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PRESS RELEASE

NYC Council Funds 6th Annual Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund

68 Nonprofits Received Capacity Building Support

March 9, 2020—New York: For the sixth consecutive year, the New York City Council has announced its support and commitment to investing in nonprofits through the Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund (CCNSF). CCNSF, the first fund of its kind in New York City, was adopted in Fiscal Year 2015 to grant New York City-based nonprofits the support needed to increase capacity-building for emerging and seasoned social services organizations.

This year, 68 community-based organizations (CBOs) throughout New York City will receive transformative grants to support and create critical functions, and provide economic stimuli and capacity-building support to emerging and seasoned social services organizations. These CBOs offer an array of services to New Yorkers and are being funded to address a variety of infrastructural needs including leadership development, financial management, and outcomes system development, among others.

The coordinating organizations – Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, Hispanic Federation, New York Urban League, and Asian American Federation – have been critical in leveraging dedicated nonprofit funds from the City Council. To date, \$11.25 million has been committed to CCNSF, which addresses the need for capacity-building funding for nonprofit organizations in communities of color. The monies have had a considerable impact on the sustainability, growth, and prosperity of many organizations providing crucial services to the most vulnerable communities in New York City. CCNSF was championed by NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson and has broad support among Council Members, including the Black, Latino/a, and Asian Caucus. Oversight of the funding is provided by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD).

In addition to granting these capacity-building awards, the coordinating organizations will conduct many trainings covering a variety of topics such as board development, financial management, and fundraising, offered to awardees and applicants.

“The Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund (CCNSF) is now in its sixth year of funding. CCNSF’s investment in Asian Pacific American (APA)-led and -serving organizations builds the critical capacity to strengthen our communities to help those in need. APA communities are vibrant and strong economic zones of development that provide employment to many New Yorkers, including those who experience linguistic isolation. However, our communities are not without need. Almost 80% of APAs in New York City are immigrants and endure multiple barriers in accessing health and social services. Oftentimes, APA organizations are their only lifeline in receiving access to resources in their language,” said **Vanessa Leung** and **Anita Gundanna, Co-Executive Directors, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families**. “We thank Speaker Corey Johnson and the support of New York City Council for investing in the organizations that provide the most impactful services to address our growing and dynamic communities.”

“The Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund provides critical funds for nonprofits that serve our most vulnerable populations, making essential services available to enhance these individuals’ quality of life. We hope that CCNSF will continue to be a priority in New York City, revitalizing the vast nonprofit network serving millions of New Yorkers each day. Congratulations to the deserving nonprofits who were awarded grants this year. They are making our communities stronger, and we are proud to be their partner,” said **Frankie Miranda, President** of the **Hispanic Federation**.

“NYUL is pleased to continue our partnership with the Hispanic Federation, Asian American Federation, and Coalition for Asian American Children and Families to better serve New York City neighborhoods. The financial support in core areas of nonprofit management, peer connection, and networking has greatly strengthened selected organizations. For six years, this program has made measurable impacts in our city’s valuable nonprofits and, in turn, has improved the lives of New Yorkers throughout the City,” said **Arva Rice, Executive**

Jo-Ann Yoo, **Executive Director** of the **Asian American Federation**, said, “The City Council’s continued investment in the Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund shows that our city’s leaders understand the incredible importance of organizations led by leaders of color that are serving communities of color. Our ability to support and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations in our communities is vitally needed in today’s climate; through CCNSF, we ensure that they are better equipped to provide critical services to our city’s most vulnerable populations.”

“Volunteering with a grassroots organization in Chinatown helped launch my career in public service, so I know firsthand the importance of providing these nonprofits with leadership development, capacity-building, and other supports. Congratulations to the community-based organizations whose grants from the Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund will help ensure that critical services and programs reach even more New Yorkers,” said **DYCD Commissioner Bill Chong**.

CCNSF 2020 Awardees

A Better Jamaica	Girls on the Run NYC
ABADA-CAPOEIRA BRONX ARTS	GRIOT Circle
Academy of Medical & Public Health Services	Hunts Point Alliance for Children
African Film Festival	I’Raise Girls & Boys International
Arab American Association of NY	ID Studio Theater Performance and
Bangladeshi American Community	Research Center
Development & Youth Services	Instituto Arte Teatral Internacional
Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway District Mgt.	Kundiman
Assoc.	Latinas on the Verge of Excellence
Boys & Girls Club of Harlem	Life of Hope
Bronx Baptist Church	Masa-MexEd
Bronx Council on the Arts	Mind Builders Creative Arts Co.
CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities	Mixteca Organization
Chhaya Community Development	Muslim Community Network
Corporation	Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
Children of Promise, NYC	CDC
Churches United for Fair Housing	Network Support Services
Community Voices Heard	New York Women's Chamber of Commerce
Council of Peoples Organization	Noel Pointer Foundation
Cumbe: Center for African & Diaspora Dance	Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance
Damayan Migrant Workers Association	Nuyorican Poets Café
Drama Club	Peer Training.
Empowerment Zone	Qualitas of Life Foundation
Garden of Hope	Raga Massive
Girl Be Heard	Reading Holiday Project
Sadie Nash Leadership Project	The Young Women's Christian Association of
Sakhi for South Asian Women	Queens
Society for the Prevention of Weeksville	Trinity Healing Center
Society of the Educational Arts	Uptown Dance Academy
SoHarlem	Vibe Theater Experience
South Bronx United	Vision Urbana
Staten Island Community Job Center	We Stay/Nos Quedamos Committee
The Actors Theatre Workshop	Wendy Hilliard Foundation
The Brooklyn Steppers	Women for Afghan Women
The Classical Theatre of Harlem	Word of Life International
The Japanese American Association of New	You Gotta Believe
York	Youth Action Programs and Homes

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CCNSF is coordinated by the following organizations:

- Asian American Federation
- Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
- Hispanic Federation
- New York Urban League

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