



FEDERAL REGISTER

SUMMARY

June 1-15 2009

Funding Notices - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
6/1/09	TREA	Request for applications under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program.
	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	Available funds: \$8 million Application deadline: 7/17/09 VITA, which is authorized in the <i>Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009</i> , is designed to provide direct funds to eligible organizations, including nonprofits under the IRS code 501 ((c)(3's)), to promote free tax preparation services for underserved, low income populations, including persons with disabilities. VITA was first authorized in December 2007. In 2008, the IRS awarded 111 organizations. The award requested must meet the matching funds requirement which can include cash, computer hardware or software, and third-party in-kind contributions. The IRS has not determined any average award amount. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-12169.htm .

Other Notices – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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6/3/09	EAC	Request for comments on proposed guidance for Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG).
	U.S. Election Assistance Commission	Comment deadline: 9/28/09 <i>The Help America Vote Act</i> (HAVA) requires EAC to adopt VVSG and to provide for testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of the hardware and software for voting systems. EAC has decided to update the 2005 guidelines based on comments received related to the standards being tested that were labeled by some responders as “ambiguous and difficult to apply to testing.” These circumstances created challenges in making testing consistent in all laboratory settings. The revisions are intended to provide clarity and consistency for all accredited testing laboratories, and updates based on advancements in voting technology. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-12831.htm .

- 6/3/09 HS
National Protection and Programs Directorate
- Implementation of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-Visit) Program at certain airports of departure from the United States (see the 4/24/08 “Proposed Rules” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-8956.htm>).**
- US-Visit, which is authorized in the *USA Patriot Act* and the *Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002*, and has been recently revised by the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009*, provides an exit system to collect alien biometric data (digital finger scans) at all air and sea ports of departure from the U.S. The recent revision limits funding for US-Visit until pilot programs are carried out to accommodate the collection of biometric data from just two airports (Atlanta, GA and Detroit, MI) where testing is now being done on the collection of data at the departure gate and at the Transportation Security Administration TSA security checkpoint. The pilot tests began on 5/28/09. The General Accounting Office will review the results of the pilot tests. A final air exit solution (final rule) will be determined after the appropriate House and Senate committees receive GAO’s findings. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-12939.htm>.
- 6/9/09 CPSC
Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Request for comments on CPSC’s agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2011 and on revisions to their current strategic plan.**
Comment deadline: 6/26/09
- CPSC, which was established in 1972, is an independent agency of the federal government that protects “against unreasonable risks of injuries associated with consumer products,” including products for children, i.e., lead-free toys. CPSC’s revised plan is intended to provide an overall guide to future agency actions and budget requests. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-13361.htm>.
- 6/9/09 HS
Office of Operations Coordination – Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC)
- Request for applicants to serve on HSINAC.**
Application deadline: 7/24/09
- HSINAC advises and makes recommendations to the leadership of Homeland Security, including the director of the Office of Operations Coordination, on needed requirements for users throughout the web-based network which includes state, local, federal and tribal governments and the private sector during an emergency. The total membership on the committee is 20 applicants representing the users mentioned above. For more information on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), go to: http://www.dhs.gov/xinfo/share/programs/gc_1156888108137.shtm. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-13515.htm>.
- 6/10/09 USSC
United States Sentencing Commission’s Victims Advisory Group
- Request for applications for membership on the Victims Advisory Group.**
Application deadline: 8/10/09
- USSC establishes sentencing policies and practices for the federal courts, advises and assists the U.S. Congress and the executive branch on issues related to crime policy, and collects, analyzes, researches, and distributes information on federal crime and sentencing issues. This advisory group assists USSC in carrying out its statutory responsibilities, provides views on USSC’s activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments to the sentencing guidelines, and distributes information related to sentencing issues. USSC invites “any individual who has knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of federal crime victimization to apply for membership. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-13622.htm>.

Proposed Rules – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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None

Final Rules – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

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None

Meeting Notices – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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| 6/2/09 | TREA

Taxpayer
Advocacy Panel
Earned Income
Tax Credit Issue
Committee | <p>Meeting Date: 7/8/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)
 Meeting Place: via telephone conference. Contact Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 or use the web site at: http://www.improveirs.org to get more information.</p> <p>The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal income tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. EITC is also one of the most difficult tax credits to navigate. The IRS wants public comments, ideas, and suggestions on ways to improve customer service. The agenda will include various IRS issues. For more information on EITC, go to: http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html. For more information about the meeting, contact Audrey Y. Jenkins using the information listed above.</p> |
| 6/4/09 | EPA

Human Studies
Review Board
(HSRB) | <p>Meeting Dates: 6/24/09 at 9:30 a.m. and 6/25/09 at 8:30 a.m.
 Meeting Place: Holiday Inn National Airport, 2605 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Arlington, VA</p> <p>HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research, including proposed research, completed research reports, and greater protections for human subjects of research. On the agenda are reports of completed research, proposed new research, a completed laboratory report regarding certain products, and protocol for field studies. HRSB encourages public input, either in writing or orally. For more information about HSRB, prior meeting minutes, and reports, go to: http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/. For more information about the meeting, or about submitting comments, contact Jim Downing at 202-564-2468 or at downing.jim@dpa.gov.</p> |

- 6/4/09 HHS
Office of the
National
Coordinator for
Health
Information
Technology: HIT
Policy Committee
- Meeting Date: 6/16/09 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time)**
Meeting Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. and via web cast. For more information, go to: http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1269&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=1&mode=2&in_hi_userid=10741&cached=true.
The HIT Policy Committee is charged to make recommendations “on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information.” On the agenda are presentations from the Policy Committee’s workgroups. A full agenda will be posted at the above address prior to the meeting. The public is invited to make comments. For information about the meeting, the Policy Committee, or how to make comments, visit the web address given above.
- 6/9/09 HHS
Administration
for Children and
Families’
Commission on
Children and
Disasters
- Meeting Date: 6/25/09 at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern time)**
Meeting Place: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 1330 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Contact Brianna Cash at 202-334-2402 or at dr@nas.edu for more information.
Registration Deadline: 6/22/09 at <http://thenationalacad.disastersroundtable.sgizmo.com>
The Commission is charged with conducting “a comprehensive study to examine and assess the needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all hazards.” On the agenda: The Commission and the National Academy of Sciences are scheduled to co-host a workshop entitled, “Children and Youth in Disasters: Closing Gaps among Research, Practice and Policy.” For more information on the Commission, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohsepr/children/nccd.html>. For more information about the meeting, contact Brianna Cash using the information given above.
- 6/9/09 HHS
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- Meeting Date: 6/26/09 at 9:30 a.m.**
Meeting Place: Administration for Children and Families, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Contact Jacqueline Haye at 202-205-9560 or at Jacqueline.haye@acf.hhs.gov.
Registration deadline: 6/23/09. Contact Jacqueline Haye to register.
On the agenda for this meeting is a discussion of the outcomes from the 6/25/09 workshop (see above). For more information about the Commission, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohsepr/children/nccd.html>. For more information about the meeting, contact Jacqueline Haye using the information given above.
- 6/10/09 EAC
U.S. Election
Assistance
Commission
- Meeting Date: 6/17/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern time)**
Meeting Place: EAC, 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
EAC serves as a clearinghouse on federal election administration and oversees voting system guidelines. On the agenda are an update on 2009 requirements, payments, and reports on *Voter Registration Act* impact, and the 2010 Election Day Survey. No public participation is scheduled for this meeting. For more information on EAC, go to: <http://www.eac.gov>. For more information about the meeting, contact Bryan Whitener at 202-566-3100.

- 6/11/09 HHS **Meeting Date: 7/10/09 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time)**
Meeting Place: via WebEx. Go to:
 Advisory <http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp> for assistance.
 Committee on **Pre-registration is required by 9:00 a.m. on 7/10/09 at:**
 National Health <http://www.healthypeople.gov>.
 Promotion and
 Disease
 Prevention
 Objectives for
 2020
 Through the Healthy People Initiative, HHS has used the scientific knowledge and lessons from the past ten years plus new knowledge gained to develop the national health promotion and disease prevention objectives for the coming decade. Since 1979, the initiative has monitored national health objectives, encouraged collaborations that address health issues, and guided individuals in their efforts to make informed health decisions. For 2020, the initiative will “reflect assessments of major risks to health and wellness, changing public health priorities, and emerging issues related to our nation’s health preparedness and prevention.” The public is invited to listen-in to the meeting – no oral comments will be accepted. However, written comments are welcome at:
<http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments>. For more information about the meeting or the initiative, contact Emmeline Ochiai at 240-453-8259 or at <http://www.healthypeople.gov>.
- 6/12/09 EEOC **Meeting Date: 6/17/09 at 10:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: EEOC, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, D.C.
 Equal EEOC enforces federal employment discrimination laws such as Title 1 and Title V
 Employment of the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, Sections 501 and 505 of the
 Opportunity *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, etc. On the agenda, is the “Notice of Proposed
 Commission Rulemaking for the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act of 2008*.
 For more information about EEOC, go to: <http://www.eeoc.gov/>. For more information about the meeting, contact Stephen Llewellyn at 202-663-4070.

Presidential Documents – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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None