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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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(Funding Opportunity) African Development Foundation

The United States African Development Foundation provides grants of up to \$250,000 in grants to community groups and small enterprises that benefit underserved and marginalized groups in Africa.

USADF has two major priorities when considering a request for funding a project:

- Does the application represent a project that could provide maximum benefit to an underserved and marginalized population group
- Does the application come from an African community group or organization that represents its own development priorities and includes the participation of the poor in setting project objectives?

#### Organization Requirements

1. The organization must be 100 percent African-owned and managed.
2. The organization must be a legally recognized African entity (or in the process of becoming legally registered. Registration must be completed before any funding may be provided)
3. The organization must demonstrate that it has successfully worked together and has the potential to productively utilize development funds.
4. The ownership and management must be in agreement on the problem to be addressed and have a commitment to benefit their community.
5. The organization must have basic functional management and controls to use and account for USADF funds.

USADF funds in the following countries: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Niger,

Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe Applications can be downloaded from the following website. The website also contains information about country-specific funding requirements and country-specific contact information.

For more go to: <http://www.adf.gov/funding.html>

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(Call for Proposals) National Endowment for Democracy

NED funds only nongovernmental organizations, which may include civic organizations, associations, independent media, and other similar organizations.

NED encourages applications from organizations working in diverse environments including newly established democracies, semi-authoritarian countries, highly repressive societies and countries undergoing democratic transitions.

NED does not make grants to individuals, governmental bodies, or state-supported institutions such as public universities.

NED is interested in proposals from local, independent organizations for nonpartisan programs that seek to:

- Promote and defend human rights and the rule of law
- Support freedom of information and independent media
- Strengthen democratic ideas and values
- Promote accountability and transparency
- Strengthen civil society organizations
- Strengthen democratic political processes and institutions
- Promote civic education
- Support democratic conflict resolution
- Promote freedom of association
- Strengthen a broad-based market economy

NED funds in the following countries and regions: Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Somaliland, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Central Africa Regional, East Africa Regional, Southern Africa Regional, West Africa Regional, Africa Regional

Proposal submission deadline: January 18, 2013 or April 5, 2013.

See website for application requirements and instructions

For more go to: <http://www.ned.org/grantseekers>

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(Resource) Hesperian Health Guides

Hesperian Health Guides is a nonprofit health information and health education source that supports individuals and communities in their struggles to realize the right to health. They develop easy to read materials that are produced in many languages.

Hesperian Health Guides are easy to use, medically accurate, and richly illustrated. They publish 20 titles, spanning women's health, children, disabilities, dentistry, health education, HIV, and environmental health, and distribute many others

These resources include:

- "Where There Is No Doctor"
- "Where Women Have No Doctor"
- "A Book for Midwives"
- "Disabled Village Children"
- "Where There is No Dentist"
- "Helping Children who are Blind"
- "Helping Children who are Deaf"
- "A Community Guide to Environmental Health"
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Hesperian resources are available in English and a few other languages as free PDF downloads. The website also has a list of distributors who provide copies of the

resources in many local languages.

To access these resources go to: <http://hesperian.org/books-and-resources/>

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).

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