The Meyer Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the people and communities of Greater Washington. Grants fall in seven program areas: arts, heritage, and culture; community service; education; health and mental health; law and justice; neighborhood development and housing; and nonprofit sector strengthening.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be

A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and organized and operated for charitable purposes.

Located within and primarily serving the Washington, DC region, defined as the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George’s, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties in Maryland; and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park in Northern Virginia.

The Foundation generally WILL NOT consider requests to fund

- Individuals, either through scholarships or other forms of financial assistance
- Scientific or medical research
- Sectarian purposes (programs that promote religious doctrine)
- Special events or conferences
- Endowments

**HOW TO APPLY**

The Meyer Foundation uses a two-step application process:

**STEP ONE**

Organizations seeking funding from the Meyer Foundation are required to first submit a letter of inquiry (LOI).

**STEP TWO**

Foundation staff will review all letters of inquiry. The Foundation will notify applicants of its interest within two months of the LOI deadline.

If the work described in the LOI is selected for further consideration, a program officer will schedule a meeting to discuss the request. At that time, the Foundation may invite a full proposal, due on a date agreed upon by the program officer and the organization. Invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee funding of the request. Uninvited proposals will not be accepted.

For complete instructions on submitting an LOI, deadlines, or to download an LOI cover sheet, please visit [www.meyerfoundation.org](http://www.meyerfoundation.org).

**OVERVIEW OF FUNDS COMMITTED IN 2005**

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| **GRAND TOTAL** | **258** | **$7,007,764** | **100%** |
The Meyer Foundation works to develop Greater Washington as a community by supporting capable, community-based nonprofit organizations that foster the well-being of all people in the region. We are especially concerned about low-income people and creating healthy neighborhoods. We value and seek to promote the region’s diversity.

We accomplish our work by:
- identifying visionary and talented nonprofit leaders.
- making early and strategic investments in nonprofit organizations.
- strengthening the organizational capacity of nonprofits in the region.
- promoting a strong and influential nonprofit sector.
- building partnerships to foster the sector’s work.
- serving as a resource to other donors who want to make effective charitable investments in the region.
WE BEGAN OUR SEVENTH DECADE OF SERVICE TO GREATER WASHINGTON BY REDEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE REGION’S NONPROFIT LEADERS.

Supporting talented nonprofit leaders and making early and strategic investments in their work has always been at the heart of what we do at the Meyer Foundation.

Our need to better understand the challenges these leaders face led us to survey 2,000 executive directors in eight cities in partnership with Compasspoint Nonprofit Services. The report from this survey, Daring to Lead 2006, told us that three out of four executive directors plan to leave their current jobs in the next five years. Frustrations with boards of directors and funders, lack of management and administrative support, and below-market compensation add stress to a role that is challenging even in the best circumstances.

We used the results of the survey to design Rewarding Leadership, a three-year $2.2 million initiative to strengthen the executive leadership of nonprofits we support. The initiative includes the first award program in Meyer’s history – the Exponent Award – which will provide recognition and major leadership grants to five outstanding executive directors each year.

We are encouraging colleagues in philanthropy to do more to support our nonprofit leaders – to help them “grow in place” so we can benefit from their vision and their work for many years to come.

And we will also continue our commitment to present to the broader community the accomplishments of nonprofit leaders and the faces of the people whose lives they change. This year our report features eight extraordinary leaders of advocacy organizations who are tackling some of the most daunting and entrenched issues in our region. One third of the District’s children live in poverty. Washington has the highest rate of new HIV/AIDS cases in the nation. One in six people in the region is foreign-born, including many recent immigrants who struggle to find jobs and learn English. We focus on the work of these nonprofit leaders because they are especially effective at converting challenges like these into constructive change.

We’re pleased to shine a light on the accomplishments of these visionary leaders, and we invite others to join us in supporting their work.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Rogers, President
Edward H. Bersoff, Chairman
Ultimately, advocacy is about fairness. It is about ensuring that the hungry are fed, the homeless are housed, and the sick are cared for. But its tools are not soup kitchens, cots, and health clinics. Its tools are budget hearings, coalitions, and city council meetings.
The charitable world readily supports work on the ground that provides direct help to people—work that feeds, clothes, and shelters them. To support advocacy, however, is to insist that compassion for the vulnerable individual be extended to all and be ratified by the system—our laws, our government services, our budgets. The men and women whom we have chosen to highlight in the following pages persuade us, through their exceptionally effective leadership, that funding both advocacy and direct service makes eminent sense. There is tremendous value in supporting both those who feed the poor and those who fight poverty. In doing so, the outcome is powerful, not only for the individual but also for the society in which we live.

Advocacy follows many paths. Sometimes it involves bringing together people with a common concern to create a strong and audible voice. Sometimes it involves building a coalition—skillfully organizing agencies in a particular region that work, for example, with Latinos or those with HIV/AIDS. And sometimes it involves analyzing data, strategizing, and collaborating with government officials on a specific piece of legislation. Whatever its form, it is about incorporating the poor, the marginalized, and the weak in our democratic processes. It is about strengthening our community from the grassroots up.

For those of us at a safe distance, Hurricane Katrina began last August with familiar media images of traffic-clogged interstates and wind-lashed office buildings, but it rapidly and shockingly became an epic exposé of urban failures: an underclass ill-prepared and overlooked. We were not—and we are not now—at a safe distance after all. Uncomfortable questions linger: What are the hidden truths about our own community? Are we adequately tending to the very people—the immigrants, the poor, the aged, the disabled—who, directly and indirectly, enrich our lives? When we support the advocacy efforts of local nonprofit organizations we come closer to answering that second question with a vigorous “Yes.” When we support those who confidently address these issues, we become a critical part of the solution.

Advocacy matters now more than ever. As national defense and other priorities exert a stronger claim on government budgets, funds for social programs will diminish and people will suffer. We will look to our most dynamic, successful leaders, including the eight presented here, to refocus our priorities on those in need—and they, in turn, will look to us.

The nonprofit advocates featured in this report collectively and individually set a high standard of leadership. As executive directors they shape the agendas of their organizations; they mobilize their small staffs and their rosters of volunteers; they attend to the financial imperatives of fundraising and frugal budgets; they forge collegial and lasting relationships with other leaders and community organizations. They do it all. And they do it all well. We admire them as individuals, we value their accomplishments, and we support their organizations. We invite you to do the same.
Students taking part in the breakfast program at Adams Elementary School and visiting with Kimberly Perry.
Professionally, Kimberly Perry has found a middle ground at D.C. Hunger Solutions, where she serves as the founding director. She knows about the daily rewards and the heartfelt expressions of gratitude that come with direct service work—“I’ve had that piece,” she says. And she knows about the rewards that never materialize and the sense of frustration that go hand in hand with federal-level advocacy—“that feeling, year after year, that you’re not gaining any ground.”

But now, the impact of her work fighting poverty-related hunger in the District is far broader than the one-on-one days of direct service in youth development. Thanks to D.C. Hunger Solutions’ advocacy work, 59,000 public-school children have access to free, nutritional breakfasts each school day; 27,000 children are participating in the D.C. Free Summer Meals Program. And the wins happen fairly regularly—among them, a successful two-year campaign that resulted in vending machines in schools dispensing juice, pretzels, and granola bars rather than soda, chips, and Twinkies. “Local politics is really the happy medium,” Perry says.

“The issue of hunger resonates with everybody,” Perry adds. “Most people want to do the right thing. We just show them how.” Case in point: In June 2004 Perry and her colleagues realized that only three after-school providers in the city were taking advantage of federal funds available for providing snacks to their participants. A survey indicated that one of the impediments lay in the onerous 72-page application required by the District for access to federal reimbursement. A year of advocacy work ensued, during which Perry’s organization discovered that the city’s application had become encrusted with years of outdated and repetitive elements. “It was about sitting down with folks in the State Education Office and saying, ‘There are 35,000 kids in this city who are not getting healthy snacks. Should this application be the barrier?’ Nobody wants to be the one standing in the way of kids and nutritious food.” In September 2005 the hours of collaboration and problem solving resulted in a new application—just 12 pages long. Within months, dozens of after-school programs had enrolled in the federally funded program.

“There is an enormous return on an investment in making these local programs work properly and helping families and kids take better advantage of them,” Perry says. “If you add it all up, an additional $41 million in federal funds could be coming into the District for child nutrition and food stamp programs to help low-income children and families.”
Halfway is not far enough—not for Patty Mullahy Fugere, executive director of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. “We are all called to do more. We don’t have permission to be silent or timid or pat ourselves on the back and consider the problem solved because we provided the cot or cooked the meal. If you are serving meals, why not work on hunger?” For Fugere and her colleagues at the Washington Legal Clinic doing more means matching their direct-service work—pro-bono legal aid for individuals who are homeless—with a strong advocacy agenda that tackles broader issues, such as the dwindling supply of affordable housing, the condition of the city’s shelter services, and protecting the rights of individuals threatened with eviction from homeless shelters. Moving from service to justice, Fugere says, is a natural progression—“a way of living one’s values more fully.” But that can be unsettling. “If advocacy is about promoting justice, that’s going to mean that the world will look a little different. If we want everyone to have at least a bare minimum, maybe some of us will have to do with a little less.”
They sat silently holding signs—some twenty-five or thirty of them—through a three-hour Alexandria city council meeting last spring. They didn’t understand the proceedings, because there was no translator on hand. They didn’t have a personal stake in the issue—revising city regulations to improve the working conditions for taxi cab drivers, most of whom are east African and south Asian immigrants. That expression of empathy—a group of Latino workers ignoring obstacles of language, culture, gender, and even issue to support their fellow workers—deeply moved Jon Liss, executive director of the Virginia-based Tenants and Workers United. For Liss advocacy is about organizing, building coalitions, developing leaders, and teaching people, especially immigrants, workers, and low-income women, that they can accomplish more collectively than individually. “They were there because it was a matter of principle,” Liss says of the support for the taxi cab drivers, a class of workers that historically has borne onerous operating costs but lacked the right to switch taxi companies or even to be self-employed. “And that moment did not happen by chance but because of years and hours of work helping people understand what an immigrant cab driver has in common with an immigrant housekeeper or bus boy.”
“The go-to organization.” That’s how Washington Post columnist Colby King described D.C. Appleseed three years ago at a panel discussion on the District’s federal fiscal relationship. “I loved that!” recalls Walter Smith, Appleseed’s executive director and one of the panelists at that event. “When decision makers and players in the District confront a tough issue, I want them to think of D.C. Appleseed. I want them to say, ‘We need to get D.C. Appleseed involved. We need what they bring to the table.’”

What Smith and his staff of eight bring to the table is an ability to leverage the pro-bono resources of eighteen major Washington law firms to take on some of the city’s most daunting issues—lead in the city’s water supply, HIV/AIDS, the federal ban on a commuter tax, the city’s inadequate enforcement of child support laws, and others. “It’s so much fun to have my own lawyers,” Smith says of the legal resources the pro-bono community places at his fingertips. “I walk down the street and—for free!—get the best legal advice in town. And lawyers want to work on these issues.”

Smith characterizes Appleseed’s agenda as “diverse and presumptuous.” Small organization. Daunting issues. No on-staff experts. No claim to have all the answers. “And we step in as newcomers to the issue, saying, ‘We’d like to take this on. We believe we can add something new to this issue—a better solution and the ability to get that solution implemented.’ That borders on arrogance, but our theory is if we don’t try we won’t know whether we can do it or not.”

Most of the time they can.

The organization’s 2005 report on HIV/AIDS in the District—forged from some 150 interviews with experts, community workers, and those afflicted with HIV/AIDS—threw a spotlight on a grim statistic: Among the major metropolitan areas in the country, Washington’s AIDS incidence rate ranks highest. City officials promptly embraced the 75 recommendations set forth by Appleseed as a blueprint for reform. In short order, the head of the HIV/AIDS Administration was replaced and the mayor announced the formation of a high-level task force to address the crisis. Just a beginning, Smith says, and his organization intends to issue and publicize a series of “report cards” evaluating the city’s progress. “But I think we’ll never be able to look at that issue the same way again.”
Program director for Metro TeenAIDS, Anne Wiseman, discusses DC Appleseed’s work with her peer educators. (opposite left) Walter Smith meets with the peer educators following some group activities.
Not everyone gets it. Sometimes when Ilir Zherka tells people that he leads an organization dedicated to obtaining full voting rights in Congress for District of Columbia residents, the disconnect sounds like this: "Well, that’s great, but I care about the Anacostia River." Or like this: "It would be nice to get a vote, but I’m for rebuilding the city’s crumbling schools." To which Zherka, the executive director of DC Vote, has his own internal response: Bafflement.

“The connection between voting representation in Congress and issues like the Anacostia River or public schools is a direct one,” Zherka says. The connection is about money: The federal prohibition against taxing the income earned by non-residents—approximately two-thirds of those who work in the District—deprives the city of approximately one billion dollars of potential annual revenue. And the connection is about self-determination: Organizations and government officials advocating innovative solutions to urban problems bear the added burden of winning Congressional approval.

Zherka has an unusual stake in this struggle for the District’s voting rights. An ethnic Albanian from the former Yugoslavia, he and his family arrived in the United States when he was two and half years old. He grew up attending rallies at the United Nations with his parents and protesting the repression in their homeland. “I felt as if I could touch democracy, that it was real and recent and personal for me,” Zherka says. He had his own experience of “disconnect” when, as an adult, he moved to the District. “It seemed ironic that this country that I love—and I have an immigrant’s love for America—could allow such a denial of democracy in its capital.”
After thirteen years, D.C. Action for Children finds itself, more than ever, working shoulder to shoulder with the city council and the mayor on the needs of children in the city. That relationship-building approach—attending city council meetings, answering council member questions, sharing data and research—lies at the heart of the organization’s advocacy work. “Our power rests in our consistency and in our credibility. We believe in cooperation and collaboration with the government,” says Angela Jones Hackley, executive director of D.C. Action.

“I used to think ‘Why are we doing their work? They should be doing it.’ I’ve changed. Our work is not proprietary. We deal with children’s issues—welfare, healthcare, early education, teens aging out of foster care—every day. We know the statistics and the figures. And they use us more and more. If they can do something good with our work, then it’s a win. And it doesn’t even have to be our win.”
Jayne Park leads Legal Interpreter Training for immigrants at George Washington University School of Law.
When she hears a colleague in the advocacy world talk about being the voice for the powerless Jayne Park cringes. “I am mindful of how easy it would be for government and community leaders to latch onto me as the voice of the Asian immigrant community. They don’t have to struggle with my English—I speak fluently and I’m sophisticated enough to know how the system works. It’s easy for them to deal with me.”

But at the Asian Pacific American Legal Resources Center, where Park serves as the founding executive director, voice is about the immobilizing gap between the language of local government services—English—and the languages of their poor, immigrant clientele—Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, and many more in our region. Voice is about women forced to rely on their children or, worse, their husbands as interpreters in domestic violence cases. Voice is about a population of low-income Asians with limited proficiency in English further segregated by the mainstream’s image of Asians as the model minority—driven, high-achieving, and robustly represented at prestigious academic institutions. “But we have people in Maryland, Virginia, and the District who are struggling on limited incomes, working two or three low-wage jobs to feed their families, and unable to speak English and navigate mainstream systems,” says Park.

Ironically, Park herself is a member of that same “model minority” class. The daughter of Korean immigrants who worked their way to a position of economic and social stability, Park attended an Ivy League college and then went on to law school. Her father, a Methodist minister educated at Boston School of Theology during the civil rights era, modeled for Park a spiritual framework in which faith encouraged action. She is acutely aware of her own privilege and power. “I feel called to give back to that segment of my community that is largely ignored. My vision is to enable those who are currently voiceless to acquire the voice to become their own advocates. I view my role as that of a bridge builder, helping to connect those struggling on the bottom with those who have the power and resources to bring about change.”
"I’m just a math nerd who likes to crunch numbers," says Ed Lazere, director of the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute, a program of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and a research arm of the local advocacy community. On the one hand, what Lazere says is true. He loves social policy research and quantitative analysis of census data. On the other hand, the self-effacing comment belies his dedication to poverty issues. In Lazere’s world numbers—accurately and fairly rendered—make a difference in the lives of poor people. “Data lends credibility to what people intuitively know. To say we’re losing 12,000 affordable housing units is more dramatic than to say we’re losing affordable housing. Research can shatter conventional wisdom and popular myths. Data helps.” Oft-repeated myths—that people who are poor and not disabled don’t work or that taxes in the District are higher than in any other part of the country—simply aren’t true. “Dispelling those myths can contribute to more positive public policy outcomes.” Perhaps echoing old lessons learned during his high school debating years, Lazere believes that “it’s less important to get to a particular conclusion than it is to have an honest discussion.”

OVER 1,700 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED TAX ASSISTANCE
FROM DC FISCAL POLICY INSTITUTE’S FREE TAX PREPARATION CLINIC.

(above) Ed Lazere speaks before city leaders during a meeting organized by DC Action for Children. (below) A student at CentroNía demonstrates his skill matching letters and animals.
Food, healthcare, and shelter are the visible signs of advocacy at work. But let's not forget the tireless behind-the-scenes work of these visionary leaders in advocacy who

**BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL,**

**TURN THE SOLITARY VOICE INTO A CHORUS OF MANY, AND**

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Dance Institute of Washington
www.danceinstitute.org
The Dance Institute of Washington supports DC-area children and youth through the beauty and discipline of dance.
Program Support $30,000

DanceMakers
www.dancemakersusa.com
DanceMakers is committed to saving and strengthening youth by promoting their mental and physical well-being while encouraging their creativity through the study of dance and other performance arts.
Program Support $25,000

DC Action for Children
www.dcdead.org
DC Action for Children is dedicated to improving conditions for children, youth, and families in DC.
General Operating Support $40,000

DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation
www.cytc.org
The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation designs strategies that consistently promote the importance of investing in the District's children and youth.
Program Support $100,000

DC Children’s Advocacy Center
www.safeshores.org
The DC Children’s Advocacy Center (Safe Shores) provides a coordinated and child-friendly approach to the investigation and prosecution of child and criminal child-abuse cases in DC.
Management Assistance Program $15,000

DC Creative Writing Workshop
www.docw.org
The DC Creative Writing Workshop provides in-school and after-school literary arts instruction for middle school and high school students in Southeast Washington.
Program Support $15,000

Discovery Creek Children’s Museum of Washington
www.discoverycreek.org
Discovery Creek Children’s Museum of Washington helps children experience, appreciate, and become stewards of the natural environment.
Program Support $30,000

Earth Conservation Corps
www.ecc1.org
The Earth Conservation Corps trains youth to restore the environment while opening doors to employment and strengthening communities.
General Operating Support $16,500
Management Assistance Program $25,000

Energy Institute of the Healing Arts Foundation
www.EHAF.org
The Energy Institute of the Healing Arts Foundation is dedicated to preventing, reducing, and eliminating health disparities among adults and children living in underserved communities.
Program Support $7,000

Family Place
www.thefamilyplacedc.org
Family Place is dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable, low-income expectant families and families with young children living in the Shaw, Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan, and Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods of DC.
General Operating Support $30,000

Family Services Agency
www.familyservicesagency.org
The Family Services Agency works to provide comprehensive services to foster well-being in the home, school, workplace, and community for vulnerable families and people with mental illness.
Program Support $25,000

For Love of Children
www.flc.org
For Love of Children is a mission to transform society's response to child abuse, homelessness, and educational failure.
Management Assistance Program $25,000

Imagination Stage
www.imaginationstage.org
Imagination Stage works to nurture the creative spirit in all children, produce innovative and professional theater for families, and serve as resources to teachers in the classroom.
Program Support $25,000

Institute for Family Development/ Centro Familia
www.centro-familia.org
Centro Familia offers training, technical assistance, and mentoring to Latina who want to become licensed family child care providers.
Management Assistance Program $10,000

Interages
www.interagesmd.org
Interages addresses community needs through caring and supportive partnerships between older adults and youth.
Program Support $15,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000

IONA Senior Services
www.iona.org
IONA Senior Services is dedicated to enabling older people to live with dignity and independence, and to providing access to programs and services that meet the needs of seniors and their families.
General Operating Support $15,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000

Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute
www.jypi.org
The Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute is dedicated to helping teens learn responsible, effective philanthropy and civic engagement.
Program Support $5,000

Jubilee Enterprise of Greater Washington
www.jubileenterprisewashington.org
Jubilee Enterprise of Greater Washington develops and preserves affordable housing for low-income families.
Program Support $15,000

Latin American Youth Center
www.layc-dc.org
The Latin American Youth Center supports youth and their families in their determination to work, live, and study with dignity, hope, and joy.
Program Support $100,000

Life Pieces to Masterpieces
www.lifepieces.org
Life Pieces to Masterpieces provides opportunities to African-American male youth in low-income and public housing to discover and activate their creative abilities to change challenges into possibilities.
General Operating Support $30,000

LitLife
www.littlelights.org
LitLife: Urban Ministries works to assist and empower children and youth in DC.
Program Support $25,000

Local Initiative Support Training and Education Network (LISTEN)
www.listen.org
LISTEN nurtures and supports the development of a successor generation of youth leadership in poor urban communities of color.
Program Support $3,000

Martha’s Table
www.marthastable.org
Martha’s Table provides low-income children and teens with nutritious meals and supervised learning and literacy activities.
Program Support $15,000
Management Assistance Program $7,000

Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care
www.maryscenter.org
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care works to increase access to comprehensive bilingual care for low-income, uninsured DC residents.
General Operating Support $30,000

Mentors Of Minorities In Education
www.momistic.com
Mentors Of Minorities in Education is dedicated to providing disadvantaged children in the Columbia Heights neighborhood high-quality educational programming that improves their academic performance and develops their interests, dreams, and life goals.
General Operating Support $5,000

Mentors, Inc.
www.mentorinc.org
Mentors, Inc. uses mentoring relationships to promote DC high school students’ academic, career, and personal development.
General Operating Support $25,000
Management Assistance Program $15,000

National Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth
www.cc4y.org
Through the National Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth, the Youth Transition Funders Group connects young people to support systems and institutions that will help them succeed throughout adulthood.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $5,000

Parklands Community Center
www.parklandscommunitycenter.org
Parklands Community Center is a safe haven, encourages self-sufficiency, and provides holistic programs for children and families living in Southeast DC.
Program Support $20,000

Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts
www.sitarcenter.org
The Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts is a community arts center committed to providing programs and activities for at-risk children and youth, and their families.
Capital Campaign $125,000
Management Assistance Program $6,500

Perry School Community Services Center
www.perryschool.org
The Perry School Community Services Center addresses issues of chronic poverty affecting children, adults, and families in the North Capitol community.
Program Support $25,000

Prince George’s Child Resource Center
www.childresource.org
The Prince George’s Child Resource Center fosters the stability of child care programs, working families, and home environments where children can thrive.
Program Support $25,000

Rebecca Project for Human Rights
www.rebeccaproject.org
The Rebecca Project for Human Rights is a legal and policy organization for poor and low-income families struggling with intersecting issues of economic marginality, substance abuse, access to family-oriented treatment, and the criminal justice system.
General Operating Support $35,000

Theatre Lab
www.theatrelab.org
Theatre Lab encourages participation in theatre arts and provides theatre education for the elderly, underserved youth and adults, people living with HIV/AIDS, and incarcerated youth.
Capital Campaign $20,000

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
www.dcaplussedes.org
The DC Appleseed Center is dedicated to strengthening the financial health and management of the District of Columbia.
General Operating Support $30,000

DC Vote
www.dcvote.org
DC Vote works to secure full voting representation in Congress for the residents of the District of Columbia.
General Operating Support $50,000
Management Assistance Program $9,500

IMPACT Silver Spring
www.impactsilverspring.org
Impact Silver Spring provides training and support for community members of diverse backgrounds to develop skills and awareness to share power and build relationships that cross race, class, and cultural lines.
General Operating Support $25,000
Management Assistance Program $13,500

Neighborhood Funders Group
www.nfg.org
The Neighborhood Funders Group strengthens the capacity of organized philanthropy to understand and support community-based efforts to improve and enhance the economic and social fabric of low-income urban neighborhoods and rural communities.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $7,600
Tenants’ and Workers’ Support Committee
www.twecc.org
The Tenants’ and Workers’ Support Committee builds the collective power of low-income residents, workers, women, and youth to achieve social and economic justice.
General Operating Support $25,000

Advocates for Justice and Education
www.ajejcdc.org
Advocates for Justice and Education educates parents about the laws that govern public education, especially for children with disabilities or conditions that impede their ability to learn.
Program Support $20,000

Education Center for Inspired Teaching
www.inspiredteaching.org
The Center for Inspired Teaching works with teachers and students to make schools places fueled by curiosity, re-interpretation of academic material, and mutual respect.
Program Support $30,000

DC Voice
www.dcvoice.org
DC Voice seeks to strengthen the public voice in public education and works to ensure high quality teaching and learning for all children in the District.
General Operating Support $15,000

Grantmakers for Education
www.efunders.org
Grantmakers for Education works to strengthen philanthropy’s capacity to improve educational outcomes for all students.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $1,000

Heads Up: A University Neighborhood Initiative
www.headsup-dc.org
Heads Up provides children and youth from low-income neighborhoods with the academic skills and learning opportunities they need to succeed.
General Operating Support $20,000

Higher Achievement Program
www.higherachievement.org
Higher Achievement strengthens the skills of intellectually curious middle-school youth in under-resourced communities and enhances their readiness to excel in demanding high school environments.
Capital Campaign $150,000
Management Assistance Program $15,000

Kingsbury Center
www.kingsbury.org
The Kingsbury Center provides diagnostic, psychological, tutoring, and educational services to children and adults with special education needs.
Capital Campaign $40,000

Teaching for Change
www.teachingforchange.org
Teaching for Change promotes equitable relationships in education among families, students, school staff, and community members.
Program Support $20,000

Turning the Page
www.turningthepage.org
Turning the Page is dedicated to increasing family involvement in children’s education and access for families to learning resources to ensure that DC students receive a high quality public education.
Program Support $25,000

Academy of Hope
www.aohdc.org
The Academy of Hope provides quality education and job skills training to low-income adults in Washington, DC.
General Operating Support $20,000

EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS TRAINING

Byte Back
www.byteback.org
Byte Back provides computer training, mentor support, and job placement assistance to unemployed or underemployed adults and young people.
General Operating Support $20,000

Capitol Hill Computer Corner
www.computercorner-dc.org
The Capitol Hill Computer Corner is a community technology center that offers computer skills training and internet access to residents of Ward 6.
Program Support $20,000

Carlos Rosario International Career Center
www.carlosrosario.org
The Carlos Rosario International Career Center provides English as a Second Language instruction, vocational training, and support services to assist new immigrants as they adjust to life in the United States.
Capital Campaign $100,000

Computer CORE
www.computercore.org
Computer Community Outreach & Education uses comprehensive computer skills training as a vehicle for building self-confidence and increasing employability among low-income individuals.
General Operating Support $25,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000

Jubilee Jobs, Inc.
www.jubileejobs.org
Jubilee Jobs connects capable District residents with marketplace jobs.
Program Support $20,000

Northern Virginia Family Service
www.nvfs.org
Northern Virginia Family Service provides counseling, social work, and community outreach programs to the Northern Virginia community.
Program Support $40,000

Southeast Ministry
www.reforestationdc.org/sem
Southeast Ministry offers poor people in Southeast DC education and job-readiness programs that develop the whole person and lead to economic self-sufficiency.
Program Support $25,000

STRIVE DC
www.strivedc.org
STRIVE DC builds job readiness skills among District men and women with limited education, sporadic work histories, and other barriers to long-term employment.
General Operating Support $20,000

Young Women’s Christian Association of the National Capital Area
www.ywcanca.org
The Young Women’s Christian Association of the National Capital Area creates opportunities to educate, motivate, and support young women, and their families to achieve their fullest potential.
Program Support $20,000

Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services
(703) 535-5568
Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services provides affordable primary care to low-income individuals.
General Operating Support $35,500

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Alliance for Fairness in Reforms to Medicaid
www.afrimd.org
The Alliance for Fairness in Reforms to Medicaid advocates to expand access of low-income residents to affordable, fair, and quality health care.
General Operating Support $10,000

Arlington Free Clinic
www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org
The Arlington Free Clinic provides health care services to low-income, uninsured residents of Arlington County.
Salary Support $23,000

Campbell-Hoffman Foundation
www.campbellhoffman.org
The Campbell-Hoffman Foundation works to increase comprehensive health care access to underserved, uninsured populations in the DC area.
Program Support $20,000

Consumer Health Foundation
www.consumerhealthfdn.org
The Consumer Health Foundation works to improve the health of DC area communities and supports activities that enable people to be more actively involved in their own health.
Program Support $20,000

CrisisLink
www.crisislink.org
CrisisLink provides no-cost, confidential crisis intervention, suicide prevention services, and a 24-hour hotline serving Greater Washington.
General Operating Support $5,000

District of Columbia Behavioral Health Association
www.dcbha.org
The District of Columbia Behavioral Health Association works to expand and improve behavioral health services in the District of Columbia through public policy advocacy and professional education.
Program Support $10,000

District of Columbia Primary Care Association
www.dcppca.org
The DC Primary Care Association works to develop an integrated primary health care delivery system in DC that guarantees access to primary care and eliminates disparities in health outcomes.
Program Support $20,000
Management Assistance Program $20,000

Grantmakers in Health
www.gh.org
Grantmakers in Health works to foster communication and collaboration among grantmakers and others, and strengthens the grantmaking community’s knowledge, skills, and effectiveness.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $2,000

HSC Foundation
www.hscfoundation.org
The HSC Foundation facilitates access to appropriate care and services for children with special needs and their families in the DC area.
Program Support $100,000

PWH Foundation
www.pwhdc.org
The PWH Foundation supports the Prince William Health System, which works to fill the need for primary care providers serving the uninsured in western Prince William County.
Program Support $20,000

Suirland Family and Life Development Corporation
www.suirland.org
The Suirland Family and Life Development Corporation works to build comprehensive community-led programs that empower the family and community in Suirland and throughout Prince George’s County.
Program Support $20,000

Washington Free Clinic
www.wfcclinics.org
The Washington Free Clinic provides a broad range of primary health care services to an increasing number of people who lack access to health care.
General Operating Support $21,500

Capital Area Foodbank
www.capitalareafoodbank.org
The Capital Area Food Bank works to feed hungry people in Greater Washington by acquiring and distributing food through its network of member organizations and educating the community about hunger and nutrition.
Capital Campaign $200,000

HOMELESSNESS & HUNGER

Carpenter’s Shelter
www.carpentersshelter.org
Carpenter’s Shelter is the largest homeless shelter in Northern Virginia and provides transitional support services.
Program Support $20,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000

Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place
www.ccldfp.org
The Community Council for the Homeless offers counseling, case management, referral, medical and psychiatric care, and housing to homeless people in Ward 8.
Management Assistance Program $13,000

Community Ministry of Montgomery County
www.communityministrymc.org
Community Ministry of Montgomery County provides shelter, housing, clothing, emergency assistance, job training, counseling, and case management to low-income people in Montgomery County.
Program Support $20,000

Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services
www.facetsicoares.org
Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services provides hot meals, case management, and emergency assistance to homeless and low-income people in Fairfax County.
Management Assistance Program $25,000

Food & Friends
www.foodandenemies.org
Food and Friends provides home-delivered meals, groceries, and companionship to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging illnesses.
Management Assistance Program $15,000

Food Research and Action Center
www.frac.org
The Food Research and Action Center houses DC Hunger Solutions, which works to fight hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of children and families in DC.
Program Support $15,000

Manna Food Center
www.mannafoodcenter.org
Manna collects and distributes food to families, organizations, and low-income housing projects in Montgomery County.
Program Support $25,000

GRANTEES, continued
Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
www.mccr.net
The Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless provides shelter, services, and advocacy for homeless people in Montgomery County.
Program Support $10,000

New Hope Housing
www.newhopehousing.org
New Hope Housing helps homeless families and individuals find shelter and build better lives for themselves.
Program Support $15,000

Reston Interfaith
www.restoninterfaith.org
Reston Interfaith offers a wide range of social services to low-income people in the Reston-Herndon area of Northern Virginia.
Capacity Building $50,000

Samaritan Inns
www.samaritainns.org
Samaritan Inns provides housing and services to homeless men and women to help them overcome their drug and alcohol addictions and reclaim their lives.
General Operating Support $1,500

Alliance for Global Justice
www.allianceforglobaljustice.org
Empower DC is a project of the Alliance for Global Justice, founded to train and involve low- and moderate-income people in influencing public policies that directly affect their lives.
Program Support $10,000

HOUSING
Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development
www.coheb.org
The Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development strengthens and promotes the work of the District’s nonprofit housing and economic development organizations.
General Operating Support $33,000

Cornerstone
www.cornerstonecdc.org
Cornerstone provides loans, grants, and lines of credit to individuals and groups developing affordable housing for District residents with serious and persistent mental illness.
Management Assistance Program $22,000

Gateway Municipalities Community Development Corporation
www.gateway-cdc.org
The Gateway Municipalities Community Development Corporation was formed by the residents of Brentwood, North Brentwood, and Mount Rainier to rejuvenate their community, mainly through the arts.
General Operating Support $25,000

HIP Services
www.hiphomes.org
Housing Initiative Partnership creates housing for low-income people in Prince George’s County.
Program Support $3,000

Hope and a Home
(202) 387-7091
Hope and a Home provides affordable housing and support services to help homeless and low-income families create stable homes and make lasting changes in their lives.
General Operating Support $25,000

Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia
www.hcsonv.org
Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia works to prevent homelessness by providing housing and services to low-income households and advocating for affordable housing.
Program Support $20,000

Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers
handhousing.org
The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers increases the technical and productive capacity of area nonprofit housing developers by establishing educational and professional opportunities.
General Operating Support $10,000

Housing Unlimited
handhousing.org/housingunlimited
Housing Unlimited provides permanent and affordable housing for low-income adults with mental illness.
Program Support $15,000

Jubilee Housing
www.jubileehousing.org
Jubilee Housing provides affordable rental housing and services to 850 low-income adults and children of Northern Virginia.
Capital Campaign $200,000

Local Initiatives Support Corporation
www.liscnet.org/washingtondc
The Local Initiatives Support Corporation provides financial support and technical expertise to community development corporations that develop affordable housing, community facilities, and businesses and jobs.
Management Assistance Program $13,000

Manna, Inc.
mannadc.org
Manna creates affordable housing for low-income families in the District.
General Operating Support $30,000

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
www.mwcoeg.org
The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments enhances the quality of life within the Washington metropolitan region, and houses the Washington Area Housing Partnership.
Program Support $10,000

Mil Casa - My House
www.milcasa-inc.org
Mil Casa rehabilitates vacant houses in deteriorating District neighborhoods to sell to low- and moderate-income families, many of whom are immigrants.
Program Support $10,000

Montgomery Housing Partnership
www.mhppartners.org
Montgomery Housing Partnership works to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing in Montgomery County.
Management Assistance Program $13,000

Reston Interfaith
www.restoninterfaith.org
Reston Interfaith offers a wide range of social services to low-income people in the Reston-Herndon area of Northern Virginia.
Program Support $5,000

Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities
www.washingtonregional.net
The Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities facilitates transportation and land use policies and neighborhood design that enhance communities and protect the environment.
General Operating Support $22,000

Wesley Housing Development Corporation
www.wesleyhousing.org
Wesley Housing Development Corporation develops, owns, operates, and maintains affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income people in Northern Virginia.
Salary Support $25,000

Asian American LEAD
www.aalead.org
Asian American LEAD provides culturally competent, child-centered, and family-focused programs for Vietnamese and American youth.
General Operating Support $20,000

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
CASA of Maryland
www.casademaryland.org
CASA of Maryland improves the social and economic well-being of the Latino community in Maryland.
Program Support $25,000

Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cnscr.org
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region houses the Bridging Differences Initiative, which focuses on the increasing diversity of the region and promotes the value of inclusiveness.
Program Support $50,000

Council of Latino Agencies
www.cnacorp.org
The Council of Latino Agencies supports and promotes multicultural organizations that strengthen Greater Washington’s Latino community.
Program Support $22,000

Educational Video in Spanish
www.ivs1.org
Educational Video in Spanish is a progressive television production company dedicated to improving the quality of life for Latino families through public education.
Management Assistance Program $22,000

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington
www.kcscgw.org
The Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington provides social services, education, and advocacy to help Asian-Americans and new immigrants adjust to life in the US.
General Operating Support $30,000

Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association
www.indivietmutual.org
The Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association works to support and advance the Vietnamese-American community educationally, socially, and economically.
Program Support $13,000

Neighbors’ Consejo
www.neighborsconsejo.org
Neighbors’ Consejo empowers low-income, homeless, and addicted people in crisis to move toward social and economic self-sufficiency.
Management Assistance Program $25,000

New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia
www.nneccenter.org
New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia provides educational programs and related services to help immigrant and refugee families become self-sufficient and well-integrated.
General Operating Support $20,000

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
www.aparlrc.org
The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center works to eradicate language and cultural barriers to bring existing legal services and resources within reach of Asian Pacific Americans.
General Operating Support $10,000

Management Assistance Program $10,000

LAW AND JUSTICE
Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
www.dvprp.org
The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services for DC area Asian/Pacific Islander victims of domestic violence.
General Operating Support $25,000

Ayuda
www.ayudadc.org
Ayuda provides community-based legal services to immigrants in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and domestic relations.
Program Support $30,000

Capital Area Immigrants Rights Coalition
www.caicoalition.org
The Capital Area Immigrants Rights Coalition advances the human and civil rights of low-income immigrants and refugees.
General Operating Support $25,000

Central American Resource Center
www.carcecnr.org
Central American Resource Center provides legal services to Central American refugees seeking permanent immigration status.
General Operating Support $25,000

Children’s Law Center
www.childrenslawcenter.org
The Children’s Law Center provides a comprehensive range of legal services to poor children in the District of Columbia to help them find safe, permanent homes and education, health, and social services.
Program Support $25,000

Management Assistance Program $10,000

DC Rape Crisis Center
www.drcrc.org
The DC Rape Crisis Center offers free crisis intervention services to survivors of sexual violence, as well as assault prevention education for community residents.
General Operating Support $25,000

Equal Rights Center
www.equalrightscenter.org
The Equal Rights Center is dedicated to advancing the principles of fair housing, fair employment, and equal access to public accommodations.
General Operating Support $20,000

Human Rights First
www.humanrightsfirst.org
Human Rights First advances justice, human dignity, and respect for the rule of law by advocating and providing direct legal services for asylum seekers and refugees.
Program Support $25,000

Just Neighbors Ministry
www.justneighbors.org
Just Neighbors Ministry provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia.
General Operating Support $25,000

Legal Aid Bureau
www.malab.org
The Legal Aid Bureau provides free legal services to low-income people in Maryland.
Program Support $20,000

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Legal Counsel for the Elderly www.aarp.org/states/dc/dc.htm
Legal Counsel for the Elderly advocates for and provides free legal services for DC’s elderly residents.
Program Support $20,000
My Sister’s Place www.mysistersplacdc.org
My Sister’s Place provides shelter, transitional housing, education, and advocacy for battered women and their children.
General Operating Support $25,000
Capital Campaign $50,000
Our Place www.ourplacedc.org
Our Place provides women who are or have been incarcerated with the support and resources they need to reenter successfully in the community, reuniﬁ with their families, and ﬁ nd decent housing and jobs.
Program Support $20,000
Tahirih Justice Center www.tahirih.org
The Tahirih Justice Center seeks justice for women fleeing international human rights abuses, particularly gender-based persecution and human trafﬁcking.
General Operating Support $32,500
Visitors’ Services Center www.vdcjails.org
Visitors’ Services Center provides pre-trial assistance to defendants in DC Superior Court and inmates of DC jails to these individuals and their families can get timely responses to urgent requests.
Salary Support $10,000
Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs www.washlaw.org
The Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs works to address poverty and discrimination through pro bono lawyers’ services.
Program Support $100,000
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless www.legalclinic.org
The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless provides free legal services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and advocates on behalf of poor people in the District.
General Operating Support $20,000
Washington Region for Justice and Inclusion www.wrij.org
The Washington Region for Justice and Inclusion works to ﬁ ght oppression, prejudice, and discrimination through training, collaboration, and mediation programs.
Program Support $10,000
Women Empowered Against Violence www.wewomen.org
Women Empowered Against Violence provides holistic legal, counseling, and case management services to domestic violence victims in DC.
Management Assistance Program $15,000
NONPROFIT SECTOR & REGIONAL ISSUES
Alliance for Nonproﬁt Management www.allianceman.org
The Alliance for Nonproﬁt Management works to increase the effectiveness of individuals and organizations that help nonproﬁts build their power and impact.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $1,000
American Red Cross of the National Capital Area www.redcrosswca.org
The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area helps the people of Greater Washington prepare, provide aid, and respond to emergencies and natural and man-made disasters.
General Operating Support $50,000
Anacostia Watershed Society www.anacosisews.org
The Anacostia Watershed Society works to protect and restore the Anacostia River.
General Operating Support $20,000
Asian Americans/Paciﬁc Islanders in Philanthropy www.aapip.org
Asian Americans/Paciﬁc Islanders in Philanthropy works to help transform philanthropy by engaging more members of the Asian American/Paciﬁc Islander community in the philanthropic process.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $2,500
BoardSource www.boardsource.org
BoardSource seeks to increase the effectiveness of nonproﬁt organizations by strengthening their boards of directors.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $10,000
Brookings Institution www.brookings.edu
The Brookings Greater Washington Research Program provides information and analysis on regional problems and fosters discussion about solutions.
General Operating Support $30,000
Catalogue for Philanthropy www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org
The Catalogue For Philanthropy seeks to educate and excite donors about philanthropy, provide an annual showcase of some of the best examples of philanthropy in action, and improve charitable giving.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $25,000
Center for Nonproﬁt Advancement www.nonprofitadvancement.org
The Center for Nonproﬁt Advancement strengthens, promotes, and represents nonproﬁt organizations based in Greater Washington.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $20,000
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities www.cbpp.org
The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities houses the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, which analyzes the District’s ﬁ scal issues and their implications for low- and moderate-income residents.
Program Support $20,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region www.cfnrc.org
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region supports the development of a directory of nonproﬁts in wards 7 and 8 in its efforts to improve the quality of life in the metropolitan Washington region.
Program Support $25,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region www.cfncr.org
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region facilitates individual, family and organizational giving at all levels to improve the quality of life in the metropolitan Washington region.
Program Support $5,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region www.cfnrc.org
The Black Philanthropic Alliance, currently housed at the Community Foundation, works to increase the presence and leadership of black professionals in philanthropy and to increase black participation, giving, and leadership throughout the nonprofit sector.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $10,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region www.cfnrc.org
The Alexandria Community Trust, a regional affiliate of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, seeks to increase philanthropic investment and engagement in Alexandria in order to improve the lives of low-income residents.
General Operating Support $25,000
Council on Foundations www.cof.org
The Council on Foundations promotes responsible and eﬀective grantmaking, enhances the understanding of organized philanthropy, and supports and maintains public policy supportive of philanthropy.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $19,700
DC Bar Pro Bono Program www.dcbar.org
The DC Bar Pro Bono Program provides pro bono legal services to beneﬁt DC’s low-income residents and the organizations that serve them.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $10,000
Foundation Center www.foundationcenter.org
The Foundation Center maintains a database on foundations and corporate giving, provides educational programs, maintains a content-rich website, and tracks trends in foundation growth and giving.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $18,100
Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities www.fundersnetwork.org
The Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities works to inspire, strengthen and expand philanthropic leadership and funders’ abilities to support organizations working to improve their communities.
Program Support $5,000
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations www.geofunders.org
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations is dedicated to promoting learning and encouraging dialogue among funders committed to the ﬁ eld of organizational eﬀectiveness.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $12,500
Greater DC Cares www.dc-cares.org
Greater DC Cares trains and places volunteers with local nonprofit organizations.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $15,000
Independent Sector www.independentsector.org
Independent Sector works to create a national forum capable of encouraging giving, volunteering, and nonproﬁt initiatives that serve people, communities, and causes.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $21,790
Leadership Washington www.lwdc.org
Leadership Washington helps participants enhance their leadership skills, expand their local networks, and broaden their understanding of community issues.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $10,000
Maryland Association of Nonproﬁt Organizations www.marylandnpo.org
The Maryland Association of Nonproﬁt Organizations works to strengthen and support nonproﬁts’ ability to serve the community, and to enhance public understanding of, conﬁdence in, and support for the nonproﬁt sector.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $25,000
Nonproﬁt Finance Fund www.nwpfinancefund.org
The Nonproﬁt Finance Fund serves as a development ﬁnance institution for nonproﬁt organizations, working to ﬁ ll their overall need for capital through ﬁ nancing and advisory services.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $20,000
Nonproﬁt Roundtable of Greater Washington www.nproundtable.org
The Nonproﬁt Roundtable of Greater Washington works to build the strength, inﬂuence, and visibility of the nonproﬁt sector in Greater Washington.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $66,914
NPower Greater DC Region www.npowerwachdr.org
NPower Greater DC Region helps community-based nonproﬁt organizations better fulﬁll their missions by becoming savvy users of technology.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $40,000
Rockefeller Family Fund www.gofn.org
Housed at the Rockefeller Family Fund, the Grants Managers Network supports grants managers representing hundreds of grantmakers.
Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $1,000
Urban Institute www.urban.org
The Urban Institute houses the Center on Nonproﬁts and Philanthropy, whose multidisciplinary team of researchers works on nonproﬁt issues.
Program Support $25,000
Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers www.washingtongrantmakers.org
The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers works to strengthen and support the philanthropic leadership and funders’ abilities to support organizations working to improve their communities.
Program Support $5,000
Washington Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $45,000
Washington Nonproﬁt Sector Strengthening $65,000
GRANTEES, continued
The Meyer Foundation gratefully acknowledges 12 years of service by outgoing chair, James W. Jones, Esq., Chairman of the Hildebrandt Institute. Jim joined the Meyer board in 1994, at the time the Foundation was celebrating its 50th anniversary. He served on the Investment Committee from 1995 to 2006, then as chair of the Foundation from 2002 to 2006. We salute his deep commitment to justice and to decent lives for all people who call the region home.
In 1994, Meyer became one of the first private foundations in the country to establish a fund to support capacity building for grantees and to strengthen the region’s nonprofit sector. A decade later, the Nonprofit Sector Fund has become a nationally recognized model for regional nonprofit capacity building. The Nonprofit Sector Fund includes three programs: management assistance, nonprofit sector strengthening, and cash flow loans.

In 2005, the management assistance program provided funding to help 35 grantees:

- conduct strategic planning and organizational assessments;
- improve their financial systems;
- strengthen their boards;
- plan for leadership transitions; and
- work in other ways to build effectiveness and sustainability.

Over the past three years, Meyer has increased its focus on strengthening and supporting the executive leadership of grantees. To learn more about the challenges and professional development needs of executive directors, Meyer worked with CompassPoint Nonprofit Services in 2005 to conduct a national study of executive directors of community-based nonprofits. Nearly 2,000 executives from eight major cities answered questions about their career paths, likely tenure, relationships with their boards and management teams, and major frustrations. *Daring to Lead 2006*, the report on the study, was released in March 2006.

In addition to revealing deep anxiety about fundraising and financial sustainability, the survey responses highlighted key challenges that affect the ability of nonprofit organizations to recruit new leaders to replace those who are leaving. We learned, for example, that three-quarters of survey respondents plan to leave their jobs within five years, but less than a third had discussed succession planning with their boards. We also learned that most executives believe they have made a significant financial sacrifice to work in the nonprofit sector and that their successors will need to be paid substantially higher salaries. Executive directors who were very dissatisfied with their compensation were twice as likely as other respondents to be leaving within a year.

In response to the many challenges facing the executive directors, Meyer has launched *Rewarding Leadership*, a three-year, $2.2 million initiative to stabilize and strengthen the executive leadership of its grantees. Components of the initiative include increased training opportunities for executive directors in Greater Washington, expanded support for executive coaching and executive transition, and the *Exponent Award*, which will allow Meyer to recognize and provide substantial leadership development grant funding for up to five outstanding executive directors each year.

To learn more about the Nonprofit Sector Fund and the Rewarding Leadership initiative or to download *Daring to Lead 2006*, visit www.meyerfoundation.org.
The Meyer Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the people and communities of Greater Washington. Grants fall in seven program areas: arts, heritage, and culture; community service; education; health and mental health; law and justice; neighborhood development and housing; and nonprofit sector strengthening.

**OVERVIEW OF FUNDS COMMITTED IN 2005**

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**GUIDELINES FOR MEYER’S GRANTMAKING PROGRAM**

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must be

A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and organized and operated for charitable purposes.

Located within and primarily serving the Washington, DC region, defined as the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George’s, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties in Maryland; and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park in Northern Virginia.

The Foundation generally **WILL NOT** consider requests to fund

- Individuals, either through scholarships or other forms of financial assistance
- Scientific or medical research
- Sectarian purposes (programs that promote religious doctrine)
- Special events or conferences
- Endowments

**HOW TO APPLY**

The Meyer Foundation uses a two-step application process:

**STEP ONE**

Organizations seeking funding from the Meyer Foundation are required to first submit a letter of inquiry (LOI).

**STEP TWO**

Foundation staff will review all letters of inquiry. The Foundation will notify applicants of its interest within two months of the LOI deadline.

If the work described in the LOI is selected for further consideration, a program officer will schedule a meeting to discuss the request. At that time, the Foundation may invite a full proposal, due on a date agreed upon by the program officer and the organization. Invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee funding of the request. Uninvited proposals will not be accepted.

For complete instructions on submitting an LOI, deadlines, or to download an LOI cover sheet, please visit www.meyerfoundation.org.