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Grants Inventory Program Offered free to all Counties

The State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) is pleased to announce the Grants Inventory Program, providing grants resources to you to help your county and your constituents.

In the 2006 session, the Legislature passed **ESB 5330** asking CTED to develop an inventory of grant opportunities available for state and local governments and community organizations engaged in economic development in Washington.

CTED invites you to participate in a multi-year pilot grants program aimed at helping state and local government and community organizations secure both private and public grant monies to support local economic development efforts. Your participation entitles you to:

1. **A free three-year online subscription to GrantStation**, which provides grants information about federal, state and private funding, as well as online training on grant seeking, technical assistance, and grant writing. These subscriptions are being awarded to 1,000 CTED-designated government and community organizations including all Washington cities, ports, counties, tribes, ADOs, workforce development councils, and some other entities engaged in economic development, including state agencies. It will also include at least one public library per county so that community organizations and the general public will have access. Value of this three-year subscription is \$1,797.

If you provide contact information, we will forward your contact data to GrantStation who will send you a welcome email with an ID and password to use their grant resources. **If you subscribe, you may share the resources with others**, including all staff, though only one person can use them at a time (you will have one ID and password). You may use the resources from any Internet computer--at work, at home, or anywhere. **If you want the free subscription, let me know. I will need the name of your agency and division, a contact person, title, the person's email address, phone, city, and your web site.**

2. **GrantStation Insider Weekly E-mail Alerts**, which provides you with information about new federal and private funding opportunities as well as trainings, conferences and other funding news. You will receive this newsletter automatically whether or not you register for the GrantStation subscription. Just click on the unsubscribe button at the end of any newsletter if you wish not to receive the weekly alert.
3. **Self-Guided Search for Services, Grants and Loans** available via www.choosewashington.com. This searchable online inventory includes summaries of many different types of grants and loans available through CTED as well as online links for expanded information. You'll also find contact information for the program experts. Click on the "Guided Search for Services, Grants & Loans" link on the CTED website (near the top of the page view).

CTED will continue to enhance the benefits of this program. We're in the process of developing additional grants inventory resources and capacity-building resources which will be available free to anyone via the CTED website www.choosewashington.com. Resources will include an inventory with links to all Washington State agency grants and loans (now available in the state section of GrantStation through CTED's public/private partnership with them).

For more information about the Grants Inventory Program, contact Tina Roose, Resource Development Manager, CTED Grant & Loan Services, tinar@cted.wa.gov.

For more about GrantStation: www.grantstation.com. Toll free phone: 1-877-784-7268.

More details from Tina Roose:

GrantStation has online database/s that provide grants information about federal, state and private funding. They cover all subjects. Their state section is where our Washington data is listed. They also have a weekly email grant alert which CTED will be co-branding with them. On their website they also have training on how to use the database as well as many articles on all aspects of fund raising and grant seeking.

Once registered, GrantStation will send a welcome email with an ID and password which may be shared with all staff and county officials, though only one person can use them at a time. GrantStation usually sends the email with ID and password within 24 hours of my asking.

Training

January 25 and January 28 the president of GrantStation, Cindy Adams, will be here at CTED in Olympia to provide a free half day (10-2) orientation/training workshop on how to use GrantStation to help secure funds. This is a basic introduction to using GrantStation resources to help with grant seeking. Cindy has decades of experience with grant resources and enthusiastically shares her expertise.

Cindy will do the session twice--once on Friday, January 25 and again on Monday, January 28. Location: Raad Building, 5th floor--at CTED, 128 10th Ave SW, Olympia (corner of 10th and Columbia).

Please let me know soon if you'd like to attend this basic orientation/training on either date.

If you cannot attend either of these sessions, there is an online tutorial on the GrantStation web site. Feel free to contact GrantStation staff with questions about their resources or grant seeking. Toll free phone: 1-877-784-7268. Email: clientsupport@grantstation.com

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Feel free to tell colleagues in other parts of state or local government. Thanks so much,

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