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Dear Colleagues:

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced more than \$21 million in new grants through its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative. Information on the program and the new global health and development projects being funded can be found at

[www.grandchallenges.org/about/Newsroom/Pages/GCERound9Grants.aspx](http://www.grandchallenges.org/about/Newsroom/Pages/GCERound9Grants.aspx).

We would also like to remind you that we are inviting proposals for the following grant opportunities:

1. Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions, is now accepting grant proposals for its latest application round. Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. A list of topics and application instructions are available at: [www.grandchallenges.org/explorations](http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations) . Two-page proposals are being accepted online.

Please note that Grand Challenges Explorations closes tomorrow , November 7, 2012 11:30 am Pacific Time.

2. The Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is inviting innovators to send letters of inquiry for the Reinvent The Toilet Challenge - RTTC (round 3). Grants will be awarded to research groups interested in contributing to major advances in sanitation in the developing world. Details and application instructions are available at [www.gatesfoundation.org/watersanitationhygiene/Pages/loi-round3-reinvent...let-challenge.aspx](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/watersanitationhygiene/Pages/loi-round3-reinvent...let-challenge.aspx) . Questions can be submitted to [GDWSHInbox@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:GDWSHInbox@gatesfoundation.org). Letters of Inquiry are being accepted online until November 8, 2012 at 11:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

3. The Grand Challenges in Global Health initiative is accepting letters of inquiry for the new grant program TB Vaccine Accelerator. This program seeks to develop models of natural Mycobacterium tuberculosis transmission, define key transmission properties, and develop new approaches to vaccination that will protect against infection. Program details and application instructions are available at [www.grandchallenges.org/GrantOpportunities/Pages/TBVaccineAccelerator.aspx](http://www.grandchallenges.org/GrantOpportunities/Pages/TBVaccineAccelerator.aspx). Letters of inquiry are being accepted online until November 26, 2012 at 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time.



To learn more about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's work, we invite you to read our 2011 annual report. In it, CEO Jeff Raikes discusses how the new integrated structure of the foundation's global programs provides more holistic support to the people we serve. Read more at:

<http://response.notifications.gatesfoundation.org/t?ctl=4491183:586EEF09A1CA00A2E3BF563016549DF3DD10B7A40AD2C082>

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Thank you for your commitment to solving the world's greatest health and development challenges.

The Grand Challenges Team

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