

The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc., to Host Second Round of Strengthening Community Fund Infomeetings



RAPID CITY, SD – The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc. (CFFD) announces the second Request for Proposals for application to the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF), a two-year American Recovery and Investment Act grant CFFD received in October 2009. Accordingly, CFFD will host two infomeetings—as training to apply for the SCF—from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 30, and from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services — Administration for Children & Families, SCF is designed to build organizational capacity by providing training and technical assistance and financial assistance (subawards) to nonprofit organizations in the Black Hills region (Butte, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington counties), including Pine Ridge Reservation (Jackson and Shannon counties). Each year of this two-year program, organizations will be selected to receive training and technical assistance through a competitive application process. Organizations must have at least one substantial secular social service program that will benefit from CFFD's assistance.

The first cohort of organizations to receive SCF assistance—selected in March—includes:

- Jackson Kadoka Economic Development Corporation, Kadoka
- Front Porch Coalition, Rapid City
- Love, Inc. of the Black Hills, Rapid City
- Youth & Family Services, Rapid City
- Black Hills Crisis Pregnancy Center, Rapid City
- Rapid City Club for Boys, Rapid City
- SANI-T (Society for the Advancement of Native Interests-Today), Rapid City
- Black Hills State University Center for Economic Opportunity, Spearfish
- Northern Hills Area CASA Program, Spearfish
- Sturgis Center for the Arts/My Sister's Closet, Sturgis

CFFD invites area nonprofits to find out if they qualify for the SCF. Infomeetings are limited to 40 attendees. Please call 341-4311 to reserve a spot. Visit our website at http://chiesman.org/development/strengthening_communities_fund/ to learn more.

The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that serves as a forum to provide greater awareness of the meaning of democracy and the importance of active citizen participation in the democratic process. The Foundation promotes and supports greater awareness of democratic ideals by citizens and organizations by providing programming for civic participation, education and research.