UPCOMING WORKSHOPS ON CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING REQUESTS

January is the ideal time for community groups to start preparations for the upcoming City Council Discretionary requests due in Spring. Listed below are 2 workshop opportunities for community groups to hear with experts on how the funding request process works and what groups should be doing now in preparation.

The Asian American Federation invites you to a workshop on Preparing for the FY 2013 City Council Discretionary Requests on Friday, January 20, 2012, from 9:30-11:30 am at our new office at 120 Wall Street, 9th Floor.

Annually, each City Councilmember allocates discretionary funds to community groups to support social services, youth and senior programs, and other initiatives as prioritized by the Councilmember. Discretionary funding requests are not overly complicated, and is a great way to receive much needed support during these financially tough times. This workshop will offer tips on when and how to prepare your organization’s request, how to introduce your organization to city leaders, how to craft a compelling request, and much more.

Our panel of experts are:

- **Richard Lee** is the Director of Budget and Legislation for New York City Councilmember Leroy Comrie. Prior to joining the Council Member’s office, Mr. Lee worked as the Associate Director of Policy at Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE), specializing in city and state budget and legislative issues, and serving as the liaison to city and state leaders. While at AAFE, Mr. Lee served at the forefront of its advocacy campaigns. He has advocated for deeper housing affordability in projects, such as the city’s Willets Point and Hunters Point South development plans, and is advancing key city and statewide legislation. He authored “Demolition through Intentional Neglect: A Tactic of Predatory Landlords to Demolish Rent-Regulated Housing” and led the Flushing Leadership Collaborative that produced “Snapshot of Flushing: An Assessment of Service Needs of the Asian American Aging Population.”

- **Anthony Ng** is the Green and Equitable Economies Strategist at Center for Working Families. Anthony monitors the implementation of the Green Jobs-Green NY program, and develops policy proposals that can expand the green economy and create good jobs. Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Ng worked for eight years at United Neighborhood Houses (UNH), where he served most recently as the Director of Policy & Advocacy. At UNH, he influenced State and City budget decisions to restore and increase funding for community-based programs meeting the needs of and promoting economic opportunity for children, youth, seniors, and immigrants. He has also worked at Asian Americans for Equality and the Mount Hope Housing Company, focusing on
affordable housing and community development. In September 2009, City Hall News named Anthony one of their “40 Under 40 Rising Stars.”

- **Tiffany Raspberry** is the founder and president of the YorkAssociates Group. A Brooklyn native, Ms. Raspberry has a diverse background in government service, electoral politics, strategic planning, message branding and crisis management. She has experience developing and executing lobbying strategies for a wide range of clients, including Fortune 500 companies. She has influenced high-profile legislative matters and secured earmarks from the New York City Council, New York State Senate and Assembly for clients. She is a former policy analyst for the New York City Council Education Committee and was Chief of Staff to New York City Council Finance Chair Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. Ms. Raspberry also has extensive experience representing clients before the New York State Assembly, Senate and Executive Chambers of government and has specialized in building community coalitions for clients. She began her professional career as a legislative aide to US House of Representatives Member Joseph Crowley. Ms. Raspberry has also served as Partner at the Parkside Group and Vice President at Wolf Block Public Strategies. Ms. Raspberry, a registered lobbyist in New York State and New York City, monitors a variety of issues for clients, including economic development, education, cultural, health care, environmental, labor, immigration, child welfare, other social service policies, regulatory, procurement land use and zoning. She also co-authored an article featured in the New York Law Journal entitled “The Risk of Using Independent Contractors.”

RSVP is required for building security. Please RSVP by January 18th to jyoo@aafederation.org. For questions, you can reach Jo-Ann Yoo at (212) 344-5878, x217.

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The **Coalition for Asian American Children and Families** is excited to host its first membership event in 2012. You are cordially invited to attend:

**Workshop on City Council Discretionary Funds**

**Date & Time**
Tuesday, January 31, 2012
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
(Registration Starts at 9:00 AM)

**Location**
Chinatown Manpower Project, Inc.
70 Mulberry Street, 3rd Floor
(corner of Bayard Street)
New York, NY 10013
Asian led organizations received a 27% increase in City Council discretionary funding last year, and a 35% increase in City Council Initiative funding. Despite the gains, Asian led community-based organizations are only receiving a small part of the pie: about 2% of all discretionary funding, and 0.28% of all initiative funding.

Why: Come to this workshop to:
- Increase your knowledge of the City Council discretionary process
- Improve your understanding of the implications of receiving discretionary funding
- Enhance your relationships with elected officials

What:
As the City Council discretionary process will begin in February 2012 and as we continue to face State and City budget cuts during these tough economic times, CACF is hosting this vital workshop to help our member and partner agencies become better informed on how to access discretionary dollars. By enhancing the advocacy skills of Asian led and serving organizations, we ensure that the needs of the Asian Pacific American community continue to be addressed.

Moderated Panel followed by Q&A Discussion

Panelists:
- **Honorable Julissa Ferreras**, New York City Council, District 21 (Invited)
- **Honorable Daniel Dromm**, New York City Council, District 25 (Invited)
- **Scott Crowley, Deputy Director**, New York City Council, Finance Division
- **Sheebani Patel**, Budget Policy Coordinator, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
- **Udai Tambar**, Executive Director, South Asian Youth Action (Invited)

Light Breakfast will be served.

Registration: RSVP by **Friday, January 20, 2012**
Please provide name, affiliation, contact email/phone to:
Andrea Wu, awu@cacf.org or 212-809-4675 x105.
*Space is limited. We must have your names for building security.*

To Register for the workshop with payment:
1) To make a payment online, visit

2) Checks payable and sent to:
   Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
   50 Broad Street, Suite 1837
   New York, NY 10004

Please contact Andrea Wu at awu@cacf.org or 212-809-4675 x105 with any questions on the workshop.