine to students in SBHCs and other school-based settings.

Approximately \$170,000 is available to fund one two-year project. Letters of intent are due May 5, 2006. Applications are due June 1, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/IP06-003.htm>.

Health Resources and Services Administration

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program. These projects will: provide training to individuals who will provide geriatric care for the elderly; develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals; train faculty members in geriatrics; or provide continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care.

Approximately \$450,000 is available to fund two to three projects, each lasting up to three years. Average awards will be \$160,000. Applications are due May 22, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppHRSA-06-132-cfda93.265-cid2300-instructions.doc>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the One-Year Rural Health Research Grant Program, which will conduct and disseminate policy-relevant research on issues of national significance in the area of rural health services. Research topics may include: Rural Health Clinics; Physician Services; Physician Reimbursement; Inpatient Psychiatric and Rehabilitation Services; Facility Service Area; Long-Stay Nursing Home Residents; Orthopedic Surgery Services; or Oncology Services.

Approximately \$750,000 is available to fund between one and four awards for a period of twelve months. Applications are due May 19, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppHRSA-06-008-cfda93.155-cid1725-instructions.doc>.

National Institutes of Health

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct research on Developmental Infrastructure for Population Research, which will enhance the quality and quantity of population research conducted at an institution and develop new research capabilities to advance population research through innovative approaches. A central goal of this program is to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation in population research while providing essential and cost-effective core services in support of the development, conduct, and translation of population research based in centers or comparable administrative units.

Each project may request up to \$150,000 annually and a project period of up to five years. Letters of intent are due October 22, 2006. Applications are due November 22, 2006. The program announcement is at:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-362.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for the NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program. These projects will develop a Phase III Clinical Trial. This includes the establishment of the research team, the development of tools for data management and oversight of the research, the definition of recruitment strategies, and

the finalization of the protocol and other essential elements of the study included in a manual of operations/procedures.

Each project may receive up to \$100,000 over a one year period. Applications are due June 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-363.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for Pilot and Feasibility Clinical Research Grants in Kidney or Urologic Diseases. These projects will conduct pilot and feasibility clinical and translational research studies, including clinical trials, and epidemiological studies, related to kidney or urologic disease research that address important clinical and translational questions and are potentially of high impact. It is anticipated that applications for pilot and feasibility studies may lead to full-scale clinical studies including diagnostic strategies, epidemiologic studies, or trials in the diagnosis, prevention, pre-emption, or treatment of kidney or urologic disease.

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-06-113.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct research Testing Tobacco Products Promoted to Reduce Harm. These projects will conduct multidisciplinary research on potential reduced-exposure tobacco products, both smoked and smokeless, through the interplay of basic, biological, behavioral, surveillance, and epidemiology research.

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-06-361.html>.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals, Older Women, and Residents of Residential Care Facilities.

These projects will: identify and explore forensic markers of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect among the elderly living in any setting; evaluate programs designed to detect, prevent, investigate, prosecute, or otherwise respond to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; examine risk and protective factors associated with elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; explore the nature, incidence and prevalence of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; and evaluate the implementation or impact of a coordinated community response to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

A total of \$800,000 is available to fund four awards. Applications are due June 6, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000746.pdf>.

Office for Victims of Crime

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the State Victim Assistance Academy Initiative, which will provide comprehensive, academically based, fundamental education and training for victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals who routinely deal with crime victims.

Project activities include: formation of a diverse planning/steering committee of victim assistance, criminal justice, and social service professionals to strategically plan the development of the SVAA; university/community planning and implementation of an SVAA with a combination of federal, state, and local funding; distribution and analysis of a state-wide training needs assessment to assure academy offerings do not represent a duplication of existing training efforts and do represent the training and educational needs of the field; curriculum review, adaptation, and/or design; academy presentation and project evaluation; presentation of a second academy with decreased federal and increased state and local funding; state academy staff availability for technical assistance and mentoring to other state academy grantees through OVC TTAC; and independent state funding and continued availability of state academy staff for technical assistance and mentorship to other interested state academy grantees.

Four projects will be funded under this program. First year funding will be awarded \$35,000 each. Each project will receive \$100,000 for the second year and \$60,000 for the third year. A match of 25% is required.

Applications are due May 11, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdfxt/SVAA06grant.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for any of the three funding opportunities announced this week through the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP). The grant opportunities are defined by the location of the services provided: Non-Urban HVRP, Urban HVRP, and New Grantee HVRP which can serve either urban or non-urban areas.

These programs provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. Each project will design programs that assist homeless veterans by providing job placement services, job training, counseling, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite their reintegration into the labor force.

A total of \$1.4 million is available for seven grants under the Non-Urban HVRP. A total of \$7.3 million is available for twenty-five grants under the Urban HVRP. Approximately \$1.5 million is available under the New Grantee HVRP for six grants.

Applications for all of these programs are due May 22, 2006.

The Non-Urban HVRP announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-3628.pdf>.

The Urban HVRP announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-3625.pdf>.

The New Grantee HVRP announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-3626.pdf>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may also apply to provide employment-related services to veterans through the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program grant. Each project will provide outreach, intake, pre-enrollment assessment, job placement services, job training, counseling, mentoring, supportive services, and other assistance to expedite the reintegration of eligible veterans into the labor force. Successful applicants will coordinate efforts with local One-Stop Career Centers.

Up to \$6.9 million is available under the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program for nine grants. Applications are due May 22, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-3627.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, which will expand existing transitional housing projects or develop new transitional housing programs. Funds may be used for: remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; new construction; and acquisition of vans for outreach to and/or transportation for homeless veterans.

Approximately \$10 million is available for this program. Applications are due June 14, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-5897.pdf>.

US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a program on Community Care for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and Orphans/Vulnerable Children (OVC).

These projects, conducted in Tanzania, will focus on four main areas: service delivery through sub-grants to support the national scale up of home-based palliative care and OVC services in specific geographic areas; identifying and integrating components of service to provide a continuum of care; strengthening local coordinating bodies to ensure the availability of quality, integrated care services to PLWHA and OVC; and ensuring the application of national framework, standards, guidelines, curricula, and systems, and participating in the ongoing coordination, review, and improvement of these critical components of service implementation.

Approximately \$30 million is available over the next five years. First year funding will total \$3,270,900, of which \$2,475,000 will be for comprehensive home-based palliative care for people living with HIV/AIDS and \$795,900 for support to orphans and vulnerable children.

Applications are due June 20, 2006. The program announcement is at:

<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppUSAID-TANZANIA-06-003-RFA-cfda98.001-instructions.pdf>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Strengthening Independent Media Program in Timor-Leste. This program's objectives are: to support the development of a strong, professional and sustainable independent media sector; and to engage citizens in the democratic process in the build-up to the 2007 elections, through strengthening the media's ability to deliver credible and useful news and current affairs to a broader section of the population.

Key areas of interest include: improving professional skills and capacity for responsible and ethical reporting; enhancing media management and business development across the sector; building awareness of key media and regulatory issues among both media professionals and relevant government departments/officials; and augmenting the media's ability to reach populations residing outside the capital.

After two years, projects must show: a measurable increase in the percentage of the population able to receive reliable news, current affairs, and development-related information; an increase in the financial viability and long-term sustainability of targeted media outlets; a measurable improvement in quality, standards, and professionalism for targeted independent media outlets and RTTL; contributions towards more balanced political reporting throughout the national election period and next village elections; greater awareness among the broad media/justice sector community of media law and regulatory issues; and demonstrable improvement in the capacity of local Timorese media organization partners to continue media development in the long term.

Up to \$1.8 million is available over a two year project period. Applications are due May 31, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppUSAID-RDMA-06-005-RFA-cfda98.001-instructions.doc>.

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