

HELP FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGING TIMES

Entry level staff available through L.A. County's youth and senior citizen employment programs

Are you short on staff but need help with front desk reception, box office, ushering and other entry level office duties? If you need more hands on deck but are unable to hire additional support staff at this time, consider the following two opportunities for arts organizations to hire youth (ages 14-24) and seniors (55+) through federally funded programs greatly augmented by the stimulus package that place youth and seniors in work sites. More information follows below on the details of each program and how to apply to become a worksite.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Background:

The Los Angeles County WIA Youth Program emphasizes the long-term development of high priority youth -- low income young people ages 14-24 who face barriers to employment -- by helping them connect successfully to the labor market via a network of service providers. To manage the student placement, the Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services Department contracts with 17 sites (listed below) that place youth into work sites. These 17 contractors manage all payroll and administration for the youth workers and they will receive \$15 million from the Federal reinvestment money this year.

Arts organizations can request multiple students, ages 14-24, who can work a maximum of 140 hours. As one participant reaches maximum hours, another student can then be hired in his or her place.

Next Steps:

Organizations interested in becoming a worksite should contact the contractor agency closest to them for more details. Each agency places youth in its geographic region so that students can get to work sites more easily. The 17 contractor agencies below have been mapped out on Google:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&ll=34.117774,-118.318634&spn=0.127336,0.219727&z=12&msid=114756380534291099220.00046672aed80978521da>.

Find the contractor closest to your office location and call the contact person listed to obtain an application to become a worksite.

WIA YOUTH CONTACT LIST

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SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)**Background:**

In response to a critical need to promote employment opportunities for individuals 55 years of age and older, Congress established the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Networking with nonprofit and public agencies, this valuable program provides participants with subsidized on-the-job training experiences to help them learn new job skills necessary in today's workplace. SCSEP's ultimate goal is to equip older workers with skills to enable them to transition into unsubsidized employment.

The County's Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has received a grant from the President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. They are very interested in working more closely with the arts community to provide on-the-job training for seniors (low-income individuals over 55). Arts organizations are eligible to become host agencies.

A senior may remain in a host agency for a maximum of 2 years as a part of SCSEP, and is allowed to be enrolled in the program for a maximum of 4 years. SCSEP pays wages (\$8/hour up to 15 hrs/week), covers workers comp and insurance, and seniors get all county holidays. Vacations and sick leave are not covered.

Next Steps:

To become a host agency organizations must:

- complete a 3 page MOU,
- indicate you can provide a safe working environment,
- train the senior on the job, and
- consider hiring the senior if the opportunity and interest arises.

The new MOU will be available mid-May for the three year period beginning July 2009. It is recommended that a MOU be submitted even if there are no positions just to be in the host site system.

SCSEP will be doing a mass enrollment under this grant within the next 30 days. Arts organizations interested in becoming host agencies may contact:

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Please take advantage of these opportunities!