

THE ECONOMIC CLUB
OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Special Announcement
25th Anniversary Community Grants

The Economic Club

The Economic Club of Washington was formed in recognition of the twin pillars supporting the region's growth and success: Washington, D.C. is a metro area with a diverse, vibrant business community and is also the seat of national government, playing a critical role in the world economy. The Club provides programming, networking and space for conversations that weave together these two complementary facets of our local economy and provide members with exposure to a broad range of issues and ideas.

Founded in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Club offers a forum in which prominent business and government leaders can express their views on the most important economic issues of the day and on how those issues affect the region. Equally important, the Club generates and promotes a greater sense of community among business leaders, government officials and members of the diplomatic corps. The Economic Club of Washington has also historically supported education through its scholarship and fellowship funds.

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The Club's membership, which includes more than 500 of the area's top business and professional leaders, recognizes the important role that business and government leaders have in assuring the long-term vitality of the Washington, D.C. region. They also acknowledge that a healthy economy that provides abundant opportunity for local residents will depend on the education and preparation of our youth.

Responding to that imperative, at the 25th Anniversary dinner on June 5, 2012, the Club will contribute a total of \$500,000 in a small number of significant grants to provide meaningful support for local organizations that prepare underserved youth for success in school, the workforce, and life.

Eligibility for Grant Consideration

In order to qualify for consideration, a nonprofit must:

- Be an independent 501(c)(3) status nonprofit organization operating in the Washington, D.C. region.
- Focus on preparing the region's underserved youth for success in school, the workforce, and life.
- Use an ambitious and innovative approach to the issue, and in doing so serve as an example to current and future organizations in their field.
- Have a proven record of effectiveness, financial stability and strong leadership.

In choosing grant recipients, the Economic Club will consider the likelihood that the grant will help create lasting change.

Process to Recommend Organizations for Consideration

There is no application form for the 25th Anniversary Grants. *Candidates must be recommended by a member of the Economic Club of Washington.* Please send recommendations to the Club in any of the following ways:

- E-mail: grants@economicclub.org
- Fax: 202-659-8621
- Regular mail: 1156 15th St., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005
Attention: "Economic Club of Washington Grants Task Force."

All recommendations must be signed by a member of the Club and received by 5:00 pm on March 16, 2012. Should they wish to elaborate on their recommendation, members may include an explanatory letter of no more than 300 words.

The Economic Club Board and Grants Task Force will review recommendations and choose final grant recipients.

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