Associate Level Material

**Appendix B**

**Program Scenario One**

**Far West Elementary School**

**Organization Mission**

As a team, parents and staff are dedicated to creating a caring, exciting environment that promotes responsibility, self-esteem, and academic achievement where differences are valued and learning is a lifelong goal. Our goal is to maintain a safe and caring public school for children, staff, and community by teaching skills that promote responsible, respectful behavior to self and others.

**Brief Community Description**

The community of Far West is a suburb of New Hampshire, which is a large metropolitan area with 2 million residents. Far West has a population of 30,000. Far West Elementary School has a student population of 700, 30% of the student having relocated from Asian countries within the last 2 years. Many of these students’ families are moving into the community to take advantage of the low cost of housing and are comforted by the presence of similar cultures. Many of the new residents have limited English writing, reading, and speaking skills.

**Funding Opportunity**

This funding opportunity provides professional development activities intended to improve instruction for students with limited English proficiency (LEP) and assists educational personnel working with these students to meet high professional standards. Projects should increase the pool of highly qualified teachers prepared to serve LEP students and increase the skills of teachers already serving them.

Authorized activities include

* Upgrade qualifications and skills of personnel who are not certified or licensed.
* Develop program curricula.
* Support for tuition, fees, and books.

Areas of focus may include but are not limited to

* Alternative certification programs
* Career ladder programs for paraprofessionals
* Bilingual Education/ESL (BE/ESL) certification for regular classroom teachers
* Special support for new teachers
* Improving the skills of higher education faculty
* Preparation of bilingual counselors, school psychologists, and other educational personnel

**Program Scenario Two**

**Continental Senior Center**

**Organization Mission**

Continental Senior Center, a City of Westminster agency, involves older adults in their community and in the senior center as leaders, teachers, and learners. It provides a balanced, diverse, and coordinated program and promotes the senior center as a model for the aging and aged. Continental Senior Center promotes successful aging. The organization’s tagline, "In the Heart of Things," not only refers to its downtown location, but also emphasizes that the senior center is actively involved in community activities, especially those geared toward seniors. It provides information and referral services for those seeking help with taxes, health, housing, and other concerns; as well as case management services 3 days per week; and computerized information assistance to help seniors and family members access available area services.

**Brief Community Description**

The community of Westminster is a historically rich community founded nearly 200 years ago. Approximately 60% of the population of Westminster is over the age of 60 and have lived in Westminster all of their lives. Of these senior residents, approximately 50% have a poverty-level income. Within the past 5 years, the community of Westminster has begun to expand with the building of new homes attracting younger families, all following the technology firms that have recently located to the community.

**Funding Opportunity**

The Wesley Foundation supports multi-issue community organizing groups that work in low-income neighborhoods that are accountable to neighborhood residents, and through which people are empowered to have a major voice in shaping decisions that affect their lives.

The foundation supports organizations that

* Organize by enlisting and nurturing participation of a large number of neighborhood residents, organizations, and institutions.
* Recruit and formally develop local leadership.
* Enable local citizens, including youth, families, and seniors, to develop an agenda, to devise strategies, and to carry out action effectively to address issues.
* Demonstrate innovative strategies or create new local institutions that strengthen local community capacity.
* Show evidence of significant local fundraising.

**Program Scenario Three**

**PEACE Domestic Violence Agency**

**Organization Mission**

PEACE’s mission is to reduce victim trauma, empower survivors, and promote recovery through direct services. PEACE is committed to reducing the incidence of sexual assault and domestic violence through education and strives to challenge societal norms and beliefs that condone and perpetuate violence in the community.

**Brief Community Description**

The city of Portland is similar to many other communities throughout the country. As a large metropolitan city, the region has experienced increasing reports of domestic and youth violence, spousal and child abuse, assault, and incidents of road rage over the last 5 years.

**Funding Opportunity**

The National Foundation’s funding program, Supporting Families, strives to fulfill the following objectives:

* Promote the well-being of young men, women, and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education, and awareness.
* Improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs.
* Provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation program designed to obtain the skills, confidence, and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives.

The foundation has two grant programs under which it provides funding to nonprofits:

* The Small Grants Program offers one-time grants of up to $5,000 to registered charities with an annual budget under $500,000.
* The Investor Program is an innovative funding program designed to support six organizations under each of the objectives of the Supporting Families program, with up to $150,000 a year for up to 3 years.

**Program Scenario Four**

**Madison Children’s Hospital**

**Organization Mission**

The mission of the Madison Children’s Hospital is to be the worldwide leader in improving children's health by providing the highest quality health care:

* Be the leading source of research and discovery.
* Educate the next generation of leaders in child health.
* Enhance the health and well-being of children and families in our local community.

Strategic objectives include quality and safety, leadership of tomorrow, state-of-the-art facilities, workplace of choice, financial strength, healthy neighborhoods and community, and pioneering new frontiers of knowledge.

**Brief Community Description**

Over the last 5 years, Madison Children’s Hospital has recorded an increasing number of children with chronic illnesses. With increasing concern, the hospital understands that these chronic illnesses are affecting school attendance and the overarching academic success of children, in addition to the income levels and career advancement of their parents. Researchers suspect the unmanaged status of the children’s chronic illnesses is strongly related to this concern. The hospital and schools are very interested in addressing this concern.

**Funding Opportunity**

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Health Care is to solicit research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic illnesses. Biobehavioral studies of children in the context of family and family-community dynamics are encouraged. Children diagnosed with chronic illness and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. A child with chronic illness will have a life-long responsibility to maintain and promote health and prevent complications. Research related to biological and technological factors, as well as sociocultural, environmental, and behavioral mechanisms that contribute to successful and ongoing self-management of chronic illnesses in children is also encouraged. This FOA is restricted to studies of chronic illnesses in children and adolescents ages 8 to 21, grouped by developmental stages left to the discretion of the investigator. Studies of chronic mental illness or serious cognitive disability are beyond the scope of this FOA. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed 2 years. Direct costs are limited to $275,000 over a 2-year period, with no more than $200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year. The funding is not renewable.

**Program Scenario Five**

**Santa Rosa Philharmonic Youth Symphony**

**Organization Mission**

The Santa Rosa Philharmonic Youth Symphony’s mission is to educate and advance the skills of young musicians, enabling them to reach their highest potential. The repertoire is often difficult and always challenging, and the young musicians are selected by open auditions held in June of each year.

**Values**

* Transforming youth and building capable young citizens with a love of music
* Excellence in musicianship and scholarship through challenging and attractive musical opportunities
* Excellence in leadership training and skill development—professionalism, education, integrity, and preparation
* Music education
* Appreciation and mutual respect
* Financial soundness

The Santa Rosa Philharmonic Youth Symphony (SRPYS) strongly encourages its young musicians to participate in their school music programs. SRPYS schedules events to avoid conflicts with school activities, and excuses absences resulting from a school music program. In addition, SRPYS works with local and regional music and arts organizations in strategic efforts to emphasize the important role of music and arts in education and society at all levels of education and government.

**Brief Community Description**

The community of Santa Rosa loves its music; due to education funding cuts, however, music programs have been eliminated from the public elementary and middle school education programs. Parents and educators alike are concerned that, without this music experience, Santa Rosa youth will lose their appreciation, enjoyment, and participation in music programs within the near future as music education is now limited to the high school and college levels.

Funding Opportunity

This funding opportunity provides unrestricted operating grants to large and medium-sized performing arts organizations that present live performances, exhibitions, or screenings in the visual, performing, and literary arts. Grants are open to nonprofit performing arts programs that: engage at least three touring companies, artists, or exhibitions per year; pay a fee for these activities; and manage local presentations. Qualifying organizations must be 2 years or older and have at least one professional staff person.