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**NYCON ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF NEW YORK CITY STIMULUS GRANT AWARDEES**

**New York, NY—February, 16<sup>th</sup> 2011** – The New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON) is pleased to announce the second and final round of *Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)* grant recipients.

NYCON received a nationally competitive \$1,000,000 two-year stimulus grant from the *Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)* Nonprofit Capacity Building program created and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. NYCON has granted a total of \$600,000 in funding awards to 31 Project Partners. The grants were made during two competitive funding rounds to community and faith-based nonprofits in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx who are providing services that are vital to the economic recovery efforts.

A total of 74 community and faith-based organizations, known as “Program Participants,” have access to public trainings offered by NYCON, and our training partners including, the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, the Support Center for Nonprofit Management and the Women’s Center for Education and Career Advancement. Thirty-one of the 74 organizations, known as “Project Partners” also receive technical assistance and financial assistance awards aimed at improving their effectiveness and enhancing their capacity to provide economic recovery services. The financial assistance grant awards range from \$10,000-24,000 to support capacity building efforts. Partial match support for the SCF program is being provided the New York Community Trust and Innovative Charitable Initiatives.

“The second round of SCF awardees are an equally exceptional and diverse group of organizations as those currently participating in the first round,” said Doug Sauer, Chief Executive Officer of NYCON. “The SCF grantees are working diligently with us to build their organizational capacity to provide responsive and innovative programming that assist low-income individuals in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan develop job skills, obtain better quality jobs and increase access to state and federal benefits and tax credits in a difficult economic environment. We are excited to continue to work closely with our full group of Program Participants and Project Partners to build their capacity to increase the impact they are making in the City’s economic recovery.”

**Round 2 Program Participants:**

Asian Community United Society  
Bronx Clergy Task Force  
Brooklyn Community Pride Center  
Career Gear  
Carroll Gardens Association  
Children of Promise NYC  
City Limits  
College of Mt. Saint Vincent Institute for Immigrant Concerns  
Coney Island Generation Gap Reunion Committee  
Contemporary Ballet Theatre  
Elim Internation Fellowship

Every Day is a Miracle  
Fort Greene SNAP  
George Walker Jr. Community Coalition  
Girls for Gender Equity  
Global Action Project  
Harlem Textile Works  
Hondurans Against AIDS  
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness & Housing  
Love Heals Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education  
Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush  
Neighborhood Housing Services of South Bronx  
Neighborhood Housing Services of North Bronx

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Network Support Services  
Peoples Urban Films Foundation  
Health Leads  
Rockgate Community Development  
Saved to Serve ministries  
The Learning About Media Project  
United Community Centers

**Project Partners:**

Arete Living Arts Foundation  
Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger  
Bushwick IMPACT

Ecumenical Community Development  
Organization  
Footsteps  
Fresh Youth Initiatives  
HEALTH for Youths  
Hot Bread Kitchen  
Metro NYC WIC Association  
New Covenant Community Development  
Corporation  
Project FAIR  
Street Vendor Project  
Welfare Rights Initiative  
Workshop in Business Opportunities

At this time, no additional grant opportunities exist via NYCON's Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) program.

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**About the New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON)** NYCON has been working to help strengthen nonprofits and communities in New York State for over 84 years. NYCON is a statewide, membership-based charitable nonprofit organization specializing in bringing nonprofits across New York the services and training they need to achieve their nonprofit missions and goals. NYCON has 2,900 members statewide. NYCON's diverse menu of programs and services includes training for nonprofit boards of directors, administration, and staff; providing insurance; legal services; information on public policy and ethics; financial management assistance; community needs assessments and planning; and discounts on office supplies. NYCON has offices in Albany, Poughkeepsie, Buffalo, Oneonta and New York City. To learn more about NYCON, visit [www.nycon.org](http://www.nycon.org).

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