

## **2011 SMALL GRANTS POOL**

For this calendar year, the New York Foundation will have a limited amount of funding for small grants. Only current grantees are eligible. Small grants can be made anytime during the year and should be requested on an as-needed basis to cover unanticipated costs. It is unlikely we will be able to make more than one small grant to an organization in a year.

### **What will the small grants cover?**

#### Capacity Building

Grants to hire consultants to assist with fundraising, media and communications, special event planning, technology assistance, community mapping, board development, and other organizational infrastructure projects.

Organizations have used capacity building grants to:

- Work with a consultant to plan a gala fundraising event
- For Web site development.
- Hire a development consultant to assist with prospect research, grant writing and fundraising strategy.

#### Community Organizing

Grants to attend organizing trainings and conferences, cover the costs of expenses related to direct action activities, meetings and travel, and support for leadership and membership development and community organizing coaching opportunities.

Organizations have used community organizing grants to:

- Hire members as organizing apprentices
- Map communities to plan local actions and recruit organizations in targeted neighborhoods
- Rent buses to take members to rally in Albany
- Attend an organizing training program that builds strategic and leadership skills among its staff and members

### **Who can apply?**

- Current New York Foundation grantees

Given our limited resources, priority will be given to:

- Grantees with limited access to other funds
- Requests that advance the goals of the project we fund
- Requests that have clearly defined objectives

**How can I apply?**

- Download the [Small Grants Pool Application Form](#)
- Program Officers will send approval of the small grants in writing
- Expenses incurred prior to approval will not be eligible for reimbursement
- A written report and fiscal accounting of the funds will be due to the Foundation upon completion of the work. The final report form will be included with the grant contract.

**Is there a limit to how much I can ask for?**

- Grants can range from \$250 to \$5,000
- We anticipate that the average grant will be \$2,500

For more information call your program officer at (212) 594-8009.