

## **South Dakota Enhancement Project Capacity Building Grant Program Grantmaking Guidelines**

### **South Dakota Enhancement Project**

The South Dakota Nonprofit Enhancement Project is a partnership between the Bush Foundation, the South Dakota Community Foundation, and the nonprofit sector in South Dakota. The goal of the project is to develop a support framework for the nonprofit community that is sustainable for the future. Specifically, the project focuses on three objectives: organizational capacity building, capacity building services, and grant making.

### **Capacity Building Grants**

Capacity Building Grants will be awarded to nonprofits to help them address specific organizational needs identified through survey results, participation in regional seminars, and direct appeals to the South Dakota Community Foundation. The purpose of these grants will be to build the capacity of nonprofits to more effectively fulfill the missions of their organizations. Nonprofits can apply to receive grants for a variety of capacity building needs, including but not limited to: developing a strategic plan, program evaluation, communications, board development, grant writing assistance, management transition, financial management review, and fund development. Grants will range in size from \$2,000 to \$12,500. The following criteria will be used to select successful applications:

1. Need for service requested
2. Staff and board commitment
3. Likelihood for success
4. Resulting impact on mission

**Eligibility Criteria:** Organizations that meet the following criteria will be eligible:

1. 501 (c) (3) IRS tax exempt status
2. History of financial stability (submission of financials required)
3. Minimum of 1 paid staff member (full or part time)

**Target Number Served:** We project that approximately 40 Capacity Building Grants will be awarded during the first grant cycle in 2009 with another 40-50 grants to be awarded in the 2010 grant cycle.

**Application Process:** Nonprofits seeking Capacity Building Grants will be required to:

Complete a brief grant application available on the Foundation's web site at [www.sdcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org), describing the organization's needs and how funding will be used.