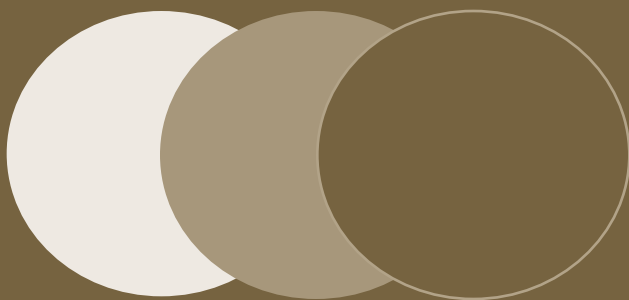


Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards

2009 Application



*Honoring innovation and creativity
in grassroots efforts against hunger and poverty*



**HARRY CHAPIN
SELF-RELIANCE
AWARDS**

**Harry
Chapin
Foundation**

about HCSRA

The Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards program distributes cash awards (\$7,000 maximum) to community-based organizations judged outstanding for their innovative, creative approaches to fighting hunger and poverty in the U.S. WHY (World Hunger Year) and the Harry Chapin Foundation administer the program together.

The awards honor organizations that go beyond charity to help people improve their own lives and the communities in which they live. ***WHY and the Harry Chapin Foundation will not consider applications from organizations providing only emergency services.***

WHY will include applicants in its database which allows information-sharing among community-based organizations, the media, funders, and government agencies. To learn more about anti-poverty efforts and encourage program replication, our staff has visited programs in all 50 states. WHY may include programs discovered through the awards process in future site visits.

Since 1975, WHY has been an effective force in fighting hunger and poverty in the United States and worldwide. We identify, support, and help to replicate exceptional community-based hunger and poverty programs. ***If you have won an award in the past, you must wait a minimum of five years before applying again.***

The mission of the Harry Chapin Foundation is to address the problems of the disadvantaged and promote educational programs that lead to a greater understanding of human suffering.

WHY and the Harry Chapin Foundation are registered 501(c)(3) organizations.

eligibility

Applicants should possess the following characteristics:

- Located in the United States;
- Community-based;
- Total budget for the program that would use the award cannot exceed \$500,000;
- Non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status;
- Replicable programs;
- Organization programs go beyond emergency food, shelter, and other types of assistance to address the root causes of poverty;
- Program outcomes meet organization goals; and
- Demonstrate a track record of successful, innovative programs.

deadline

Applications must have a postmark no later than **June 15, 2009**. Please submit two complete copies of the application and all required attachments. Send completed applications to:

Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards
c/o WHY
505 Eighth Avenue, 21st floor
New York, NY 10018

instructions

Applicants must submit two completed copies of the application, which includes Parts I, II, and III. **WHY and the Harry Chapin Foundation will only accept completed applications submitted in duplicate.** Please refrain from placing application materials in binders, report holders, or folders. A binder clip or paper clip is sufficient.

Part I

Please complete this form and include one copy of it with the rest of the required application materials.

Organization:

Contact
Person:

Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Website:

Email:

Total Organization Annual Operating Budget:

Program budget for the project you are applying for:

Are you a tax-exempt organization?

Yes

No

Approximate annual number of people served (unduplicated, counting each person served only once, regardless of the number of times the person visited your organization):

Area Served (check all that apply):

Urban

Suburban

Rural

Primary Groups Served

(examples: at-risk youth, single mothers, immigrants, etc.):

Major Program Types

(examples: community gardens, job training, family counseling, etc.):

(Use additional paper if necessary.)

Personnel:

full-time staff ____ # part-time staff ____

volunteers ____

Funding Sources (check all that apply):

___% please provide percentage of total budget

___% United Way

___% Enterprises

___% Religious Orgs.

___% Interest

___% Local Government

___% State Government

___% Federal Government

___% Corporations

___% Foundations

___% Investments

___% Local Business

___% Direct Mail

___% Events

___% Individuals

___% Educational Organizations

___% Other (specify other)

Part II

Narrative: Answer the following questions and number your responses accordingly. Observe the page limit per question.

1. What is the mission of your organization? How do the program(s) of your organization work to achieve the goals stated in your mission? (limit: 2 pages)
2. What were some of the specific goals set by your organization for the previous year? Describe how your organization met those goals. If your organization was not able to meet its goals, please explain the challenges. (limit: 1 page)
3. Describe the ways in which your organization works with other organizations, networks, or coalitions. (limit: ½ page)
4. Describe how your organization is active in changing public policies affecting low-income people. (limit: ½ page)
5. Does your organization provide resources or trainings for those interested in starting similar programs? Has your organization replicated any of its programs in other areas? (limit: 1 page)
6. In what ways does your organization directly involve the people you serve in the work of your organization? Does your organization include them in decision-making, program evaluation, presence on your staff or board, etc.? Please describe. (limit: ½ page)

7. How does your organization encourage participants to take an active role in trying to improve the conditions of their community and to fight for social change? (limit: ½ page)

8. How has your organization grown to meet the specific needs of your community? (limit: 1 page)

Examples of services targeted to your community may include:

- o affordable child care;
 - o small business development;
 - o health services;
 - o services provided by your organization only; or
 - o services for a population not served by any other organization.
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9. How would your organization use this award? How would this award help your organization in its efforts to go beyond emergency services and to address the root causes of poverty? (limit: 1 page)

Part III

Checklist

(WHY and the Harry Chapin Foundation will not accept applications without all items checked on the checklist and included in the application.):

2 copies of:
Mandatory items

| Copy #1 | Copy #2 | |
|---------|---------|---|
| _____ | _____ | Complete application form (see Part I above) |
| _____ | _____ | Narrative: Answers to questions 1 through 8 in Part II |
| _____ | _____ | Organization budget |
| _____ | _____ | Budget of program for which applicant would use the award |
| _____ | _____ | Proof of 501(c)3 tax-exempt status: letter from U.S. Internal Revenue Service. |
| _____ | _____ | List of current officers and staff. Specify whether officers or staff members are from the population served. |

Optional items

Copy # 1

Copy #2

List of media contacts and partner organizations, (coalitions, associations, and advocacy groups) including their website and contact information

Relevant brochures and public information

Photos, annual report, media clippings, testimonies, letters of support

Please choose materials carefully, including only pertinent information. We are unable to return pictures and documents.

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