

MISSION

The New York Foundation is a steadfast supporter of community organizing and advocacy in New York City. We believe that the resilience and vitality of its neighborhoods is the city's greatest resource. Our grants support community-initiated solutions to solve local problems, constituents mobilizing for adequate and equitable resources, and groups organizing a collective voice among those whose voices have not been heard.

HOW TO APPLY

A simple first step is to send us a letter of inquiry outlining your project and your budget needs. We can often make a quick determination as to whether or not the request fits our guidelines based on a letter rather than a full proposal. We will ask you for additional information if the request is unclear.

If you are preparing a proposal, please use the New York Area Common Application Form. It can be downloaded at www.nyf.org. If you are following another format, please limit your submission to five pages.

Whether you send us a letter of inquiry, or a proposal, three Foundation program staff will review each request. We receive numerous requests for each cycle, so our staff cannot evaluate each proposed project in person or over the telephone; that is why we will always ask that you put your inquiry in writing. Once the deadline has passed and all pending requests have been read, program staff will meet personally with the strongest applicants to evaluate the proposed projects and will visit the program sites before making recommendations to the Board.

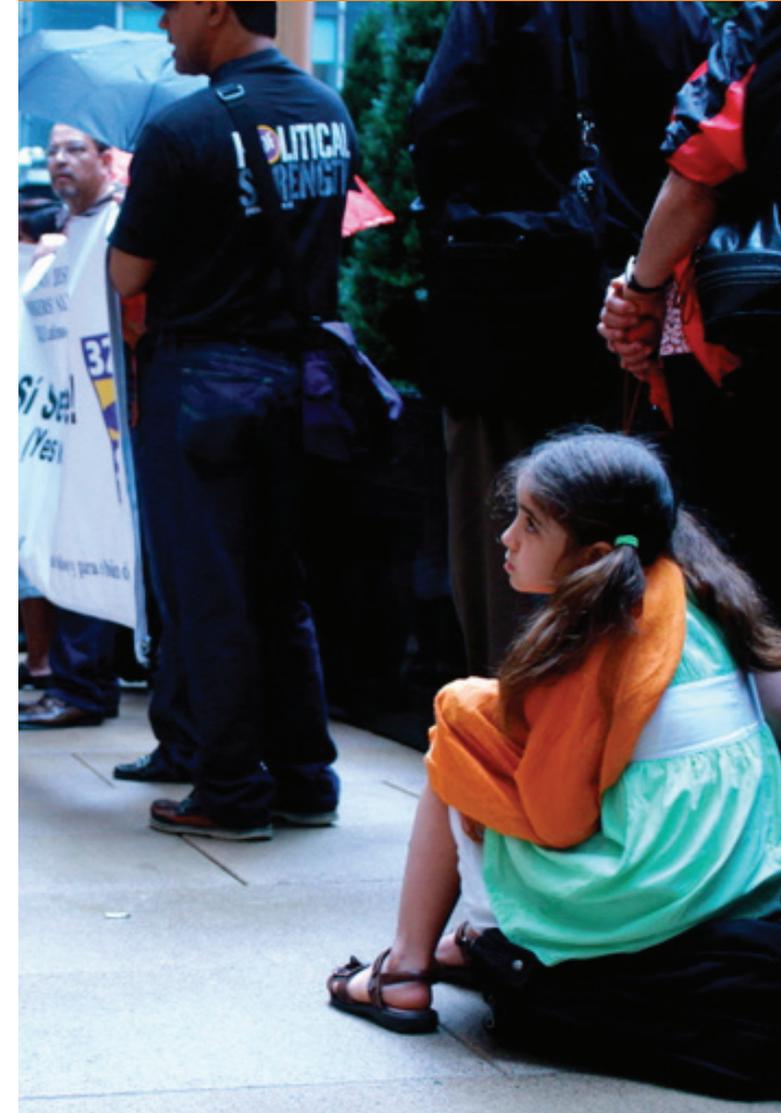
We will not accept proposals by fax or e-mail.

All grants are made by the Board of Trustees, which meets three times a year: in February, June, and October.

Requests for funding must be received by:
November 1 for the February meeting
March 1 for the June meeting
July 1 for the October meeting*

*When any of these dates falls on a weekend, the due date is the Friday before the first of the month.

ANNUAL REPORT



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WHO WE ARE

One of the first foundations in the United States, the New York Foundation was established in 1909 with a gift of \$1 million from Alfred M. Heinsheimer, part of a bequest he had received from his brother Louis. This first philanthropic gift was augmented by two additional gifts: one restricted broadly to the benefit of the young and the elderly; the second from the estate of Alfred M. Heinsheimer in 1929. Its founding documents list general philanthropic purposes, but its name has always signaled a special concern for New York City.

From the beginning the trustees argued that the role of philanthropy was to broaden awareness of social problems; not to limit grant making to direct charity. The early trustees were venture capitalists comfortable with a high degree of risk and made grants to organizations at their earliest stages.

To explore our grantmaking history and view examples of grants by issue area and decade, visit the New York Foundation's website at www.nyf.org.

For more than 100 years, we have supported efforts that address a wide diversity of issues, but all grantees share a commitment to inspire New Yorkers to become more informed, active participants in the life of the city. Today our grant program encompasses both start-up grants to emerging groups—particularly those with few other sources of financial support—and longer-term institutional support. The Foundation influenced many changes in the philanthropic field during its history, primarily around making foundations' processes more transparent and accessible. The Foundation also has created programs to help newer organizations build their capacity to thrive.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

The Foundation places a priority on supporting community organizing and advocacy strategies. While we make grants to groups that utilize multiple strategies, including direct service, preference is given to those moving toward incorporating advocacy and organizing.

All organizations that apply for a grant, regardless of the strategy they utilize or the issue they address, must:

- Involve New York City or a particular neighborhood of the city;
- Address a critical or emerging need, particularly involving youth or the elderly; and
- Articulate how a grant from the Foundation would advance their work.

We define community organizing as bringing people together to identify issues and take joint action to bring about change. Drawing on a broad constituency that shapes and guides their agenda, community organizing groups develop and train leaders, work to promote accountability, and bring about both personal transformation and systemic change.

We define advocacy as a strategy that raises or rallies public attention or action, in order to bring issues into the realm of public concern and effect policy change. Advocacy may be carried out by those directly affected or by others working on behalf of a constituency.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR GRANTEES

Most grants fall into the following categories:

- Start-up grants to new, untested organizations;
- Grants to organizations for new projects that have a high probability of receiving future support or that anticipate operating for only a limited time period;
- General institutional support, usually for relatively new projects or for organizations in transition.

Start-up organizations are eligible for five consecutive years of support; other categories are eligible for up to three years. Grants are made for one year at a time, and grantees must reapply annually. Grants generally range from \$40,000 to \$45,000 for each year of a grant.

Once a grant is approved, grantees have access to the Foundation's extensive capacity-building program, which offers grantees both one-on-one consultation with experienced providers of nonprofit management assistance and trainings throughout the year. Our capacity-building partners include: Community Resource Exchange, Lawyers Alliance for New York, Center for Neighborhood Leadership, and Social Justice Leadership.

In addition, grantees can request small supplementary grants for technical assistance, leadership development, and to expand their capacity to engage in community organizing.

The Foundation also operates a summer internship in community organizing, which supports ten-week placements for young people who want to explore the field of community organizing.

2013 GRANTS

13% and Growing Coalition

\$45,000 to advocate for equitable resources for organizations that serve Asian Pacific American communities in New York City.

Advocates for Children of New York

\$45,000 to create the Parent Organizing Collaborative with La Union de la Comunidad Latina and Center for Immigrant Families in Manhattan Valley, Manhattan, and Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

African Communities Together

\$40,000 to connect African immigrants living in New York to services, leadership training, and to develop advocacy and organizing campaigns for systemic change.

Alliance for a Just Rebuilding

\$25,000 to launch a unified campaign to demand a just and sustainable rebuilding effort that includes habitable and healthy homes, jobs and economic opportunity, and inclusion and transparency in the allocation of public resources.

Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development

\$25,000 to continue INCO's projects in 2013 to protect and increase decent affordable housing in New York City as the Neighborhood Opportunities Fund revises its funding strategy.

Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development

\$20,000 for the Center for Neighborhood Leadership that works to build and strengthen New York City's community organizing infrastructure.

Brandworkers International

\$45,000 to provide legal, advocacy, and organizing support to low-wage retail and food employees.

Brooklyn Food Coalition

\$45,000 for a partnership that acts as an effective voice for those who live in or serve Brooklyn and seek a just and sustainable system for healthy and affordable food.

Brooklyn Movement Center

\$45,000 to build a membership-led, direct action, community organizing group based in Bedford-Stuyvesant/Crown Heights.

Brown Community Development Corporation

\$45,000 to launch a community organizing initiative in Central Brooklyn.

CDC Kids N' Teens Program

\$45,000 to provide a safe space on the North Shore of Staten Island for refugee children and other underprivileged children to learn and explore.

Child Welfare Organizing Project

\$20,000 to support the organization's transition to new leadership.

Churches United for Fair Housing

\$45,000 support for a faith-based organization that advocates for affordable housing in North Brooklyn.

Coalition for Health Access to Reach Greater Equity

\$42,500 for a campaign to expand health-care access for New York City's low-income, immigrant Asian Pacific Islander community.

College & Community Fellowship

\$42,500 to reinstate New York State Tuition Assistance Program Grant eligibility for incarcerated students.

Common Justice

\$45,000 to divert youth from prison, facilitate the well-being of those harmed by crime, and place decisionmaking power in the aftermath of crime into the hands of those most impacted by it.

Community Based Disaster Planning in the Lower East Side

\$35,000 a joint project for the Urban Justice Center, GOLES, and Hester Street Collaborative, to assess the needs and priorities of LES residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and to develop a community-based plan for disaster preparation for the neighborhood.

Community Connections for Youth

\$45,000 to empower grassroots organizations to develop effective community-driven alternative-to-incarceration programs for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Community Resource Exchange

\$80,000 to provide individual technical assistance to New York Foundation grantees.

Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation

\$42,500 to organize parents to improve local public schools in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn.

Damayan Migrant Workers Association

\$40,000 to sustain and expand a campaign against the labor and human trafficking of low-wage workers, particularly Filipino domestic workers.

El Centro del Inmigrante

\$42,500 to advance immigrant rights and immigrant civic participation and empowerment.

EyeOpeners: Youth Against Violence

\$45,000 for a campaign to address the escalating violence between African American and Latino youth in Port Richmond.

Faith in New York

\$45,000 for an economic justice campaign to create job opportunities for immigrants.

Families United for Racial and Economic Equality

\$42,500 for a youth-organizing campaign to influence the policy debate around the unemployment crisis among youth of color.

Flatbush Development Corporation

\$42,500 for the Flatbush Tenant Coalition, a tenant-organizing initiative in Flatbush, East Flatbush, and South Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Flushing Workers Center

\$45,000 for a workers center, led by immigrant low-wage workers.

The Fund for New Citizens

\$25,000 for a funder collaborative that supports projects benefiting the City's immigrants.

Griot Circle

\$45,000 for the expansion of its programs and physical space to serve gay elders of color.

Highbridge Community Life Center

\$42,500 to expand its community organizing efforts around the issues of education, health, and the environment.

Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement

\$45,000 for a civic engagement and legal services program for immigrants.

Justice Committee

\$40,000 for a leadership development and organizing initiative to combat police brutality.

Justice Will Be Served! Campaign

\$42,500 for the Sweatshop Free Upper West Side, a coalition of workers, residents, students, faith-based groups, and elected officials that pushes for enforcement of labor laws, raises public awareness, and provides a model for organizing.

Lawyers Alliance for New York

\$30,000 to provide pro bono counsel and other direct services to members of the nonprofit community.

LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent

\$45,000 to challenge negative values, hate speech, and hostility that Black LGBT people face in the faith community.

MASA-MexEd

\$42,500 to promote access to higher education for students of Mexican descent living in New York City, and to promote civic engagement among parents and the larger Mexican community around issues of education.

Mekong

\$42,500 for a center that serves the Southeast Asian community in New York City through programs that provide community organizing, healing, education, arts, culture, language services, and improved access to social services.

MFY Legal Services

\$45,000 for a campaign to end the placement of people with mental and physical disabilities in illegal boarding houses.

Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community Center

\$45,000 to engage parents of public school students to be active participants in their children's academic advancement.

New Economy Project

\$45,000 for a campaign to address the discriminatory use of credit information in the employment and rental housing contexts, and the proliferation of abusive, high-cost, "fringe" financial products in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color.

New York City Change Capital Fund

\$25,000 to launch a new Change Capital Fund.

New York City Environmental Justice Alliance

\$35,000 to influence New York City's industrial waterfront policies, reduce cumulative contamination and public health risks posed by storm surges, and climate change, and pursue a Sandy Regional Environmental Justice Recovery Agenda.

New York Communities Organizing Fund

\$45,000 to promote immigrants' rights in New York through organizing low-wage workers at grocery stores and car washes.

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

\$42,500 to ensure that New York City public schools are free of highly toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

New York Students Rising

\$45,000 for a network of students from across New York State organizing to increase access to affordable quality public higher education.

New Yorkers for Health and Safety

\$42,500 to reduce the number of people illegally searched, falsely charged, and then arrested for marijuana possession in New York City.

Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation

\$25,000 to hire additional staff to coordinate the organization's participation in campaigns and alliances to ensure that the post-storm recovery efforts are equitable, inclusive, and address the needs of low-income residents.

Participatory Budgeting Initiative

\$42,500 to expand the participatory budgeting process to eight New York city council districts.

Picture the Homeless

\$40,000 to catalyze a grassroots community-based planning and organizing process that will propose sustainable, permanent affordable housing for the extremely poor.

Pratt Center for Community Development

\$25,000 to conduct a community-driven post-Sandy resiliency planning and advocacy campaign in Far Rockaway.

Queens Housing Coalition

\$42,500 to educate, organize, and build collective power for and with low-income and immigrant tenants in Queens to ensure safe, affordable housing.

Red Umbrella Project

\$40,000 to mentor and support people in the sex trades to develop and lead community organizing projects on health and violence.

Resilience Advocacy Project

\$45,000 to develop a community-based peer advocacy infrastructure aimed at empowering low-income youth to access the educational, economic, and health resources they need to move out of poverty.

Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York

\$45,000 for its Campaign for Responsible Liquor Licensing, which includes coalition-building, the release of a policy report, and the development of a statewide policy scheme.

Retail Action Project

\$42,500 to build the power of NYC retail workers to improve wages and working conditions in the retail industry.

Riders Alliance

\$40,000 to organize transit riders, with an emphasis on the communities of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights in Brooklyn and Sunnyside/Long Island City in Queens.

Rockaway Youth Task Force

\$40,000 to create a community of civically engaged youth in the Rockaways.

Sauti Yetu Center for African Women

\$42,500 to enhance the culturally and linguistically relevant educational and youth-development services provided to immigrant students with little or no literacy.

Social Justice Leadership

\$20,000 for training and consultation for grantees to strengthen their community organizing capacity.

South Asian Youth Action

\$45,000 for the Desi Men's Society (formerly the Young Men's Empowerment Project, YMEP), which works with low-income South Asian men between the ages of 15 and 20.

Streetwise and Safe

\$42,500 to build and share leadership skills among LGBTQ youth of color who experience gender- and sexuality-specific forms of criminalization based on race and poverty.

Urban Justice Center-Community Development Project

\$42,500 to strengthen the research and policy capacity of community organizing groups throughout New York City.

Verrazano Civic Engagement Table

\$40,000 to strengthen the base of South Brooklyn and Staten Island immigrant organizations and mobilize members to weigh in on the immigration reform debate.

VOCAL-NY

\$40,000 to ensure that people living with and who are at risk for hepatitis C have access to testing, care, treatment and prevention.

Women on the Rise Telling HerStory

\$45,000 for a member-led organization that enables incarcerated women to act as agents of change within the criminal justice system.

Workers Justice Project

\$40,000 for the Women's Economic Justice Initiative, a campaign to organize women day laborers in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Excerpted from the audited annual report prepared by WeiserMazars LLP. Copies of the full report are available at the Foundation office.

REVENUES

Contributions	\$34,364
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INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends	\$537,083
Interest	\$242,355
Investment Income from Partnerships	\$130,215
Net Realized Gain on Investments	\$1,691,886
Net Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$4,800,779

Less Investment Fees	\$7,402,318 (\$171,456)
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$7,265,226
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EXPENSES

Grants 2012	\$3,408,434
Less Cancellations	\$0

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Program Workshop Expenses	\$61,594
Program-related Expenses	\$755,265
Management and General Expenses	\$533,149
Provision for Federal Excise Taxes	\$44,975

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,803,417
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$2,461,809

NET ASSETS January 1, 2012	\$56,416,479
NET ASSETS December 31, 2012	\$58,878,288