

STAND UP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Ten of California's largest foundations have agreed to a multi-million-dollar, Multi-year investment in minority communities. The agreement was reached in response to pending legislation, sponsored by Assembly member Joe Coto that would have required foundations to disclose their ethnic composition and document grants to minority organizations. A 2006 study by the Greenlining Institute showed only 3.6 percent of grant dollars from the nation's top 24 private foundations went to minority-led organizations. For more information, contact Mike Welch in Joe Coto's office at 9016 319-2023.

POLICY UPDATE

Senators and Representatives are back home this week for the July 4th recess. It is a perfect opportunity to appeal in-person for \$4 billion in neighborhood stabilization in any housing bill. Keep repeating that message! Let them (and their staffs) know the local impact.

Talking Point:

\$4 billion in neighborhood stabilization funding is critical in any housing stimulus legislation. Right now, it is a political football. With enough political will, this funding will be part of the legislation. For more information, see www.saveamericasneighborhoods.org.

FUNDING AND FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has \$5.6 million to support faith-based coalitions to advance community policies or environmental changes that improve access to healthy foods and/or opportunities for physical activity. They are particularly interested in efforts that reach children at greatest risk for obesity, including African-American, Latino, Native American, Asian American and Pacific Islander children who live in low-income communities or communities with limited access to affordable healthy foods and/or safe opportunities for physical activity. **The deadline is July 25.** For more information, go to http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=1932.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has \$3.5 million for the first year of a three-year grant award to national nonprofit organizations that support youth development through planning, collaboration, and alliance building

for youth-serving organizations at the local and regional level. **The deadline is July 29.** For more information, visit

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42134>.

The Federal Transit Administration has \$12 million to improve transit in rural communities with Indian populations. The deadline is August 19. For more information, go to

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-11338.htm>.

The U.S. Department of Labor has \$10 million available for its Technology-Based Learning Initiative.

Nonprofits in partnership with a Workforce Investment Board or One-Stop Center are eligible. The grants are for expanding access to technology-based training approaches especially in high-growth, high-demand occupations. **The deadline is August 19.** For more information, go to

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-13967.htm>.

The Skystone Ryan Prize for Research on Fundraising and Philanthropy, administered by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, is accepting nominations. The \$3,000 award will go to the author of a published book or monograph of at least fifty pages that is based on either applied or basic research in fundraising or philanthropy. The deadline is November 1. For more information, go to www.afpnet.org/.

TRAINING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will co-sponsor a symposium focused on innovative strategies to help address the economic challenges related to the rise in mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures. It will be held in **Los Angeles on July 15-16.** For more information or to register online, visit:

<http://www.frbsf.org/community/resources/2008/0715/index.html>.

The Nebraska Community Foundation's 2008 Rural Philanthropy Conference will be held in Nebraska City, September 10-12. For more information contact Sheri Hink at 402-323-7347 or shink@nebcommfound.org. See 2007 conference highlights at <http://www.nebcommfound.org/RPC/2007RPC.htm>.

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INFORMATION AND OTHER RESOURCES

A new issue of Amber Waves is available from the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). It covers the economics of agriculture, food and nutrition, the food industry, trade, rural America, and farm-related environmental topics. The internet edition, or "eZine," includes links to web-only resources, such as podcasts and additional articles. To download, go to <http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/June08/>

The share of the U.S. population considered rural ranges from 17 to 49 percent depending on the definition used. Rural definitions can be based on administrative, land-use, or economic concepts, exhibiting considerable variation in socioeconomic characteristics and well being of the measured population. For research projects and economic development programs alike, the appropriate definition of rural will be that which meets the goals of the endeavor. See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/June08/Features/RuralAmerica.htm>

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