

July 15, 2016

Dear community partners,

We are excited to announce the availability of small housing advocacy community grants to elevate your voice and strengthen our housing advocacy and agenda development process. (Thanks to Meyer Memorial Trust for creating this opportunity). As you may know, the Housing Alliance is committed to securing more resources for housing that is affordable, and to advocate for policy changes that will ensure all our community members have a safe, stable, affordable place to call home.

We must engage all parts of the housing advocacy community in this work if we are to be successful. Working together, we can ensure that our proposals are grounded in the needs of our communities, and that they have the support of community leaders from across the spectrum of people affected by our housing crisis. We can will help our political leaders understand that housing must be a priority if we are to meet our health, economic, environmental, and educational goals.

Over the past few months we have been excited by your interest in housing issues, and hope that you are ready to take the next step to join us in this work or deepen your role in our efforts. These grants can help support staff engagement, community members, or organizational leadership in advocacy efforts through the Housing Alliance work group process and the Legislative session. Please let us know if you are interested in these grants of up to \$3,000 and how you will use these funds to facilitate engagement and housing advocacy efforts through the Legislative session.

If you have questions or want to talk through a concept, please don't hesitate to be in touch with us – either myself or Jenny. We look forward to working together to ensure policy victories that make our communities stronger.

Sincerely,



Alison McIntosh
Deputy Director, Policy and Communications

To be considered for a small grant, please submit this form by September 9, 2016. First allocation decisions will be made on September 15th and then, if funds allow, on a rolling basis.

Organization:

Small grant manager/contact:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Amount requested:

Please attach a short narrative (2-3 paragraph) description of the proposed activities.

Proposed use of funds (check all that apply):

- Staff time to participate more fully and deeply in Housing Alliance
- Train advocates for work on issues, or legislative advocacy
- Train staff, board members, and organizational leaders
- Host community focus groups on housing issues
- Other:

What else can we do to support your engagement?

- Provide materials for advocacy trainings, and support you in delivery or preparation of trainings
- Facilitate advocacy trainings for staff, board members, community members
- Other:

Submit completed form by e-mail or snail mail to:

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