



# Center for Neighborhood Enterprise

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## Competitive Grant Announcement 2009

The Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) is pleased to announce a request for competitive applications to receive Technical Assistance and/or Sub-Awards through the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

**Background & Purpose:** CNE, through a competitive process, has been awarded funds to serve as an intermediary organization between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and nonprofit Faith-Based and Community-Based organizations serving Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8 in Washington, D.C. The goal of CCF is to assist nonprofit faith-based and community-based organizations in: increasing their effectiveness, enhancing their ability to provide social services, expanding their organizations, diversifying their funding sources and creating collaborations to better serve those most in need.

The purpose of the project is to develop the capacity and strengthen the infrastructure of nonprofit Faith-Based and Community organizations through the following:

Technical Assistance and financial support \* - through sub-awards – so selected organizations can expand their influences and services to more effectively address the needs of residents in Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8 of the District of Columbia.

*\*CNE may also choose to award technical assistance services solely (without direct monetary support) to groups who apply for sub-award funding but do not meet rating criteria. CNE will not accept any applicants that utilize another non-profit, for-profit, house of worship, or individual to serve as a fiduciary for the organization applying for funds.*

### **Combined Number of Technical Assistance Awards and Sub-Awards to be Distributed:**

Estimated 20 Sub-Awards

Sub-Award Amounts will average \$10,000

**Types of Sub-Awards Available:** CNE will distribute two (2) types of sub-awards during the 2009/2010 program year:

**Program Capacity Building Sub-Award** - to expand upon or improve existing programs services on a sustained basis

**Organizational Development Sub-Award** - to provide operational and/or infrastructure building support to address basic areas of need

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for Sub-Awards are limited to those Community and Faith-Based nonprofit organizations providing services in Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8 (regardless of 501(c) (3) status) that currently:

Have current operating budgets of less than \$750,000;

Have not historically received direct Federal funding;

Have been consistently conducting programs/providing tangible services in either Wards 5, 6, 7 and/or 8 for the past 18 months, and can demonstrate their value to the community through verifiable constituent recommendation letters;

Are addressing the needs of one or more of the following: at-risk youth, the homeless, elders-in-need, families and individuals in transition from welfare to work, substance abusers, ex-offenders, or promotion of healthy marriages.

**Applicant's Minimum Responsibilities:**

**Upon Award Sub-Awardees will:**

Develop and implement a work plan that will ensure that the activities included in the approved application occur in an efficient, effective, and timely manner. This work plan will be comprised of two sections: one section for grant-related activities, and one section for technical assistance. CNE will conduct Organizational and Financial Management assessments to help with the development of the technical assistance component of the work plan.

Submit monthly reports, and, if applicable, invoices by the 10th of each month. Submit quarterly reports as determined by CNE.

Work towards all agreed upon technical assistance outcomes identified through the work plan and remain actively engaged with the assigned technical assistance provider.

Ensure that no funds will be in any way used to support religious practices, worship, or proselytizing.

Ensure Executive Director participation at all CNE/CCF sponsored meetings and trainings.

Comply with all Assurances included in the application packet.

**Technical Assistance:** CNE will distribute applications and hold an Information/Question & Answer Session on November 30th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 to explain in further detail the purpose of the grants, how funds may be used, and obligations regarding use of Federal funds. This session will be held at:

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
4611 Sheriff Road, NE  
Washington, DC 20019

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. The session will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. CNE will only accept sub-award applications from organizations that attend the entire session. To ensure that your organization's application will be accepted, please be on time. No exceptions will be made.

CNE will also hold a Technical Assistance Session for interested organizations on "How to Successfully Complete Your Grant Application" from 1:00-3:00 p.m. that afternoon at the same location. CNE STRONGLY encourages applicants to attend this session. Applicants who attend this session have traditionally been among the highest rated applicants.

**To confirm your attendance, please contact Ms. Latisha Daniels at:**

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