

STAND UP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Please come join us. Celebrate the sixth national *Stand Up for Rural America* Day on Tuesday, June 17, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. This year's theme is "Rural America: Good Business, Good Philanthropy." The entire morning will be devoted to a Rural Policy Forum. This year *Stand Up* Day is special because we are working with a broad new umbrella network, The National Rural Assembly, to craft a common message and get it across to government policy makers. The first step in this process is called the Rural Compact. It focuses on four pillars for sustainable rural communities; education, health, natural resources and the environment and community assets. For more information and to endorse the compact, go to http://ruralcompact.org/index.php?option=com_comprofiler&task=registers.

FUNDING AND FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. HUD has published the NOFA for Fiscal 2008 Rural Housing and Economic Development Program (RHED).

The purpose of this RHED program is supporting innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Approximately \$17 million will be available. **The deadline is May 30.** For more information, go to www.ruralhome.org/manager/uploads/2008RHEDNOFA.pdf.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families has grants available for those creating low-income jobs. The Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program focuses on funding projects in three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise projects. **The deadline is May 22 for a letter of intent and June 2 for applications.** For more information, visit www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html.

Gardener's Supply company is inviting nominations for its Garden Crusader Awards through June 15. Twenty-one awards will honor individuals who are improving the world through gardening. In the "Urban Renewal" category, past winners have used greening to clean up blighted lots, improve safety and engage youth in community building. Prizes range from \$200 to \$2,500. Links to the online nomination form are available at www.gardeners.com/Garden-Crusader-Awards/5549.default.pg.html.

U.S. HUD has issued a NOFA for a Demonstration Program for Elderly Housing for Intergenerational Families. The total funding is \$3.9 million. The program will provide assistance for intergenerational dwelling units for intergenerational families in connection with the supportive housing program under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959. The purpose of the program is to expand the supply of intergenerational dwelling units for very low-income grandparent(s) or relative(s) heads of household 62 years of age or older raising a child. **The deadline is July 2.** For more information, go to <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&lag2006=false&oppld=41410>.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families has grants available in its Community Economic Development Program Operational Projects program. Total funding will be about \$29 million for 45 awards. **A letter of intent is due May 22; June 25 is the application deadline.** For more information, go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EE-0024.html>

U.S. Bancorp Foundation has grants of \$5,000 and up for organizations that provide affordable housing, encourage self-sufficiency, and assist economic development.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/grant_guidelines.cfm for more information.

TRAINING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

The Lancaster Prevention Council will hold a conference on Prevention of Youth Substance Abuse in Rural Communities: Cultural Competence- Unique Challenges and Critical Opportunities. It will be held in Lancaster, SC on May 14-16. For more information, visit www.ruralprevconf.com/ or call 803.283.4995 or email Info08@RuralPrevConf.com.

The Rural School and Community Trust will host a conference Thriving Rural Schools in Challenging Circumstances May 16 - 18, in Tuskegee, AL. For more information, visit <http://www.ruraledu.org> or call 802.728.5899 or email kelly.brown@ruraledu.org.

The Association for Enterprise Opportunity First Annual Rural Summit will be held May 20, in Anaheim, CA. For more information, go to <http://www.microenterpriseworks.org/index.asp?bid=3002> or email nwoodroof@assoceo.org.

INFORMATION AND OTHER RESOURCES

The Daily Yonder reports on a study from Penn State University showing a nationwide increase in rural self-employment. If things continue as they have, by 2015 one out of every three wage workers in rural America will self-employed. In a recent issue of Rural Realities, Penn State University's Stephan Goetz reports that since 1969, the number of self-employed workers in rural America has increased over 240 percent, to 5.3 million people. During that same time, there was only a 61 percent growth (19.6 million people) in the total number of wage and salary workers. Now one out of four rural workers is self-employed. See the full story at www.dailyyonder.com/meet-new-boss-you.

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A new publication is available from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, "Building Leaderful Organizations; Succession Planning for Nonprofits." It presents emergency succession planning tools, guidance for executive directors on how and when to depart an organization, and suggestions for board members on how to be proactive in assuring that an organization is sustainable over time. To download, go to <http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/Building%20Leaderful%20Organizations.pdf>

Mortgage Lending in Rural Communities is a new publication from The Housing Assistance Council. It's an analysis of data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) which only requires large financial institutions to report lending activity. HMDA reported 30 million home mort-

gage applications in 2005, of which 14 percent were in rural areas. The data shows rural home prices were lower, incomes were lower and 74 percent of applicants were white compared to 56 percent of all applicants nationwide. To download, go to <http://www.ruralhome.org/manager/uploads/hmda.pdf>.

Bay Area Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Build it Green have published "Green Rehabilitation of Multifamily Rental Properties: A Resource Guide." It's available at <http://www.bayarealisc.org> or \$20 from Bay Area LISC, 415-397-7322, jsomers@lisc.org.

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