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BACKGROUND

The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private, non-profit civil rights organization that was established in the summer of 1995 to eradicate housing discrimination throughout the greater New Orleans area through education, investigation, and enforcement activities. GNOFHAC is dedicated to fighting housing discrimination not only because it is illegal, but also because it is a divisive force that perpetuates poverty, segregation, ignorance, fear, and hatred.

In June 2013, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development reached an historic conciliation agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. The agreement resulted from a federal housing discrimination complaint originally filed by the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), GNOFHAC, and 12 other fair housing organizations around the country. The complaint alleged that Wells Fargo-owned properties in white neighborhoods were much better maintained and marketed than homes in African-American and Latino neighborhoods, which would be a violation of the Fair Housing Act. As part of the agreement, GNOFHAC will administer a fund to provide programs and services to promote homeownership, neighborhood stabilization, property rehabilitation, and development in communities of color.

GNOFHAC is making grant funding available to non-profit organizations in Baton Rouge for projects that meet the following Community Revitalization Fund goals:

- Stabilize poor and minority neighborhoods impacted by predatory lending and high foreclosure rates.
- Promote fair housing choice and inclusive communities.
- Support affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities in communities of color.

Please review the following guidelines to determine if you are eligible and if you would like to submit a proposal.





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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be tax-exempt organizations as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Applicants and all proposed projects must be based in the City of Baton Rouge.
- Proposals must meet the goals stated above.
- Applicants cannot use grant funds to pay consultants on the proposed project.
- Proposals can be for a maximum of \$40,000 for 1 year. There is no minimum request.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, applicants must submit the proposal and all required documents in pdf format, by email to sweingart@gnofairhousing.org. The application deadline is **March 14, 2014, 5:00 pm central time**.

PROPOSAL (maximum of 6 single spaced pages)

1. Describe your organization's mission and history. How many staff members and board members are there? Please name your primary staff and provide a brief biography describing their qualifications and job descriptions.
2. Please describe your project. Summarize the goals and objectives of the proposed project.
3. Explain how the project meets the Community Revitalization Fund goals.
4. How much funding are you requesting?
5. Please demonstrate or explain the community need for the project. Specific data and facts are expected.





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6. Provide a work plan explaining how the goals will be met, what strategies will be used, and a timeline for completing the project.
7. What are the measurable outcomes that will be achieved by the project, including any work products that will be created?
8. What are your plans for sustaining the project after the end of the grant period?

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A project budget detailing how all grant funds will be spent. The budget must include line items for all expenses.
- 2013 income and expense statement
- Most recent balance sheet
- Most recent completed financial audit
- Most recent year filed IRS Form 990
- 501 (c)(3) tax determination letter
- List of current board members with contact information

