

## Funding Opportunities: Children/Youth

The following is a list of funds currently available or upcoming grant competitions with resources targeted to children and youth. Each announcement provides a website or contact person for more information.

### Help Feed Mind and Body with the FREE Summer Meal Program Vikings Children's Fund – Summer Food Service Program Grant

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) –The Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund, Second Harvest Heartland, Hunger Solutions Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Education are working together to expand participation and increase the number of meals served to children through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Learn how you can become a site or a sponsor by reading the information on the [SFSP Webpage](#) or contact Jenny Butcher at 651-582-8543 or 800-366-8922.

Both SFSP Sponsors and meal sites are eligible to apply for these grant funds to support the growth of SFSP in their area. There are two grant applications – one for expanding existing programs and the other for new sponsors and sites. Community organizations are encouraged to work with local schools or the Minnesota Department of Education to explore providing meals for low-income children at summer programs.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota is accepting and processing applications for this grant on a first-come, first-serve basis. The grant forms may be found as PDF documents on the [Hunger Solutions web site](#). Link - <http://www.hungersolutions.org/vikings-childrens-fund-summer-lunch-program> (check the bottom of the web page)

### HOMELESS PROGRAM FUNDING

The MN Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has released their Request for Proposals for Homeless Program Funding. The RFP includes funding for five activity areas within homeless programming which are-street outreach, drop-in center, homeless prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing/youth transitional living programs and youth supportive housing. Agencies that provide any of these services to homeless youth (age range is 0-21 years old) are eligible to apply for this funding as well as agencies that provide services to homeless families and/or single adults.

More information on this funding opportunity and other related grants is available on the Department of Human Services website: [www.dhs.state.mn.us](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us) in the "grants and RFPs" area. If you have questions regarding this RFP please contact Beth Holger-Ambrose ([beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us](mailto:beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us)) or Pat Leary ([pat.leary@state.mn.us](mailto:pat.leary@state.mn.us)). Applications for this funding are due on April 23rd.

## JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS OPENING FOR APPLICATION

The state Office of Justice Programs, Dept of Public Safety, anticipates releasing a Request for Proposals sometime in May to award approximately \$10 million of federal Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds to local jurisdictions and \$6 million to state agencies. This is one time, two year funding with a primary goal of hiring/rehiring/maintaining employees. The purpose of the JAG program is to reduce or prevent crime through support of all components of the criminal justice system and by improving the functioning of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grants will be awarded for the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment for offenders.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

These funds are available as part of the federal Recovery Act. See our website for updates:

<http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/stimulus.htm>

Grant reviewers: To sign up to review grants in these categories go to:

[http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/stimulus/Reviewer\\_signup.doc](http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/stimulus/Reviewer_signup.doc)

## WIA Youth Recovery Act Funding

The Recovery Act provides a supplement to the 2008 formula funding that Minnesota received through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). WIA specifies that funds for employment and training activities be distributed to local Workforce Service Areas (WSAs) for the delivery of youth services.

**Eligibility:** Youth who are eligible for services under the Recovery Act include those who are:

- \* not less than age 14 and not more than age 24
- \* a low-income individual, and
- \* an individual who is one or more of the following:
  - Deficient in basic literacy skills
  - School Dropout
  - Homeless, runaway or foster child
  - Pregnant or teen parent
  - Offender
  - An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment.

**For more information:** For information about Minnesota's implementation of the WIA Youth Recovery Act, visit [www.positivelyminnesota.com/youth](http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/youth).