

FORECAST OF 2008 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORING

This is intended as a "best guess" estimate of what grants may be available for mentoring. The federal agencies themselves will make the final determination on whether and when grant competitions take place. MENTOR will disseminate any grant competition notices on these funding streams through the Advocacy Network. However, we also encourage you to register for Grants.gov to ensure you get notifications from the federal agencies as well.

*** US Department of Education's (ED) Mentoring Programs grants:** This program received nearly \$50 million for 2008. Approximately \$30 million will be used to support the second year of funding for the 2007 grantees, and ED uses a small portion of the funding for training and technical assistance and research. That leaves approximately \$17.5 million for new grants. It is unclear if ED will run a new grant competition or if they will award new grants from unfunded but highly scoring applicants from last year's grant competition.

*** US Department of Health and Human Services' Mentoring for Children of Prisoners program:** This program received nearly \$50 million for 2008. All of the available funding is expected to be used for the second and third years of the grants awarded 2007 and 2006, respectively. Therefore, we do not anticipate that there will be a new grant competition for this program.

However, HHS has selected MENTOR to run a new demonstration project for mentoring children of prisoners, in which children of the incarcerated will be referred to pre-screened mentoring programs. Mentoring programs will receive \$1000 over the course of a year to support each mentoring match. Later this month, MENTOR will announce how mentoring organizations can apply to join this initiative. In the meantime, please visit <http://www.mentoring.org/vouchers/> for more information.

*** US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Youth Mentoring Grants:** Congress included \$70 million for a "competitive program of youth mentoring grants" in the FY2008 appropriations bill. As this is not an authorized program, we don't yet know much about how the funds will be awarded. It is likely that the majority of the funds will be used for national projects, but at least a portion of the money should be available to local organizations through a grant competition. We recommend that interested organizations register at www.grants.gov, as the registration process can take a few weeks and it will likely be required to apply for this funding opportunity.

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