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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Out-of-School Time Middle School Expansion RFP**

On March 11, the Out-of-School Time (OST) Middle School Expansion Request for Proposals (RFP) was released through the City's HHS Accelerator system. The free programs funded through the RFP will expand afterschool to "eligible middle schools," defined as public schools serving students in grades 6-8 that currently lack comprehensive afterschool services. In the case of charter schools, the school must have a regular dismissal time of 3:00 pm to be eligible.

The new afterschool programs for middle school youth will operate for 15 hours per week during the school year for a total of 540 hours annually. At least nine hours per week must be devoted to structured, goal-oriented programming but the remaining six hours may be used for drop-in activities and can be offered on school closing days as well as during the school week. All programs are required to provide academic enrichment, leadership development and physical activity with providers working closely with schools to align programming with school-day learning. In addition to providing space and access to resources such as the library, gym and computer labs, the host school will make in-kind contributions such as teacher time.

For more information on the RFP, visit the [DYCD website](#).

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Now Accepting Applications**

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs. SYEP also provides workshops on job readiness, career exploration, financial literacy and opportunities to continue education and social growth. Application deadline is April 25. For more information and to apply, call DYCD Youth Connect at 1-800-246-4646 or visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/syep.shtml>.

****NYC Youth Board and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Youth Council**

On March 11, the NYC Youth Board and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Youth Council held its first joint quarterly meeting, where Commissioner Chong shared his vision for advancing the mission of DYCD. Assistant Commissioner of the Contract Agency Finance Department, Justin Walter, presented information on the preliminary budget for FY15. Assistant Commissioner for Out of School Time (OST), Denice Williams, discussed one of the Mayor's signature initiatives: the expansion of afterschool programs for middle school students.

****Listen, Protect and Connect Training**

On March 11, DYCD program staff attended a three-hour training entitled *Listen, Protect and Connect*, a psychological first aid intervention designed to support others by listening to their concerns and needs, helping them when possible, and connecting them with resources in the community. The DYCD Trauma Workgroup

worked with the Mental Health Association to plan the event, which supports DYCD managers in responding to our community partners following a crisis or an emergency, including instances of violence. The training helped participants develop skills to identify reactions people have to crises or emergencies, to recognize who may need help, and to provide assistance.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Throughout March and April, the [New York Police Department Community Affairs Bureau's Juvenile Justice Division](#) presents Youth Summits in various NYC communities to inform the public about the potential dangers and consequences of social media. The summits also address other topics and trends of interest to youth in each neighborhood. Teenagers, community leaders, representatives of community-based youth organizations, teachers, administrators, clergy and concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the free events. Information on the locations, dates and times of the summits is available [here](#).

April 1 – PASE Forum Sports in Afterschool: Developing Healthy Minds, Bodies, and Futures

Learn about best practices in sports-based programming. Participate in breakout sessions such as Gender-based Programs, Positive Coaching and Sports & Life Skills. Network with colleagues involved with sports and youth development. Featured speaker: Richard Berlin, Executive Director, Harlem RBI. Presenters include New Heights, Project Coach, Row New York, Stoked, Asphalt Green and more. Register [here](#).

April 2 – April 6 – Spring Affordable Art Fair in New York City

New artists and artist Paula Brett will be leading kids art workshops! It will all take place at the Metropolitan Pavilion on West 18th Street in Manhattan. [Elisa Contemporary Art](#) is located at 5622 Mosholu Avenue (at 256th Street) Bronx, NY 10471. (212) 729-4974. FREE.

Sunday, April 6 – Carnegie Kids: Hot Peas 'N Butter

[Hot Peas 'N Butter](#) will lift your children out of their seats and have them happily singing and bouncing along to its catchy brand of bilingual Latin folk. Flavored with Afro-Cuban, jazz, pop, and rock accents, the music of this four-time Parents Choice Award–winning group has been praised by the *Los Angeles Times* for its “hot and mellow multicultural groove.” Hot Peas 'N Butter has performed its hits on Nickelodeon, and its video “Round the World” is a must-see. Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 1000 Richmond Terrace, (between Tysen Street and Snug Harbor Road) Staten Island, NY 10301. (718) 448-2500. 2:00 pm. [Free RSVP](#).

Through May 4 – Human Plus: Real Lives + Real Engineering

This [interactive exhibition](#) tells stories of engineers and users who design technologies to help themselves and others achieve their goals—from everyday routines to lifelong dreams. Visitors can explore and create a range of low tech and high tech tools that extend human abilities. Exhibits include a simulated downhill mono-ski course; a DJ station built out of a wheelchair and controlled by the wheels; a touch panel that translates music into vibrations; a hands-free computer mouse, controlled through slight movements of the head, that allows the guest to type messages, edit photos or watch videos; and a neuroprosthetic limb that can be controlled by a person’s thoughts. Visitors can even redesign themselves in a full body simulation and test body enhancement technologies that supersize their strength, showcasing the new horizon of engineering that was once the stuff of science fiction. Children ages 2 – 17: \$8; College students with ID: \$8.

Through August 24 – City as Canvas: The Street Art Collections of Martin Wong

East Village painter Martin Wong (1946–1999) was also an avid art collector, primarily of graffiti works created in the 1970s and '80s. This show—the first time the collection has been exhibited—traces the evolution of graffiti as an art form during that time period. Kids will have the chance to take in not only photographs of another era, in the form of spray-painted works on NYC subway cars and buildings, but also sketch books and mixed media paintings that show the artistic origins of various taggers’ work. All ages. Suggested donation for students: \$6. [Museum of the City of New York](#) is open daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Through August 31 – Art Inspires Art: How Does a Bird Imagine? What Does a Tree Know?

At this new interactive show at the [Brooklyn Children's Museum](#), Everett Children's Library, kids will experience poetry, sculptures and banners that will have them see—and create—connections between the written word and the visual arts. Ages 2 and up. Free with admission (\$9).

Ongoing – The Staten Island Children's Museum

Interactive exhibitions and creative workshops offer plenty of opportunities for hands-on, first hand experiences that nurture children's natural curiosity and creativity. Visits to the [museum](#) launch children on a voyage of discovery—about themselves and the world around them. Tues – Sun, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. \$6 admission.

Mommy Poppins Online Guide to NYC Neighborhoods

Within each of the five boroughs you'll find a diverse array of neighborhoods, all with their own distinctive family attractions, ma-and-pa shops, kid-friendly restaurants and hidden gems. This amazing and concise [guide](#) will give you the inside scoop on the best things to do, see and experience with kids in each area.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Scholarship Fund

The mission of [Children's Scholarship Fund - New York City \(CSF-NYC\)](#) is to increase educational opportunity by offering partial tuition assistance for children in low-income families. The average scholarship amount is \$1,926 and the average private school tuition is \$3,507.

ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

For more than 15 years, and with nearly \$4 million in awarded grants, ING Unsung Heroes has proven to be an A+ program with educators. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Applicants must be: Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States; full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning. [Apply](#) by April 30.

World We Want Foundation is accepting [applications](#) from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Eligible partner organizations must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, must have a project team of one or more youths, a partner organization that supports and sponsors the team, and a project mentor to guide and advise the team. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects and social ventures. There is a rolling deadline.

GTECH's After School Advantage Program provides nonprofit community agencies and public schools with up to \$15,000 in computers, online technology, computer software and volunteer hours to afterschool programs in inner-city communities. [Applicants](#) must be a nonprofit organization, community agency or school with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; have an existing afterschool program in need of a computer lab; serve disadvantaged youth between the ages of 5 and 15; and have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab. The application date is rolling.

FOR COMMUNITIES

[The William T. Grant Scholars Program](#) supports promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines, who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise. Candidates are nominated by a supporting institution and must submit five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor and a commitment to continued professional development. Every year, four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected and each receives \$350,000 distributed over a five-year period.

Korean Cultural Service NY presents the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration Event Grant

To apply for the 2014 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration Event Grant, please download the guideline and application form, and send all correspondence and signed application form to the Korean Cultural Service. For Application, [Click Here](#)

J.M. Kaplan Fund

The Fund’s Migration program supports a variety of efforts to integrate the 40 million foreign born individuals who call the United States home so they can thrive and contribute fully to the country’s civic, cultural and economic life. The Fund normally makes grants to organizations in the United States which have tax-exempt status. Due to its narrow funding focus, the Fund makes grants by invitation only. After familiarizing yourself with the Fund’s program areas and [guidelines](#), if you feel that your project falls within this focus, you may submit a brief letter of inquiry.

Champion Creatively Alive Children Creative Leadership Grants 2014

The 2014 program provides [grants](#) for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools. Apply now for the opportunity to receive a grant for building your school’s creative capacity. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000. Applications will be accepted until 12:00 Midnight ET Monday, June 23.

The New York Community Trust makes [grants](#) primarily to nonprofit organizations located in the five boroughs of New York City, with funding in four broad areas: Children, Youth, and Families; Community Development and the Environment; Education, Arts, and Human Justice; and Health and People with Special Needs. They are committed to significant issues that don’t lend themselves to quick or easy solutions, and look for projects that take fresh approaches to long-standing issues and that tackle emerging problems and opportunities. Deadline is June 13 for decision on or before December 31.

MINI-GRANTS

National Art Education Grants: Funds given to art educators whose proposals seek art equipment and/or instructional curriculum resources used to focus on student learning specifically related to the National Visual Arts Standards. Annual [awards](#) up to \$500 each will be awarded to selected art educators whose proposals meet these guidelines. Grants are also given to projects that promote the teaching of art. Teaching of art includes, but is not limited to, the instructional process, curriculum, student learning, student assessment, classroom behavior, management, or other practices relating to instructional interaction and the achievement of student learning. Proposals are limited to a maximum of \$2,500 per grant.

The **Kids In Need Foundation**, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free school supplies to economically disadvantaged school children and underfunded teachers, is accepting [applications](#) from K-12 teachers for grants to support classroom projects. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to educators for projects that strengthen creativity, critical thinking skills and/or core knowledge by engaging students in the learning process. Grant awards are based on the creativity of the projects being proposed. Typically, 300 to 600 grants are awarded each year. All certified K-12 teachers in the United States are eligible. Grant applications are available online each year from July 15 until September 30.



GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

New York City Government Resources. Visit [nyc.gov](#) for a complete [list of resources](#) available through the City of New York.

New York City Pre-K Programs. Families with children born in 2010 are invited to apply to free public school and community-based [pre-kindergarten \(pre-K\) programs](#) for the 2014-15 school year. The [NYC Department of Education's Pre-K Directory](#) is available online, at [Enrollment Offices](#), and at public elementary schools with pre-K programs. The application deadline for public school pre-K programs is April 23; families may apply [online](#) or at an

Enrollment Office. Community-based organization (CBO) pre-K programs have ongoing application processes, and families should contact CBOs directly to inquire about admissions policies and to apply. For more information, families should call 718-935-2009.

Apply Online For School Meals. ACCESS NYC offers the online application for School Meals. You can now [apply online](#) for the school meals program. It is simple, secure, and convenient. Additionally, you can submit one School Meals application for all your children even if they attend different schools.

CUNY and the **NYC Department of Education (DOE)** have collaborated to create the [NYC College Line](#), an Internet directory of NYC-based college access and support programs that help New Yorkers prepare for, get into, and complete college. Whether you are a high school student seeking tips and tools to guide your college search, a college student on the hunt for internships, a caregiver looking to help a student, or an advising professional looking for upcoming workshops in your area, NYC College Line is designed to help parents, students and student advisors alike access the right resources quickly.

NEW YORK STATE

Need Help Paying for Child Care?

Low-income families are eligible for [financial assistance](#) if they need childcare to work, look for work, or attend employment training. There are three different types of offices or agencies that can help you with your child care needs. Each type is further explained within the specific topic they cover.

School Innovation Fund Grant (SIF) Round 3: Announcement of Funding Opportunity

The purposes of the [School Innovation Fund](#) are to increase high school graduation, college and career readiness of high school graduates, college persistence and college graduation rates by increasing the availability of new high quality seats for students at most risk for dropout, disengagement and poor academic performance. Through this grant application, NYSED seeks to identify Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and key partner organizations that are jointly committed to the rigorous work required to redesign and turnaround schools into high performing, high quality organizations.

Resources for Working Families. New York State agencies and departments have many [resources](#) available to help working families make ends meet.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of Education Discretionary Grant Competitions

[List](#) of currently open grant competitions, topics range from Special Education to Charter School Enhancement

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** and other federal agencies provide [grants, benefit programs for individuals and families, loans, and contracting opportunities](#).

Special Notice to Federal Grant Seekers: All Federal grant seekers must register their organization in the new System for Acquisition Management (SAM), which has replaced the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). If you are looking to apply for a Federal grant, [double check your organization's record in SAM](#) to confirm that all of its information was correctly migrated into the new system. To register in SAM, you will need to have your organization's Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number. If you already have a DUNS number, the full registration process in SAM can take 3-5 days. If you don't have a DUNS number, you can obtain one at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> . Assistance with the SAM system is available via the [Federal Service Desk](#) at or via phone at 866-606-8220 (toll free) or 334-206-7828 (internationally).



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RECYouth: REEL Education for Youth

Have a story to tell? How about expressing your thoughts through a movie, song or animation of your own creation? [RECYouth](#) is a multimedia extracurricular program where you'll learn video and audio production, photography, and graphic design while encouraging your creative expression. RECYouth is free and open to all New York City teens who meet the following criteria: Age 14-17 at start of program; Recreation Center member (membership is free to youth 17 and under); committed to length of program; interested in multimedia, arts or digital technology; able to work independently and in a group. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, however early registration is encouraged. Please email recyouth@parks.nyc.gov or call (212) 255-3066 for a current RECYouth class schedule and to request an application.

Free Arts NYC teen arts program/internships

High school students (grades 9-12) complete [internships](#) at Free Arts NYC's office. Mentored by a dedicated staff supervisor, they learn basic office skills and gain work experience supporting programs, fundraising and materials coordination in the art room. Summer Internship (August): the deadline to apply is July 15.

The [National Girls Collaborative Project](#) works to strengthen the capacity of girl-serving STEM programs to effectively reach and serve underrepresented girls in STEM. To assist programs to reach girls with disabilities, the NGCP website now includes a [comprehensive listing of disability resources](#) including: links to publications, resources and organizations focused on including, advocating for and serving youth with disabilities. This resource is organized into three groups: K-12 Education, Higher Education and Career Information.

Centers for Disease Control Immunization Schedules for Infants and Children

In easy-to-read formats, [check the schedule](#) for the age or age range when each vaccine or series of shots is recommended. Or create a personalized schedule that shows the recommended dates for your child.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Harlem Educational Activities Fund

Attention middle school and high school students in Harlem who want to go to college. To [apply](#) to this afterschool program, you must currently attend a NYC public or parochial school; have a strong desire to attend a four-year college or university; and have a minimum GPA of 80% (see website for full details). The program accepts applications from current students in grades five through 10 (students may only apply to the program between the final semester of the fifth grade year and the final semester of the tenth grade year). HEAF, 2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10027.

NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students benefit from financial programs administered by HESC. [Grants, scholarships and awards](#) come from several sources, including the college, New York State and the Federal government. Other sources include funding from corporations, unions, trust funds, religious and fraternal organizations, and other associations.