The Praxis Project

The Praxis Project is proud to announce its second Call for Proposals for Communities Creating Healthy Environments (CCHE)-a grant initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support community organizing and policy advocacy to increase access to healthy food and safe places to play in communities of color. CCHE will provide funding and technical assistance for up to ten local community organizing groups and/or indigenous nations with grants of up to $250,000 over three years. Youth led and multi-generational organizing groups in communities of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

This past year, ten dynamic groups across the country were selected -- groups that are developing cutting edge, culturally competent and comprehensive approaches to ensure just and equitable access to healthy food and safe places for recreation. Please visit http://www.ccheonline.org/2009_grantees for a list of current grantees

What kind of organizations should consider applying for CCHE funds?

* Local organizations working in communities of color whose leadership and makeup reflects the populations they serve.

* Groups with a successful track record of at least two years in community organizing and policy advocacy work to address health-related problems in communities of color.

* Tribal governmental agencies engaged in health policy.

Examples of qualifying health-related policy advocacy include land use regulation such as zoning limitations that regulate alcohol outlets; winning institutional policy changes that increase access to translation in health care and social services; and laws to extend Medicaid eligibility.

For more information on the Call for Proposals or find out more about CCHE, please visit us at www.ccheonline.org where you can download the Call for Proposals, sign up for information sessions and learn about current CCHE communities. The deadline for submission is February 25, 2010 at 3pm ET.

Communities Creating Healthy Environments is a National Program Office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation under the leadership of The Praxis Project. The Praxis Project is a national, nonprofit organization that supports local organizing, advocacy and policy change for healthy communities. For more information on Praxis and our other initiatives, please visit us on the web at www.thepraxisproject.org. For more information on other funding initiatives of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and its goal of reversing the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015, please visit them on the web at www.rwjf.org.