

The Hyams Foundation, Inc. Immigrant Leadership Fund

In December, 2006, the Hyams Foundation trustees were pleased to approve \$640,000 in grants for technical assistance and operating expenses through its new Immigrant Leadership Fund (ILF). These grants align with the Foundation's mission "to increase economic and social justice and power within low-income communities in Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts" by supporting immigrant and refugee-led organizations that are committed to and intentional in their efforts to develop constituent engagement and leadership.

The ILF network includes a mix of "emerging" and "established" organizations representing diverse communities. The Foundation staff will work with the immigrant-led organizations to identify intermediary organizations or consultants to provide technical assistance on specific organizational issues. The network will provide opportunities for the Foundation and the grantees to share and learn about the critical issues that face their respective communities and the strategies that support and engage community members in finding solutions.

Three-year grants for technical assistance and operating expenses were awarded to the following organizations, with the annual release of grants being contingent on progress made in achieving specific goals and outcomes:

Emerging Grantees	Total 3-year Grant Award
African Community Development of New England	\$ 130,000
Matahari: Eye of the Day	150,000
South Boston en Accion	150,000
Sudanese-American Integration and Development Center	150,000
TOTAL	\$ 580,000

One-year grants were awarded to the following organizations for technical assistance:

Established Grantees 2007	Grant Award
Asian American Resource Workshop	\$10,000
Brazilian Immigrant Center	10,000
Chinese Progressive Association	10,000
Centro Presente	10,000
Hyde Square Task Force	10,000
Irish Immigration Center	10,000
TOTAL	\$ 60,000

Established Grantees 2008	Grant Award
Chelsea Collaborative, Inc.	10,000
Chinese Progressive Association	10,000
Cooperative Economics for Women	10,000
TOTAL	\$ 30,000

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