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Announcements...

HUD Releases FY 2010 Income Limits

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has just released the estimated median family incomes (MFIs) and income limits for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. MFIs are used as the basis for income limits

in several HUD programs (including the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, CDBG, and HOME programs), as well as in programs run by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Treasury, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and Government Sponsored Enterprises. The FY 2010 estimates are calculated for 535 metropolitan and 2,037 nonmetropolitan areas in the U.S. and its territories, using the Fair Market Rent area definitions applied in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The FY 2010 HUD income estimates and limits, a documentation system that explains the derivation of each area's limit and median income estimates, links to the current Income Limits Area Definitions, and other useful information are available as a free download from HUD USER at <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il10/index.html>.

Conferences and Events...

May 26: Design Review for Officials - APA Audio/Web Training

You are invited to attend a free audio/web conference training session: Design Review for Officials, to be held May 26, from 3 – 4 PM at the City of Chesterfield City Hall. Anyone with an interest in the subject is welcome to attend. Workshop description: A challenging area for communities is how to identify and maintain its desired character. How far should regulation and control go? When should communities rely on voluntary guidelines? What legal considerations should be taken into account as communities establish design review functions. Learn how to create and sustain design review processes that achieve the community's goal and support good planning. Co-sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. RSVP to Kathy Juergens at (636) 537-4761 or kjuergens@chesterfield.mo.us with your name, phone number and e-mail address. There will be 1.5 CM credits awarded for this presentation. The audio/web conference series is sponsored by the APA-St. Louis Metro Section.

June 2 - 3: Organizing a Downtown Revitalization Program

Missouri Main Street Connection Training in Washington, Mo.

Anyone beginning the process of organizing a not-for-profit downtown revitalization group can benefit from this training. Gain tools to apply the Main Street Approach® to revitalization, how to recruit board members and committee members, raise funds, prepare Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and develop strategic plans and budgets. Presenters are Norma Ramírez de Miess of the National Main Street Center and Gayla Roten, State Director of Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC). The two-day workshop will be held in Washington, Mo., June 2–3. Registration form and details are available at www.momainstreet.org/images/pdfs/June2010workshopregistration.pdf.

June 3: Certified Sustainable Products Summit

Market Transformation to Sustainability (MTS), a non-profit based in Washington, DC. is holding a free certified sustainable products summit at the GSA offices in St. Louis on Thursday, June 3, from 9 AM - noon. A continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM. Presentations include: Sustainability: What is it, and Why is it Important?; Identifying and Addressing the Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainability; Executive Order 13514: An Added Challenge and Opportunity; Sustainable Products Standards and Certifications; and SMaRT Sustainable Products Standard and Certification. The summit features both national and local presenters. This free summit will be held at the Robert A. Young Federal Building, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis. RSVP to mts@sustainableproducts.com or (202) 338-3131.

June 3: National Summit of Rural America: A Dialogue for Renewing Promise

This summit will be an opportunity for rural Americans to share their vision and ideas for creating a more prosperous and more promising future for rural America. Farmers, ranchers, and foresters from around the country, as well as policymakers from all levels of government and community leaders will discuss the key priorities and policies necessary to get rural America growing again. Participants will have the opportunity to dialogue in a close setting on a multitude of issues including stimulating new jobs in rural America, improving rural infrastructure, improving future farm competitiveness, developing new opportunities for small business, and encouraging innovation in renewable energy. The event will held

June 3, from 9 AM - 5 PM on the campus of Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Mo. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.usda.gov/ruralsummit>.

June 7-11: 2010 Fundraising Institute

The Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program at UM-St. Louis will offer seven workshops over five days. Topics include: Fundraising 101, Creating and Managing an Annual Development Fund, Effective Grant Prospecting, Successful Grant Writing, Winning Federal Grants, Selecting Fundraising Software, and Technological Tools for Marketing and Fundraising. Participants can enroll in one or more courses with discounts for early and multiple registrations. For more information, including course descriptions and details, call (314) 516-6713 or visit www.umsl.edu/npml.

June 8 - 10: Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference

The fourth annual Midwest Energy and Climate Policy Conference will be hosted at the world famous Missouri Botanical Garden and Union Station's Marriott Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. A special feature at the conference will be a presentation on Tuesday evening by Dr. Gavin Schmidt and Dr. William Dannevik. The two will provide an overview of the science of climate change: basic concepts, latest research, robust discussion of theories, and common misconceptions, the need to separate science from public policy and what happens when that line is crossed. This event will bring in experts from across the region and country to discuss federal and state energy priorities, proposed legislative and regulatory actions, emerging national security issues, corporate response to carbon management, the future of coal, natural gas, and nuclear power, private sustainability initiatives, the prospect and analysis of new "green" projects and jobs, and the outlook for alternative energy research and initiatives. Conference information is available at <http://www.regform.org>.

Conferences and Events Further Out

June 20-22: Missouri Waste Control Coalition (MWCC) Conference at Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.- The conference begins on Sunday, June 20, with a brunch, followed by a golf tournament at Seasons Ridge and a lake cruise, ending with a welcome reception that evening. The sessions begin Monday morning and end at 5 PM on Tuesday. Topics will cover issues in solid waste, brownfields, tanks, air, and water, as well as sessions for equipment operators. See <http://www.mowastecoalition.org/mission.html> for conference details and to register to attend.

What's in the News...

In regional news...

Open Houses for Public Comment on the Region's Draft FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program & Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is seeking comment on the transportation policies and investment strategies set out in the Draft FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The public is invited to view the TIP, air quality document, and supporting materials at a series of open house style meetings. Comment forms will be available at the meetings. All open house meetings will be from 4 - 7 PM. You may attend the meeting most convenient for you. Persons requiring special accommodations should notify Julie Stone at least 48 hours prior to the open house at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750 or e-mail tittlevi@ewgateway.org.

The open house schedule is:

Wednesday, June 2, 2010: Franklin County - Room 3, 400 East Locust, Union, MO 63084

Thursday, June 3, 2010: St. Louis City - Schlafly Library, 225 North Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108

Monday June 7, 2010: Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties - IDOT District 8 Headquarters, Regional

Conference Room, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234

Wednesday June 9, 2010: St. Louis County - Creve Coeur City Hall, Multipurpose Room, 300 N. New Ballas Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Thursday, June 10, 2010: St. Charles County - St. Peters City Hall, Meeting Room A, One St. Peters Centre Boulevard, St. Peters, MO 63376

Tuesday, June 15, 2010: Jefferson County - Hillsboro City Hall, 101 Second Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050

The Draft FY 2011-2014 TIP and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination documents will be available Monday, May 24 at www.ewgateway.org.

To comment online concerning the TIP, e-mail comments to tip@ewgateway.org. To comment online concerning the air quality document, e-mail comments to mike@ewgateway.org. Comments can be mailed to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One South Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102. Deadline for public comment is Friday, June 25, 2010.

In national news...

Greens Vs. Homeowners Associations

Homeowners associations are mandated to protect the aesthetics of their community. That goal is clashing with many who want to install solar panels on their roofs. States are fighting back with laws prohibiting HOAs from banning panels.

Texas and Illinois have both considered laws to prohibit HOAs from having a say on solar panels, and other states have strengthened existing laws.

From USA TODAY: "...many homeowners don't even consider solar energy because they anticipate problems with their associations, said Rob McPherson, an area manager for Houston-based solar installer Standard Renewable Energy.

About 20 percent of McPherson's potential customers run into problems with associations, he said."

Read the full story at <http://xrl.us/bhmne8>.

Planetizen Newswire, May 17, 2010 and *USA Today*, May 12, 2010

Jobs...

Data Analyst

City of Clayton

The City of Clayton is accepting applications for the position of Data Analyst in the Police Department. Job duties include preparing police reports which includes the typing, correction, filing and distribution of the reports on a timely basis. Assists in preparation of FBI crime statistics and provides analysis of crimes. Greets and assists people at the front counter. Salary range: \$27,122 - \$39,328, with starting salary range \$27,122 - \$33,224. Job requirements include high school education or equivalent and typing speed of 45 words per minute. REJIS certification is desirable. Access the full job description and application information at www.ci.clayton.mo.us. Application deadline is May 28. EOE

Director of Finance

City of Des Peres

The City of Des Peres is currently seeking applicants for the position of Director of Finance. BS in accounting or closely related field required. CPA and advanced degree preferred. Knowledge and prior experience in governmental fund accounting or auditing required. Candidate must have excellent organization and both oral and written communication skills. Responsible for all aspects of accounting, budgeting and finance functions. City offers a competitive salary (DQE) and fringe benefit package. Applications accepted until position filled. Submit cover letter and resume to the Office of the City

Administrator, 12325 Manchester Road Des Peres, Missouri 63131 or electronically to dharms@desperesmo.org. EOE

Economic Development Director

City of Eureka

The City of Eureka is accepting applications for an Economic Development Director. There is no application deadline, and interviews will be conducted periodically until the position is filled. Starting salary is \$55,000.00, plus excellent benefits. Job description and employment application available from 8 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday, at Eureka City Hall, 100 City Hall Drive, and on the City's Web site: www.eureka.mo.us. Mail to: Craig E. Sabo, City of Eureka, P.O. Box 125. Eureka, MO 63025. For additional information, contact Craig Sabo at cesabo@eureka.mo.us or (636) 938-5233 (Relay Missouri: 1-800-735-2466). EOE/ADA

Grants...

Invasive Plant Species Control Grants

Administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) seeks proposals designed to help control invasive plant species, mostly through the work of public/private partnerships. Applications are accepted from private nonprofit (501)(c)(3) organizations; local, county, and state government agencies; and from field staff of federal government agencies. Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to receive PTI grants, but are encouraged to work with eligible applicants to develop and submit applications to PTI. PTI grants provide an opportunity to initiate working partnerships and demonstrate successful collaborative efforts such as the development of permanent funding sources for Weed Management Areas. The pre-proposal form deadline is June 30. Program application information is available at <http://xrl.us/bhmhww>.

Books for Children Grants

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area (rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000), have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. Program application information is available at <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

Classroom Innovators Grants for Math and Science Projects

Toshiba America Foundation's Classroom Innovators Grants are available for schools serving students in grades 7- 12 across the U.S. Grant proposals are welcome from public and private (nonprofit) schools. The grants will support innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make their own classrooms more exciting and engaging for students. Application deadline for the current grant cycle is August 2. Note: Toshiba America Foundation offers a separate program for grades K through six. Go to <http://www.toshiba.com/taf> for complete program guidelines.

@15 Community Grants Program for Teens

Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy teams across the U.S. select nonprofit organizations that provide positive experiences to help teens to excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and are serving a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. Special consideration will be given to programs that: Serve a diverse population in local or regional communities; build social, academic, leadership and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18); show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children in working families. This is an annual grant program with applications

accepted June 1-July 1, 2010. Program application information is available at http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/community_grants.htm.

Mo. Dept Natural Resources Offers Grants for Renewable Energy Studies

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is offering grants for renewable energy resource assessments and project feasibility studies by Missouri businesses, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, universities and research institutions, county or city governments and individuals. Partnerships with non-eligible entities are allowed. The department will accept applications for funding through June 2. The department has allocated a total of \$900,000 statewide for this funding opportunity. On a competitive basis, a maximum grant of \$50,000 will be awarded to each recipient based on project evaluation criteria. Cash match, or cost-share, is preferred, but not required. A Request for Proposals, which includes application forms, may be found at www.dnr.mo.gov/transform/energizemissourirenewablestudies.htm.

Quotes...

Guns and alcohol don't mix.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen — quoting a principle he learned in a safety course sponsored by the National Rifle Association, in a letter he sent to Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey on his decision to veto the guns-in-bars bill

Source: *Tennessean*, May 19, 2010

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