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ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION
<http://www.alexlemonade.org/grants>
Range of Grants: \$50,000 to \$100,000

Deadline(s): December 15, 2009

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is a unique not for profit foundation that has evolved from a young cancer patient's front yard lemonade stand to a national foundation for childhood cancer.

Grants distributed from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation are designed to fill critical voids in current pediatric cancer research. The Foundation strives to fund the most promising research projects with a priority given to the testing and discovery of innovative and more effective treatments for children and adolescents with cancer.

Innovation and Young Investigator Awards grants are designed as start-up funds for new scientists at the end of their fellowship training or early in their research career. Demonstration of outstanding mentorship and demonstration of a career plan that shows commitment to pediatric cancer investigation are critical components of a successful application. **Maximum \$100,000** - Click here for details: http://www.alexlemonade.org/files/grant_guidelines.pdf

Epidemiology Awards - The Butterfly Foundation- The Brittany Pasqual Pediatric Oncology Research Foundation

These grants are designed to support the research of investigators who have a specific focus on the epidemiology, early detection, or the prevention of childhood cancer. Through its collaboration with The Butterfly Foundation-Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation will award The Butterfly Foundation Cancer Epidemiology Awards to support research proposals to be carried out by established investigators who have a track record of peer-reviewed publications in relevant areas. These awards are expected to provide additional funds that will allow investigators to pursue novel and promising approaches to understanding the cause of childhood cancer and how such insight can be used for early detection or prevention of childhood cancer.

Maximum \$50,000 - Click here for details: http://www.alexlemonade.org/files/grants_epi_guidelines.pdf

All requests must be submitted using ALSF's online application process.

THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
http://www.grandchallenges.org/GCGHDocs/GCE_Rules_and_Guidelines_Round4.pdf
Range of Grants: \$100,000

Deadline(s): November 2, 2009

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Grand Challenges Explorations program is designed to foster innovation in global health research. The Explorations initiative funds innovative ideas that could lead to new vaccines, diagnostics, drugs, and other technologies targeting diseases that claim millions of lives every year. Initial grants of \$100,000 each are awarded through two funding cycles each year. Successful projects have the opportunity to each receive a follow-on grant of up to \$1 million.

Each round of the Grand Challenges Explorations initiative awards grants against a set of specific topics. Topics for round four are:

- ♣ new technologies for contraception
- ♣ new ways to induce and measure mucosal immunity
- ♣ low-cost diagnostics for priority global health conditions, and
- ♣ new protections against infectious disease.

The program is open to both foreign and domestic nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions. Grants will not be provided to individuals.

The initiative uses an accelerated grant making process with short two-page applications; no preliminary data is required. Applications are submitted online, and grant recipients are selected approximately four months from the submission deadline. Click to view application instructions: <http://www.grandchallenges.org/Explorations/Pages/ApplicationInstructions.aspx>

GOLDEN LEAF FOUNDATION
<http://www.goldenleaf.org/localfoods.html>

Range of Grants: The Foundation will award a total of approximately \$2.5 million for this initiative to several projects.

Deadline(s): November 2, 2009

As part of its mission of promoting economic development in rural, tobacco dependent, and economically distressed areas of North Carolina, the Golden LEAF Foundation Board of Directors has developed a strategic initiative to expand local food opportunities for North Carolina farmers and businesses.

The Local Foods Initiative's primary goal is to improve and expand farmers' access to commercial, institutional, and retail markets that are increasing their use of local foods, especially those markets willing to pay a premium for local products.

The Foundation hopes to accomplish this goal by identifying projects that address some or all of the following issues:

- ♣ the need for farmers to meet the food safety and certification standards and related expectations of the marketplace;
- ♣ the coordination of production and distribution necessary to satisfy business and consumer demand;
- ♣ the availability of infrastructure for aggregation, rough preparation, and intermediate processing; and
- ♣ the marketing required to create and sustain demand for local foods.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Golden LEAF staff early in the application development stage to discuss their project.

PROGRESS ENERGY FOUNDATION
<http://progress-energy.com/community/foundation/grantguidelines.asp>
Range of Grants: Average grant \$10,000

Deadline(s): November 1 annually

The Progress Energy Foundation will invest more than \$600,000 in the Carolinas this year to support energy education and workforce development in public schools. The Foundation investments focus on expanding student and teacher knowledge about energy issues, including alternative energy, energy efficiency and state-of-the-art plants.

The Foundation intends to fund projects that will be implemented in middle and high school classrooms in the following focus areas:

- ♣ Science
- ♣ Math
- ♣ Energy education (particularly sustainable energy)

Higher Education applications must be completed online no later than Nov. 1, 2009

THE RGK FOUNDATION
<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>
Range of Grants: \$25,000 to \$50,000

Deadline(s): None - initial approach on-line letter of inquiry

The RGK Foundation, established by Ronya and George Kozmetsky, supports initiatives that promote the health and well-being of children and families in broad areas of Education, Community, and Medicine/Health.

The Foundation's primary interests within **Education** include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education.

Within **Community**, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include children and family services, early childhood development, and parenting education. The Foundation supports a variety of Community Improvement programs including those that enhance non-profit management and promote philanthropy and voluntarism. Youth development programs supported by the Foundation typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life. The Foundation is also interested in programs that attract female and minority students into the fields of mathematics, science, and technology.

The Foundation's current interests in the area of **Medicine/Health** include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS.

Applicants must complete and submit an online [letter of inquiry](#) on the foundation's website as a first step. Candidates will be notified within three weeks if the foundation is willing to consider a formal proposal.

SEAWORLD & BUSCH GARDENS CONSERVATION FUND
<http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/grantPolicies.htm>
Range of Grants: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline(s): December 1 annually

The SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund works with hundreds of organizations, both big and small, around the world. All of these groups share a common goal - protecting animals, people and places.

The primary focus of the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund is to support conservation efforts directly benefiting wildlife in their native ranges. The Fund support projects in 4 key categories:

- ♣ Species research
- ♣ Habitat protection
- ♣ Animal rescue and rehabilitation
- ♣ Conservation education

The Board of Directors meets once a year each Spring to review grant applications and award funds. All applications must be received by December 1 of the previous year.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Determine if the prospect is a good fit for your project by reading the information provided and visiting the organization's website.
2. Complete the attached Project Concept Form.
3. E-mail the Project Concept Form to Sharon Hamilton, CFR Director at hamiltons@ecu.edu and Patricia Reidinger, CFR Associate Director at reidingerp@ecu.edu.

We will contact you to arrange a strategy meeting to discuss your project in detail and assist you with the proposal development process.

The G.I.F.T. Center

Grants Information - Funding for Tomorrow

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A FUNDER FOR YOUR PROJECT? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO EXPLORE THE G.I.F.T. CENTER.

The mission of the G.I.F.T. Center is to provide access to research, training, and editing services to support and enhance the efforts of ECU faculty and staff members in obtaining corporate, foundation and other non-governmental grants.

The G.I.F.T. Center is located in the Greenville Centre. Appointments are required. Please call Tricia Reidinger at 737-1820 or email reidingerp@ecu.edu to schedule a convenient time for individual instruction.

Please forward this issue of CFR Connections to colleagues who may be interested in pursuing the grant opportunities listed above.