

**-- President's Faith-Based Initiative Comes to Baton Rouge, LA --
Local Faith-Based & Community Organizations Learn How to Win Federal Grants**

Washington, DC - December 21, 2005 - The Institute for Youth Development (IYD), the largest grantee under President Bush's Compassion Capital Fund Program, will bring together local faith-based and community organizations to learn how to win federal grants at the Compassion Capital Fund Intermediate Grant Writing Workshop

The workshop will be held on January 20 & 21, 2006 at Holiday Inn Select Executive Center Convention Hotel, 4728 Constitution Avenue in Baton Rouge. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 225-925-2244.

There is no workshop fee -- a required \$25.00 "no show" fee is refunded on site -- there is no parking fee, and lunch is provided. On-line registration is not currently available, so please download and complete the attached form, and return to IYD. Attendance is limited to the first 100 pre-registrants.

On the first day, registration begins at 7:30 am and the workshop runs from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. On the second day, the workshop runs from 8:00 am - 12:00 am. A sample agenda is attached.

IYD will conduct sub-award competitions during 2006, and will award between 20 and 30 grants for up to \$30,000. This competition mirrors the federal grant making process and serves as a learning exercise for all who participate. Participation in a 2006 IYD workshop or a previous IYD-sponsored CCF grants educational conference will be a requirement for 2006 sub-award applicants.

This grant writing workshop is part of the historic Faith-Based and Community Initiative created by the President. It is designed to level the playing field for faith-based and community groups so they may participate in the myriad opportunities to receive federal grants.

"The President has empowered us by designing a program that allows for the full participation of faith-based and community groups while also allowing those groups to remain true to their beliefs, whether faith-based or not," said Shepherd Smith, IYD President. "At this educational conference, local organizations will learn how that is done."

Our team of experienced grants specialists and researchers will help you learn how to identify suitable grant opportunities for your group, and will provide on-going technical assistance as your organization applies for federal funding. IYD has a proven track record of helping grassroots leaders compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers. During the past two years IYD assisted numerous non-profit organizations win over \$41 million in federal, state, local, and private foundation grants!

"Faith-based and community organizations are helping to lift people up across this country. The President believes it's time for the federal government to help these organizations, and this workshop is the first step toward doing so in Baton Rouge," said Smith.

IYD is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that promotes a consistent, comprehensive risk-avoidance message to youth for five harmful risk-behaviors that are inextricably linked: alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco, and violence. To learn more about IYD and register for the conference, visit <http://youthdevelopment.org> E-mail your questions to Joanne Jones or call 703-433-1640 ext. 133

Hope to see you all there!

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