Funding Opportunities

December 2011 Deadlines

Title	**Giving with Gratitude**
Funding Source	Tastefully Simple
Description	From the day our doors opened in 1995, Tastefully Simple has placed a very high value on giving back to our community. Over the years, we've been blessed and proud to donate more than $5 million to charitable organizations in our area. Focus Areas: Strengthening Families, Empowerment of Women, Entrepreneurship, Environment, and Arts & Culuture. The organization should also be located within one of the following Minnesota counties: Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Todd, Pope or Stearns. Primary consideration is given to organizations located within Douglas County.
Focus	Strengthening the environment.
Website	http://media.tastefullysimple.com/TSWeb/PDF/GivingWithGratitude/CharitableGivingApplication2011.pdf
Due Date	December 1st for requests over $2,500
Title	**11-575 NSF Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellows**
Funding Source	National Science Foundation
Description	lead to environmental, energy and societal sustainability while creating the necessary workforce to address these challenges. The program's emphasis is to facilitate investigations that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries and address issues of sustainability through a systems approach. The Fellow's proposed investigation should be interdisciplinary and allow him/her to obtain research experience beyond his/her current core disciplinary expertise. The overall proposal should reflect the PI's own research interests and professional goals presented in relationship to overall impact on science, engineering and education for sustainability. Fellows who encounter any life-changing situation (e.g. birth or adoption of a child, death of family member) during the period of the award will be encouraged to discuss family-friendly resolutions with the cognizant program officer.
Focus	Build innovation in sustainability through a systems approach.
Website	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=QJWqT6BfnsyPRpLhXJp5FLggK2kQy4CMKJk1f3YfD01yQfNwJgw0!-271650999?oppId=117400&mode=VIEW
Due Date	Dec 05, 2011 Full Proposal Deadline(s): December 05, 2011 First Monday in December, Annually Thereafter
Title	**20111201-PF Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**
Funding Source	National Endowment for the Humanities
Description	Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting preventive conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. To preserve and ensure continued access to such collections, institutions must implement preventive conservation measures, which encompass managing relative humidity, temperature, light and pollutants in collection spaces; providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections; and safeguarding collections from theft and from natural and man-made disasters. To help institutions develop sound preventive conservation projects, NEH encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary planning, which is important for identifying sustainable strategies. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections offers two kinds of awards: grants for planning and for implementation.

Focus	Help cultural institutions develop preventive conservation projects, including energy efficiency measures
Website	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=5wzvT6BBGJNlh1r3pRYCQZwG0Tlr0rGWHjG4mLnfSX013nyPTCr7!-271650999?oppId=120613&mode=VIEW
Due Date	Thursday, December 01, 2011
Title	**11-574 Sustainability Research Networks Competition**
Funding Source	National Science Foundation
Description	The goal of the Sustainability Research Networks (SRN) competition is to support the development and coalescence of entities to advance collaborative research that addresses questions and challenges in sustainability science, engineering, and education. SRNs will link scientists, engineers, and educators at existing institutions, centers, and networks and will also develop new research efforts and collaborations. Each SRN network will be built upon an ambitious and nationally important sustainability theme. Proposed SRNs are expected to be multi-dimensional with regard to disciplines; and address fundamental issues that are likely to yield significant new understanding and knowledge.
Focus	Enhance development and research of Sustainable Research Networks that address sustainability science, engineering, and education
Website	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=5wzvT6BBGJNlh1r3pRYCQZwG0Tlr0rGWHjG4mLnfSX013nyPTCr7!-271650999?oppId=117395&mode=VIEW
Due Date	Apr 01, 2012 Preliminary Proposal (required) (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time): December 01, 2011 Full Proposal: April 01, 2012
Title	**"America's Next Top Energy Innovator" Challenge**
Funding Source	U.S. Department of Energy
Description	The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has launched the "America's Next Top Energy Innovator" challenge, which offers start-up companies the ability to license, at a reduced rate of $1000, technologies developed by the national laboratories. As part of the program, DOE is reducing both the cost and paperwork requirements for start-up companies to license one of the more than 15,000 unlicensed patents and patent applications currently held by the national laboratories.
Focus	start-up companies, licensing
Website	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=508
Due Date	December 15, 2011.
Title	**66.516 -- P3 Award: National Student Design Competition for Sustainability**
Funding Source	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description	The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Awards program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the planet, and improved quality of life for its people--people, prosperity, and the planet: the three pillars of sustainability.
Focus	Innovative projects on sustainability
Website	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6Jl6TTGGFy01fgCDD0YvbzLhsQW2jVFlphRgdxf49J394vWxM1vQ!-1853425174?oppId=125933&mode=VIEW
Due Date	Thursday, December 22, 2011