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## NPU-V Economic Justice Initiative

**Deadline for Submissions:** Completed applications are due by *5:00pm on April 7, 2017*. Hand delivered applications must be submitted at the Fund for Southern Communities office. Applications can also be emailed to [grants@fundforsouth.org](mailto:grants@fundforsouth.org) and [fsc@fundforsouth.org](mailto:fsc@fundforsouth.org) with **NPU-V Economic Justice Initiative** in the subject line.

**Funding Range:** \$10,000 - \$46,000 (If you are requesting the maximum amount, we strongly urge a joint application)

### Introduction

The goal of this funding initiative is to support resident-led advocacy in Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Unit-V (NPU-V) communities that will lead to sustaining current population needs and just outcomes for families and children. As NPU-V communities experience increasing pressures from gentrification, resident leadership and advocacy will be essential for guaranteeing that community residents have access to local resources, emerging economic opportunities and institutions that can maintain their presence in these neighborhoods. .

The Fund for Southern Communities is seeking proposals to support strategies that amplify the voices of NPU-V residents involved in grassroots organizing to bring needed resources, institutions and policy change to their community. Atlanta is the home of many organizations that seek to disrupt power inequities by centering the everyday experiences of individuals most impacted by the lack of access to economic opportunity.

The initiative will target community-based groups, networks and residents based-in or serving residents living in the six NPU-V neighborhoods (Pittsburgh, Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, Adair Park, Summerhill, and Capitol Gateway) who are working in strategic ways to reduce barriers to economic opportunity through grassroots-led changes in policies and practices by doing the following:

- Working to ensure that local residents have access to quality local jobs;
- Training residents to address issues such as access to paid family leave and to livable wages;
- Educating the public on policy changes and issues related to economic justice; for example, the implementation of “ban the box”, the Family Care Act, and Equal Pay for women;
- Supporting economic inclusion strategies for major economic development projects;
- Creating sustainable projects in the targeted communities that organize residents on economic issues; and
- Focusing on youth-led initiatives.

Grantees will be selected based on their ability to implement project ideas, track the outcomes of their work, and demonstrate how their work directly benefits residents living in the NPU-V communities.

## **Criteria for Funding**

1. **Funding Priority:** Organizations applying for funding must have as their target constituency NPU-V residents who will receive training and will serve as major participants in the advocacy work of the initiative.
2. **Budget Requirement:** Annual organizational budget of applicant must not exceed \$500,000. If applying jointly, this criteria will apply to each individual organization's operating budget.
3. **Geographic Scope:** Grantees must show a strong connection to (members live in the community and/or work in community) Atlanta's Neighborhood Planning Unit V (Pittsburgh, Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, Summerhill, Adair park, and Capitol Gateway).
4. The Fund for Southern Communities supports activities by organizations that are tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3), **or** have a fiscal sponsor with IRS tax-exempt status.

## **Application Materials**

### **Section A: Cover Sheet**

- a. Name and address of organization
- b. Year established
- c. Executive Director's name
- d. List of board members
- e. Contact person's name and title
- f. Contact person's email address and phone number
- g. Fund amount being requested
- h. Length of time for which the funds are being requested (not to exceed 12 months)
- i. Organization's mission
- j. Number of people "served" by your organization last calendar year
- k. List of results or milestones achieved last calendar year
- l. Listing of attachments:
  - i. The 501(c)3 letter (If using a fiscal sponsor, their letter and their W-9)
  - ii. Financial statements/latest 990
  - iii. Narrative

### **Section B: Narrative (800 words maximum)**

- a. **History and Purpose**

Briefly describe your organization's history and mission; Describe current programs and activities; List some major accomplishments.
- b. Describe the work for which you are seeking funding. Be sure to present a clear statement of the problem your work is addressing, the people involved, the organizing plan and its potential impact on the community
- c. **Social Change**

Describe the systematic or social change your organization is trying to achieve. How does your work address and change the underlying root causes of the problem? Does your organization work or partner with groups that are working on similar issues? How can focusing on NPU-V help advance your organization's mission and goals?
- d. **Organizational Structure and Process**

Briefly describe how your organization works. What are the responsibilities of board, staff, volunteers and members where applicable? How representative is your board, volunteers, or staff

of the communities with which you work? *FSC gives strong consideration to geographic, cultural, ethnic and programmatic diversity among its funded projects.*

**e. Desired Results**

Please outline the desired results you hope to achieve with this grant. Please pay particular attention to your organizing strategy and goals. What social change impact is anticipated in one year as a result of this work? What is the evidence of the social change impact and desired outcomes? What information will be collected that supports the achievement of desired outcomes?

**Section C: Additional Items**

- a. A copy of your IRS 501(c)3 status letter. If you do not have 501(c)3 status, please submit IRS 501(c)3 status letter from your fiscal sponsor; along with a letter from your fiscal sponsor
- b. Most recent year's organizational financial statement, audited if available **or** your latest 990 Form.
- c. A copy of your organization's State Registration.
- d. A line item budget for the proposed project, line-item organizational budgets for the preceding Fiscal Year and current Fiscal Year, including amounts and sources of both income and expenses; identifying principal sources of support

**Send 4 copies of Grant Applications to:**

The Fund for Southern Communities  
4153-C Flat Shoals Parkway, Suite 316  
Decatur, Georgia 30034

**Decision-making Process**

All application materials are carefully read and evaluated by the Fund For Southern Communities Activist-Advised grants committee. Grantees will be notified no later than **April 21, 2017**.

The timeline is as follows:

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| March 10th, 2017 | Application available   |
| April 7th, 2017  | Applications due at 5pm |
| April 21st, 2017 | Grantees notified       |

**If you have questions regarding this application, please contact 404-371-8404 or [grants@fundforsouth.org](mailto:grants@fundforsouth.org)**

**NPU-V Economic Justice Organizing Initiative Score Sheet****Part I: Alignment and Collaboration**

Rating Scale: No = 1(0%), Yes = 2 (100%)

| Criteria  | Rating (1-2) | Possible Points (40) |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Applicant(s) identifies NPU-V as their primary constituent  |              | 15                   |
| Applicant(s) demonstrates collaboration across the six NPU-V neighborhoods                              |              | 10                   |
| Proposed work is a joint effort between two or more organizations                                       |              | 10                   |
| Board, staff, and volunteers are racially/ethnically representative of the NPU-V communities they serve |              | 5                    |

**Part II: Strategy and Outcomes**

Rating Scale: does not meet criteria = 1 (0%), partially meets criteria = 2 (25%), meets criteria = 3 (75%), meets criteria exceptionally well = 4 (100%)

| Criteria  | Rating (1-4) | Possible Points (60) |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Clear statement of the economic justice issue the applicant(s) is seeking to address                                    |              | 10                   |
| Proposed work to advance economic justice addresses the intersections of race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.         |              | 10                   |
| Applicant(s) demonstrates how the work directly benefits residents living in NPU-V                                      |              | 10                   |
| Applicant(s) provides clearly defined method of tracking outcomes   |              | 10                   |
| Project substantially engages youth and young adults (ages 15-24)   |              | 5                    |
| Application includes clearly articulated timeline to complete the proposed work   |              | 5                    |
| Application includes clearly defined results your organization seek to achieve during the term of the grant (12 months) |              | 5                    |
| The strategy is sustainable (likely to continue beyond the grant period)  |              | 5                    |