Grant Title: DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS PROGRAM

Area of Research: Fellowships for mid-career influential researchers, policymakers, and practitioners focusing improved youth outcomes.

Release Date: August 1, 2006

Pre-Proposal/Letter of Inquiry: November 3, 2006

Application Deadline: February 21, 2007; invited applicants only

Amount: Up to $175,000 per award. 2-4 awards annually. The Foundation will also provide small grants up to $25,000 to the Fellowship site(s) to defray the costs associated with hosting a Distinguished Fellow.

Length of Support: Range between 6 months to 2 years depending upon proposed design.

Eligible applicants: Influential mid-career (8-20 years of cumulative experience) practitioners, policymakers, and researchers. Awards are made to the applicant’s employer, which must be a non-profit private or governmental organization.

Agency/Department: William T. Grant Foundation

Summary: The goal of this fellowship program is to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To this end, the awards will help researchers strengthen the ways in which their work reflects an understanding of policy and practice, and helps policymakers and practitioners enhance their capacities to recognize and use high-quality research. Policymakers and practitioners proposing work in a research setting should begin the application process by considering the role that research does or could play in improving decision-making or performance in their own organization. Researchers proposing to work in policy and practice settings should begin the application process by considering how their research might improve policy decision-making or organizational effectiveness in practice settings. The end result should provide a bridge between practice/policy and research in areas that can improve youth outcomes.