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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TUNNEL TRAINING YIELDS BIG BENEFITS



If the purpose of shared emergency drills is to improve response, the early October Liberty Tunnel Drill in Pittsburgh served its purpose, and then some.

PennDOT's Tunnel Maintenance and Operations personnel and the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Fire conducted three separate drills over a 12-hour period. The event also included participation from the county 911 system, PennDOT's Regional Traffic Management Center staff, SPC Planning, and the U.S. Coast Guard's exercise team.

A mock incident involving multiple vehicles and a mock fire gave firefighters and PennDOT tunnel personnel a chance to practice and improve response activities, including coordinating communications, traffic control, and actual fire suppression. Fire Chief Darryl Jones was on hand at the opening of the events, conducted in two-hour blocks to give three separate groups of firefighters the chance to engage with tunnel folks and one another in an environment many were not familiar with. While one crew responded in the outbound tube, another crew was at the inbound end and conducted search and rescue tasks, including rescuing a woman sleeping with her dog in an abandoned car.

For many on both sides of the equation, it was a unique opportunity to learn about how to approach, fight, and survive a similar response in the future. For many firefighters, it was the first time they had ever been inside the tunnel for "work," and many said the familiarity with the facility will pay dividends in the future.



Has your department been trained? If not, get in touch with us and get it scheduled! TIM Training is an essential part of any responder agency's training plan and is a great indoor option when the weather doesn't cooperate! For more information contact Josh Spano at jspano@spcregion.org

The Bureau of Fire is working on a standardized approach that will use new knowledge and skills to make quicker work of the dangerous tasks to which they are entrusted.

For PennDOT, recent modifications and upgrades to tunnel emergency systems got a workout, as did personnel who work with responders in response activities. A new wrinkle was a portable high-velocity fan pull-along that drew smoke from more than a half mile away from the inbound tunnel portal.

City Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich was on hand for the finale of the third exercise shift in the early morning hours, and told firefighters, "You will get your SOP."

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Grant Calendar

As always, we are happy to provide you with an updated list of funding sources that could *potentially* benefit your organization. We've organized this list to put the most immediate grant opportunities first, but **always check the organization websites** for deadlines and other important information.



AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL

DUE: Annual deadlines are January 15 and May 15

WEBSITE: <https://www.ameriprise.com/financial-planning/about/community-relations/grant-making/>



Priority is given to applications where there is active volunteer engagement of Ameriprise advisors and employees. Applications will be considered for the following program areas:

- Meeting Basic Needs: Hunger, Shelter, and Adult Self-Sufficiency
- Supporting Community Vitality
- Community Development, Cultural Enrichment, and **Disaster Relief and Recovery Volunteer-Driven Causes**

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

DUE: January 31, 2020 3:00 PM EST

WEBSITE: <https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>

FOCUS: Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant



FEMA

Grants to USA state, territory, and tribal governments to plan and implement natural hazard mitigation strategies. Applicants are advised to complete the required registrations at least four weeks prior to the deadline. The purpose of this program is to reduce the overall risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.

ERIE INSURANCE COMPANY

Due Date: 2020 deadlines are February 10, May 8, July 24, and September 18

Website: <https://www.erieinsurance.com/givingnetwork/funding-guidelines>



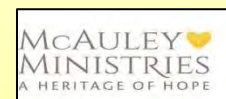
Erie believes in investing in its communities and in the lives of others in three key focus areas - Community Building, **Safety**, and Environmental Responsibility. Your agency can submit a funding request under \$10,000 for consideration at any time.

MCAULEY MINISTRIES

Due Date: Major Grants Letter of Interest Due February 7, 2020

Outreach Grants Due May 8th and August 7th, 2020

Website: <http://mcauleyministries.org/what-we-fund/overview/>



McAuley Ministries serves in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming, healing presence. McAuley commits resources and works collaboratively to promote healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Focus areas are health & wellness, community & economic development, education, capacity building, legacy, and special initiatives.

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EXPRESS SCRIPTS

DUE: February, May, August, November

WEBSITE: <https://www.express-scripts.com/corporate/node/466>



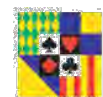
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Initiatives should focus on **disaster relief**, helping children and families in need, access to medical and health services, services for U.S. troops, pharmacy education, and education for underserved youth.

PENN NATIONAL GAMING FOUNDATION (PNGF)

DUE: April 1, July 1, October 1

WEBSITE: <https://www.pngaming.com/community>



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GAMING, INC.

Funding is intended for community development, human services, education, cultural affairs and diversity, and health. Foundation grants shall generally fall in the following categories:

- **Community Development:** Projects and programs related to community infrastructure improvements, public safety, economic development, housing, historic preservations, citizen involvement, civic leadership training, and other general community activities.
- **Education:** Programs which support pre-school, elementary, secondary education, post-secondary education, and special education programs.
- **Human Services:** Programs which address the needs of children and youth, senior citizens, and disadvantaged populations, especially in times of natural or man-made disaster.
- **Cultural Affairs and Diversity:** Programs and facilities designed to foster an understanding, appreciation, and celebration of different cultures and encourage participation among individuals of different cultures and belief systems.
- **Health:** Local health and medical-related programs.

DELTA AIRLINES

DUE: Refer to website for more information

WEBSITE: <https://public.conxport.com/delta/donation/home.aspx>



Delta continually strives to be a respected community partner in the neighborhoods where its employees do business and live. Through the Delta Air Lines Sponsorship & Promotional Marketing areas, Delta seeks partnership opportunities that will increase brand awareness and loyalty, generate revenue, communicate customer benefits and new Delta products/services, and support positive community involvement.

SCHNEIDER FOUNDATION

DUE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: <https://schneider.com/about-schneider/corporate-social-responsibility>



Funding may be awarded for capital campaigns, **disaster relief**, memorial funds for associates or family members, and customer and vendor requests. The Foundation will consider requests for a host of resources including:

- Direct contributions
- Volunteer time for programs, board memberships and projects
- Services such as transportation, facilities, and equipment
- In-kind contributions such as used equipment and company store items

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CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION

DUE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: <https://www.challengedathletes.org/programs/operation-rebound/>



CAF provides grants to USA **first responders**, military personnel, and veterans with disabilities for sports and fitness programs that enhance their physical and mental well-being. The funding source supports programs that provide opportunities for community re-integration for personnel who have a permanent illness or physical injury that affects their mobility. The CAF Operation Rebound program is for active duty United States military, veterans and **first responders** who have served honorably. The Foundation aims to distribute meaningful grants that will make a difference in their pursuit of physical fitness and sports.

Each person may submit a request in any or all different categories:

- 1. Equipment Grant
- 2. Coaching/Training Grant
- 3. Competition/Travel Grant

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

DUE: Refer to website for more information

WEBSITE: https://www.southwest.com/assets/pdfs/southwest-difference/southwest-citizenship/charitable_guidelines_charitable_giving_190923.pdf



Funding consists of donations of complimentary, roundtrip travel to approved organizations for fundraising or transportation purposes. Southwest Airlines is especially interested in supporting organizations that serve their communities within its areas of strategic focus. These areas of focus include: Placemaking, Families Facing Serious Illness, Military and their Families, **Disaster Preparedness and Response**, and the Environment.

SHELL OIL COMPANY

DUE: Refer to website for more information

WEBSITE: <https://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html>



Focus areas for funding are:

- **Community:**

Focus on civic and human needs in the community while promoting healthy lifestyles, major and cultural arts that promote access to under-served students and communities, and **disaster relief efforts**. Shell funds a broad array of community outreach projects ranging from local neighborhood improvement efforts to **regional nonprofit organizations**.

- **Education:**

Focus on energy awareness with special publics, increasing interest in technical careers among students and professional development in science and math among educators. Shell supports K-12 programs that boost math and science skills, as well as university programs that aid engineering and geoscience students and departments.

- **Environment:**

Focus on biodiversity initiatives with support to programs that restore critical ecosystems, address water, air quality research, preserve wetlands and sponsor wetlands initiatives.

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FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (FFCF)

DUE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: <https://www.fluor.com/sustainability/community/fluor-giving/applying-for-fluor-grants>



Grants to USA organizations and **fire departments to respond to fires and disasters and offer assistance to victims.** Individuals impacted by a fire or disaster may also apply for financial assistance. Organizations may request funding for services to victims, as well as educational programs. **Fire departments may request funding for equipment, supplies, maintenance, repairs, educational programs, and aid to fire victims.**

JETBLUE AIRLINES

DUE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: <https://www.jetblue.com/jetblue-for-good/giving>



JetBlue supports giving in the areas of youth and education, community and the environment, and continues to encourage customers, crewmembers and business partners to become advocates for charitable giving in the communities it serves.

SPIRIT AIRLINES

DUE: Ongoing

WEBSITE: <https://customersupport.spirit.com/hc/en-us/articles/202097916-How-can-I-request-a-donation->



Spirit Airlines is committed to giving back to the community it serves and is pleased to contribute to worthy causes. Spirit's primary focus is on events in the Health/Medical fields, Education and Military.

TRANSCANADA

DUE: Refer to website for more information

WEBSITE: <https://www.tcenergy.com/community-investment/>



Program areas include education and training, environment, community, and **safety**. The funding source supports activities, initiatives, and events that generate community engagement, make a positive community impact, and offer TransCanada employee engagement opportunities.

- **Community:** TransCanada is committed to helping build strong, vibrant communities where families and local businesses can thrive. TransCanada partners with community organizations to help bring people together, develop local leadership and engage community members.
- **Education and Training:** TransCanada supports education and training initiatives in the communities where it does business to help build community capacity, develop the next generation of community leaders, and provide a skilled workforce for TransCanada's industry.
- **Environment:** Throughout the communities where TransCanada lives and work across North America, it partners with national and local organizations to help conserve natural habitats, protect species at-risk and promote the importance of a healthy environment.
- **Safety:** In communities throughout North America, TransCanada supports initiatives that help emergency personnel respond to local needs and familiarize themselves with its operations so they can effectively respond should an incident occur.

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GIANT EAGLE



Due Date: See website for details

Website: <https://www.gianteagle.com/about-us/in-your-community>

Annually, Giant Eagle, its Team Members and Customers contribute to communities through a variety of means. These include sponsorships and direct donations, product support and volunteer commitment. Focus areas are hunger relief, health & wellness, education and community enrichment.

STAUNTON FARM FOUNDATION



Due Date: Letters of Interest are accepted year-round

Applications are accepted June 1st for Fall decision & December 1st for Spring decision

Website: <https://www.stauntonfarm.org/how-to-apply/>

The Staunton Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of people who live with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The Foundation works to enhance behavioral health treatment and support by advancing best practices through grant making to non-profit organizations in ten southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

LAUREL FOUNDATION

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Due Date: April 1 for June decision; October 1 for December decision

Website: <http://laurelfdn.org/apply/>

Concentrating its grantmaking primarily in Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania, the principal funding areas include arts and culture, environment and conservation, vocational education, and community development and beautification.

JEFFERSON REGIONAL FOUNDATION



Due Date: See website for details

WEBSITE: <https://jeffersonrf.org/apply-for-grant/>

The mission of the Jefferson Regional Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of the community served by Jefferson Hospital through grantmaking, education and outreach. The Foundation will serve the community with integrity and transparency.

ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION

Roy A Hunt Foundation



Due Date: See website for details

Website: <https://rahuntdn.org/our-approach/>

Since inception, the Hunt Foundation mission has been to support organizations that strive to improve the quality of life through proposals invited by the trustees and through the Foundation's three main special initiatives. The foundation strives to make an impact in many facets of the community – from building stronger networks for healthy, thriving neighborhoods to working toward a greener, cleaner environment – and believes in the importance of strong leadership, community-driven partnerships, and innovative ideas.

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COLCOM FOUNDATION

Due Date: See website for details

Website: <http://colcomfdn.org/interests/>

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Colcom Foundation directs community grantmaking to programs that enhance Pittsburgh's vitality and livability. Examples include programs to enhance parks and trails, expand public gardens and streetscapes, create and maintain art for public spaces, provide environmental education, and sustain recreational facilities.

DSF CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Due Date: See website for details

Website: <http://www.dsfcf.org/aboutus/>



DSF Charitable Foundation

The Foundation seeks to promote excellence in three program areas: Health, Human Services, and Education. The grant program focuses on southwestern Pennsylvania, primarily Pittsburgh, where the Foundation is based.

*That's all for this edition of Responder\$. To reach us please contact
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Look for our next edition in the Spring, and until then STAY SAFE!