

## Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

### Organization Description

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the interests of Southeast Asian Americans across the country through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment.

### Project Description

The Southeast Asian Values, Empowerment, Resources, and Betterment Project (VERB) will seek to build capacity and knowledge among faith-based organizations (FBO) and mutual assistance associations (MAA) serving poor and low-income Southeast Asian families. The project targets the four largest Southeast Asian American groups: Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, and Vietnamese.

### Geographic Scope of Project

SEARAC and its partners have targeted four key regions of the country:

- Northern California
- North Carolina
- Wisconsin
- Washington, DC metro area

### Partnering Organizations

SEARAC is partnering with the following organizations:

- Hmong National Development
- Laotian American National Alliance
- National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Services
- Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services
- Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy
- Mosaica: The Center for Nonprofit Development and Pluralism
- Migration Policy Institute

### Sub-Awards

This project will grant 16 sub-awards of \$15,000 each for start-up and operational costs to selected FBOs and MAAs. At least 50% of the sub-awards must be used for organizational or leadership development expenses.

### Project Objectives

1. To improve the leadership capacity of executive directors and board members.
2. To improve the operational capacity of FBOs and MAAs.
3. To increase the ability of FBOs and MAAs to access resources available to them.
4. To expand the ability of FBOs and MAAs to more effectively address community needs.
5. To increase the ability of FBOs and MAAs to stimulate civic engagement.
6. To increase collaborative efforts among FBOs and MAAs.

### Project Strategies

- Develop and provide leadership training.
- Provide training in areas of identified need.
- Provide one-to-one TA on an ongoing basis.
- Disseminate information on best practices.
- Help organizations conduct needs assessments.
- Develop web site and weekly e-mail digest.
- Develop mentoring relationships between grant makers and FBOs and MAAs.
- Developing collaborative efforts to meet a targeted unmet need.

### Grant Award Amount

\$682,240

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