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The Comp times

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO AUDIT

The Federal Grants Section is primarily responsible for administering the disbursement of approximately \$70 million a year in federal and state grant funds to a variety of agencies such as the Justice, Health and Homeland Security departments.

Federal Grants



A credit report for Federal funds audited

When you see the words Energy and Technology what thoughts come to mind? If you were thinking that these are two types of grants that the City of St. Louis was recently awarded, then you probably work in the Federal Grants Section of the Comptroller's office.

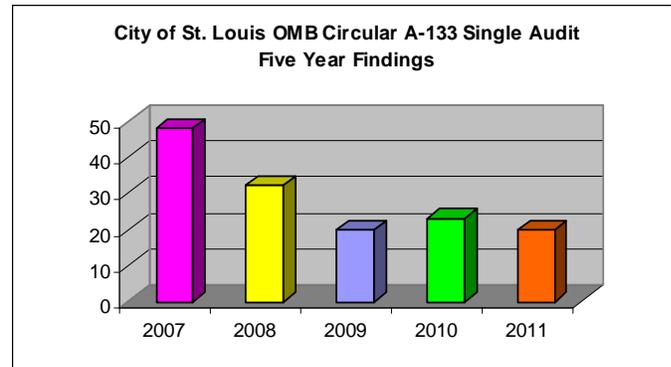
The definition of a Federal Grant is an award of financial assistance from a federal agency to a city department to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States.

Federal Grants Section manager, LaTaunia Wilder, heads up a group of individuals whose sole purpose is to administer the disbursement of more than \$70 million in federal and state grant funds to a variety of agencies and City departments. Her team consists of Beverly Crawford, Tim Donovan, Judy Holstein, Emmanuel Kanee, and Cyril Oparaji.

"Processing voucher payments, requesting funds from Federal Rewarding Agencies, reconciling payments, are all part of the

Federal Grants Section," Wilder explains. "Grants from the Departments of Agriculture, Justice, Health, and even Homeland Security are processed through our office."

Noonan, the City of St. Louis has created jobs and saved money with this energy grant. "Out of over 60 cities & Counties across the country, St. Louis has been at the forefront in



Wilder and her team have been extremely busy over the past 5 years. Audit findings are down which is a positive accomplishment, since Wilder has taken the reigns.

Another accolade to the Federal Grants Section is the Energy Initiative. This grant has recently received a lot of press over the past several months. While the Mayor's office is the face of this, it is the Comptroller's office, Federal Grants Section that is making sure the funds are properly managed.

According to the Department of Energy's Project Officer Carrie

getting the word out about the importance of energy efficiency and how it can save so much money," Noonan said during a Department of Energy Monitoring visit.

The Federal Grants Section, in a way, serves as the middle ground, connecting local government with the federal government and the community we serve. While Wilder has been leading this group for the past five years, she is passing the torch on to another effective June 15th. She will continue to work for the Comptroller's office in a different capacity.

AMAC Mandatory Training Sessions



Lambert-St. Louis International Airport will be hosting the 2012 AMAC/FCC Airport Business Diversity Conference in St. Louis, June 9th through June 12th. More than 1,000 Airport decision makers, federal aviation administrators, corporate executives and entrepreneurs are expected to attend the conference from across the country. Comptroller Green would like to give even more support for this event with a strong show of volunteers from the Comptroller's Office. Volunteers must work a minimum of four hours and attend a mandatory orientation class. Two classes will be held June 7th and June 8th. Sign up sheets have already been emailed to you. Please send back to Candice Gordon. Anyone volunteering during non-work hours will receive compensatory time. The Comptroller thanks you in advance for your support!

Yudora's In The Garden

After juggling the meetings, agendas, notes and minutes for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Yudora Watson, Secretary loves to go home to paradise.



HAPPY BIRTH DAY!
For those born in
May



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Comp Times: What was the first major project in your yard that you and your husband, Travis, worked on when you first moved into your new home?

Yudora Watson: We transformed the dilapidated lot next to our house. We did this by grading the ground, cutting the weeds, wild bushes and trees.



Comp Times: What does working in your yard and garden do for you and your husband?

Yudora Watson: Well for me, I am on the lookout for bugs, worms, and things of that nature. For my husband Travis, it is strictly relaxation.

Comp Times: Do both of you work in the garden together?

Yudora Watson: Yes both of us work out there. Travis is out there about 95% of the time and I handle about 5% of the work. I am the helper...I maintain the plants inside the house.

Comp Times: What are some of the favorite things you have in your yard?



Yudora Watson: Travis favors the Mimosa tree, Crepe Myrtle trees, and the various Japanese maples. I like the Knockout Rose bushes, Japanese maple, and Mimosa.

Comp Times: What's do you like best about gardening?

Yudora Watson: Experiencing the feeling of being self-sufficient in regards to fruits and vegetables. We are able to teach our kids and grandchildren the importance of having your own. For us, having a garden teaches our kids how to eat healthier. Now instead of asking for candy, our grandchildren ask for fruits or vegetables.



Comp Times: Do some plants grow better than others in this St. Louis climate? What kinds are they and what would you advise others?

Yudora: Most plants grow in St. Louis weather, but you need to understand whether the plants are full or partial sun plants or if they are full or partial shade plants. You also need to know if the plants are annual or perennial.

Comp Times: What types of fruits and vegetables do you grow in your yard and garden?

Yudora Watson: We grow cabbage, lettuce, collard greens, bell peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers squash and zucchini, rosemary, spearmint, oregano and basil. We also have several fruit trees: apple, apricot, cherry, pear, peach, banana and a plum.



Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Michele Graham on being nominated Comptroller's Employee of the Month for May.

Graham seen in the photo with Co-Chair of the EOM Committee Keith Vernell is Contract Compliance Officer and has been a City employee for 27 years. Graham came on with the Comptroller's office in 1985 and has since been known as the "go to girl" of room 212.

Graham's co-workers say she is a great team player, has served on numerous committees and has exceptional hospitality skills.

Comptroller Office Co-Worker Wins Big on KMOV-TV

"I went to the gas station a few weeks ago before work around 7:15 a.m.," says Sharon Holloman, Clerk Typist for the Accounting Section. She continued, "All I went to get was doughnuts, something to drink for my daughter, and her friend just like all the other mornings. I wasn't even going to get gas until a lady inside the "QT" asked when was Channel 4 going to be getting there to give away gas? I ran out to my car and told my oldest daughter that the people from Channel 4 were coming to pump free gas. So we hurried and got to an open pump. We pulled behind a landscaping truck. The man got out and pumped gas in his truck. When he got back in his vehicle wouldn't you know it. His truck would not start. After calling for help, five minutes later a service got him going. As soon as he pulled off, a minute later Channel 4 drove up and assisted me in pumping \$59.00 worth of gas in my car. Of course my tank decided it just wanted \$58.62!"





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The City of St. Louis once again this year is offering free or reduced fee camps for residence in the area.

You can go to <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/recreation/playtime-recreation>.

You get the opportunity to learn more about the activities and places you can send your young person between the ages of 7-18. For more information you can also call 314-289-5367.

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Gender and Politics

A roundtable discussion on the viewpoints of African American women in politics was held May 4th at St. Louis University as a part of their new Gender and Politics concentration for SLU's Masters Degree in Political Science.

On the panel that day was Comptroller Darlene Green along with State Representative Tishaura Jones, State Representative Jamilah Nasheed,



State Senator Rita Heard Days and State Senator Robin Wright Jones.

The discussion explored the social and political ramifications of gender in the U.S. and world politics.



American Red Cross

Comptroller Darlene Green presents the Annual Charles Drew Blood Drive
Friday, August 17, 2012.
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
City Hall
Room 208

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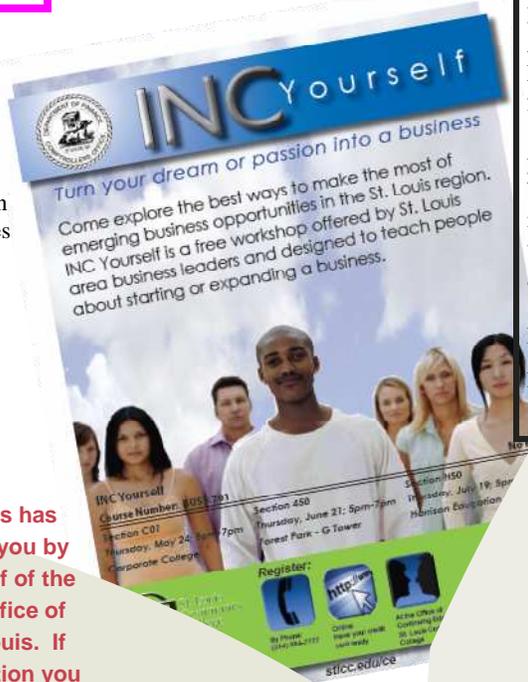


If you have the passion to start your own business or even to buy one, INC Yourself maybe for you.

The first workshop was held Thursday, May 24 to a packed room of would be entrepreneurs. Two more sessions are scheduled for June 21st and July 19th. After each session, courses will be offered in the fall.

Classes are filling up fast! Sign up today to get in on this opportunity.

To register for these **free** workshops, go to STLCCONED@STLCC.EDU or call 314-984-7777.



Go to Youtube/stlcompoffice for the latest from the Comptroller's Office

Comptroller Office Special Announcements

Sandra Keys Graduates



"My journey to go back to school began in May 2008, one month before my mother passed away. I decided to complete the mission started years ago. Through lay offs from work and other life challenges, I managed to complete my Bachelor's in Business Administration degree from Fontbonne University May 14, 2012."

"Faith in knowing that it is possible, consists in commuting by buses and trains and staying focused no matter the obstacles I am faced with. It all teaches me that I can accomplish my educational goals."

"This fall I plan to pursue my Master's degree in Health Administration at Webster University."



Beverly Crawford's son Rufus A. Crawford graduated from Gateway High School May 17, 2012 and will be attending Lincoln University in the Fall Semester August 27, 2012.