



Dear Community Leader,

From a vision of change, we present *Seeds for Change*, a small grant initiative that anchors our commitment to cultivating closer relationships with our City's many cultural and ethnic organizations and partners. We initiated this project to build capacity and deepen our impact within target communities by funding small projects with strong cultural commitment.

We will accept proposals from organizations, groups, and individuals who seek financial assistance for up to a maximum award of \$2,000 to support events and/or projects that grow community engagement within cultural and ethnic groups.

Please complete the application and provide the items on the checklist below. All information must be submitted to seedsforchange@neighborhood-centers.org by the deadline 5:00 pm, October 15th, 2012. Award recipients will be notified within three weeks of the submission deadline. Thank you and good luck.

Sincerely,



Claudia Vasquez

Senior Vice President and Chief Program Officer



Application Packet

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All applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the contact below by no later than **5:00pm October 15, 2012**. Feel free to submit via email, fax or as a hard copy. Email version is preferred. Contact Russell Etherton for further questions.

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Application Checklist For Submission

- Completed Application Form (see attached)
- Two Reference Letters



**Neighborhood Centers Inc.
Neighborhood Leadership Committee
Seeds for Change Application Form**

Please submit this application
no later than 5:00pm on October 15, 2012.

Name of Agency, Group or Individual Requestor:

Mission of Agency, Group or Individual:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Website: _____ **Social Media Site:** _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Office Hours/ Availability (i.e., date, time) _____

Operating Budget (Seeds for Change invites applications from organizations with budgets UNDER \$300,000): \$ _____

Amount Request from Seeds for Change (\$2,000 maximum grant award): \$ _____

Reference Letters: Please have two (2) personal or agency references write a brief letter of support indicating how they know the requestor, for how long and the nature of their support for the project. This may include clients that may have been served by the agency, group or person in some capacity. Each reference must include a name and a contact phone number and must not exceed 500 characters in length.



1. What type of services does your agency/group provide? [250 words or less]

2. What population does your agency/group currently serve? Please include demographic information including ethnic/cultural background, age, socio-economic status and other special issues. [200 words or less]

3. Which geographic area do you serve (please be specific with names of neighborhood, street boundaries, and/or zip codes)? [100 words or less]

4. What project do you propose to implement to engage with your community? [400 words or less]

5. What does success look like for your project? How will you know you've achieved it?
[250 words or less]

6. Please submit a budget for your project with this application. See the sample below and adapt as necessary.

INCOME (please list all sources of funding for this project including the Seeds for Change grant should it be awarded):	\$ AMOUNT
Seeds for Change award	
Other funding awards	
Individual donations	
In-Kind donations (estimated value)	
INCOME SUB-TOTAL	\$
EXPENSES (please list all project expenses; some SAMPLE categories and items are below):	
Staffing	
Food	
Supplies (specify what type of supplies)	
Marketing materials	
Transportation	
Awards/recognition gifts	
EXPENSES SUB-TOTAL	\$
BALANCE	\$