



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

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To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Updates from the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

- Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program—Questions Deadline: 11/12/14, Application Deadline: 12/15/14
- Open Enrollment through Access Health CT begins 11/15/14
- National Endowment of the Arts: Big Read Grant Application—Deadline 1/28/15
- Sign up for Updates from the Governor
- Nonprofit Toolkit Resource Being Created—Send Suggestions

**NONPROFIT COLLABORATION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM—DEADLINE
FOR QUESTIONS NOVEMBER 12, 3:00 P.M.**

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is accepting applications for the Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program (NCIP). Applications for funding under this program are due **not later than 3:00 p.m. on December 15, 2014**. The purpose of the NCIP is to provide grants for one-time infrastructure costs to implement consolidations of programs and services resulting from the collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations. The goal of the NCIP is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services through consolidations and collaborations between and among nonprofit providers currently providing services in Connecticut. The program will distribute grants to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for:

- the purchase of, or improvement to facilities;
- refinancing of facility loans;
- equipment purchases;
- energy conservation; transportation and technology projects; and
- relocation expenses related to physical consolidation of the collaboration

The current amount of available funding is \$1,273,079 for new projects. The minimum grant amount for a project is \$25,000.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are a collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations providing services in Connecticut. Each participating organization of the collaboration must be designated as a 501(c)(3) by the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Services (IRS). Organizations and/or subcontractors that have received funding in previous rounds of the NCIP are eligible for funding.

Questions and answers regarding Program Guidelines and Application Instructions and the Application Form:

Potential applicants can submit questions related to these Program Guidelines and Application Instructions and the Application Form to the Official State Contact through mail or e-mail. The questions must be received by the Official State Contact **not later than 3:00 p.m. on November 12, 2014**. These questions and the related answers will be posted on [OPM's website](#) and [DAS website](#) not later than 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2014.

Application Deadline:

Applications for funding under this program are due to the following address **not later than 3:00 p.m. on December 15, 2014:**

Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
c/o Pamela Trotman (Official Contact) MS#52HHS
E-mail: pamela.trotman@ct.gov

Grant Award Amounts: Minimum grant amount is \$25,000

Important Changes to the NCIP RFA:

Organizations and/or subcontractors that have received funding in previous rounds of the Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Program are now eligible to submit an application for this RFA or any other NCIP RFA that may be released in the future. Applicants applying for Facility Purchase, Facility Improvement, or Facility Loan Refinancing Projects are no longer required to file a lien on the property to be purchased, improved, or refinanced.

Related Documents (Links will open PDF):

- [Notice of RFA with IMPORTANT CHANGES](#)
- [Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and Application Instructions](#)
- [Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program Application](#)

For more information, contact:

Pamela Trotman

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HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH ACCESS HEALTH CT: OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 15, 2014

The Governor's Office, in partnership with Access Health CT, the Connecticut Insurance Department and the State of Connecticut Office of the Healthcare Advocate, was pleased to sponsor a series of sessions on "Healthcare Options for Nonprofit Organizations."

The next Open Enrollment period through Access Health CT begins on November 15, 2014 for coverage beginning 2015.

The following materials from the sessions are available in PDF format. Send a request for materials to Brandon Cirillo, Public Policy Intern to the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison, by emailing him at Brandon.Cirillo@ct.gov

- Combined presentation from Access Health CT and State of CT Office of the Healthcare Advocate – 10/21, 10/22, 10/23 & 10/28
- Presentation from CT Insurance Department– 10/21, 10/22, 10/23 & 10/28
- Presentation from eBenefits (Broker Representative – 10/21 & 10/23 sessions)
- Presentation from Schuster Driscoll (Broker Representative – 10/22 & 10/28 sessions)

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR "BIG READ" GRANT

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications for the "Big Read" grant. The Big Read program is designed to restore reading to American culture. A report by NEA found that not only is literary reading in America declining rapidly among all groups, but

that the rate of decline has accelerated, especially among our youth. The Big Read provides organizations with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to inspire their community to read. Additional information can be found at their website:

<http://www.neabigread.org/>

Deadline: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 5:00pm
Eligible applicants: Literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations
Grant award amounts: \$2,500 – \$20,000
Background: [Guidelines](#) for applying

Additional application information and assistance can be found by contacting:

Riju Das, Research & Outreach Aide
Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal
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RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

Sign up for media releases from Governor Malloy's press office to keep up with the latest news and announcements: <http://www.ct.gov/malloy/guestaccount/login.asp>

NONPROFIT TOOLKIT RESOURCE BEING CREATED

Brandon Cirillo, Public Policy Intern to the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison, is currently creating a "Nonprofit Toolkit" resource for nonprofit organizations in Connecticut for centralized information about bonding from various state agencies, uniform licensing, offerings from the Department of Administrative Services as well as from the Department of Economic and Community Development, and links to useful content pages such as the CT Open Data Portal.

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see included, please contact him:

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MAILING LIST

To be included on the Nonprofit Liaison's mailing list, send an e-mail to Amy Tibor at Amy.Tibor@ct.gov or call Amy at (860) 418-6287.

- Nonprofit Liaison mailing list – receive occasional alerts, news briefings and updates
- The Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services mailing list – receive news about the work of the Cabinet including meeting announcements and materials

MEETING WITH YOU

I welcome the opportunity to meet with your associations and your boards of directors. You can contact me at Terry.Edelstein@ct.gov to arrange a visit.

CHECK THE NONPROFIT LIAISON'S WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFO

Check for updates affecting nonprofit providers on the Nonprofit Liaison website:
<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?a=3997&q=512660>

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