

## FAQ'S FOR THE 2013-2014 MINORITY COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

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### 1) Can a state affiliate apply for these grants?

Yes. A state affiliate can apply for a grant on behalf of multiple local affiliates, but there must be a clear budget and set of desired outcomes for each affiliate who will receive funding using any of these monies.

### 2) Does a local affiliate need to notify the state of its intent to apply for an MCOP grant prior to submission?

Yes. All applications must be submitted with the full knowledge of the state affiliate president.

### 3) What is the range of potential grant awards?

The grant award range is up to \$50,000.

### 4) Is this funding for one year only?

Yes. However, prior year award recipients (affiliates who received funding in FY 2012-2013) may submit a proposal for funding in this cycle. However, the proposal must demonstrate how it will continue the work. Also, 2012-2013 applicants who submitted a multi-year proposal may submit a proposal for the remainder of their proposed projects. All grant applications, however, whether they seek continuing funding or funding for new work will be reviewed with the same high standards.

### 5) Are there models of community engagement that might provide guidance for applications that seek to raise student achievement?

Yes. Applicants can look within our own organization for examples of family, school and community engagement by referencing the Family-School-Community Partnerships 2.0 guide. Family-School-Community Partnerships 2.0: Collaborative Strategies to Advance Student Learning (<http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/Family-School-Community-Partnerships-2.0.pdf>) profiles the work done in local communities across the country by NEA affiliate members and leaders who are working closely with parents, families, and community members to close achievement gaps, improve low-performing schools, and transform relationships between schools and their communities. As part of the NEA Great Public Schools Network, you may learn about what other affiliates' partnership initiatives. To gain access to the GPS Network, simply logon to <http://www.gpsnetwork.org/welcome/>.

### 6) Can a local affiliate ask for a list of members who have demonstrated activism or who have been trained through one of NEA's leadership development programs?

Yes. We can assist you in pulling lists of members who have completed NEA's Women's Leadership Training Program; Minority Leaders Training Program; National Training Program on Safety, Bias and GLBT Issues from our database; however, your state affiliate may also have additional data so we encourage you to check with your state affiliates as well.

### 7) Can this grant be used to help pay for a conference?

Ideally, these grant monies will be used to support actual issue organizing campaigns or efforts that are ongoing throughout the year to engage our members and minority communities and/or partners. Priority will be given to those applications that reflect more than a single event, but rather a plan for continuous engagement.

### 8) How can I assess the organizational strength of my partners?

There are 10 elements of organizational effectiveness that are good indicators of a partner's ability to carry out their own mission and translate that capacity to a partnership. The elements are: membership, leadership, staff, message, finances, reputation, relationships, programs, technology, and planning.