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## THE CHERRY FUND ANNOUNCES GRANT PROGRAM

The Cherry Fund is pleased to announce the commencement of its first annual Cherry Fund Grant Program. HIV/AIDS and youth service organizations throughout the DC Metropolitan Area are encouraged to submit applications for project-specific grants of up to \$1,500.

"The intent of this program is to engage the service community, and to offer support to smaller organizations that are helping people on a grassroots level," said Paul Marengo, Chair of the Cherry Fund. "DC has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS cases of any major city in the U.S., and promoting outreach, education, and services within DC's community are absolutely vital."

Applications will be accepted effective immediately, and the deadline for submissions is September 15th, 2009. Additional information and guidelines can be found below and at:

<http://www.cherryfund.org/2009/Grant/2009GrantApplication.pdf>

## CHERRY FUND GRANT PROGRAM TIMETABLE

August 1, 2009 / Application Process Begins  
September 15, 2009 / Application Submission Deadline  
September 30, 2009 / Public Announcement of Grants  
October 1, 2009 / Grants Awarded to Winning Beneficiaries

## GRANT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

### *About The Cherry Fund*

The Cherry Fund is an all-volunteer nonprofit that engages in year-round fundraising to support the HIV/AIDS service community in our nation's capital, which now has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS cases in the country. Additional information about the Fund's history, mission, and activities can be found at [www.cherryfund.org](http://www.cherryfund.org).

### *Eligible Organizations*

The Cherry Fund consider 501(c)(3) organizations with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS and Youth.



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### *Use of Grant Funds*

Funds may be used for any purpose that contributes to the organization's programming or furthers their missions in serving the community in the DC Metropolitan Area. Preference will be given to youth serving organizations who utilize funds for HIV/AIDS prevention.

### *Grant Application Process Requirements*

Download the Cherry Fund 2009-2010 Grant Application <<http://www.cherryfund.org/2009/Grant/2009GrantApplication.pdf>> from the Cherry Fund website, or by clicking on the hyperlink above. Completely fill out all fields on the grant application form, and attach additional documentation as needed. Submit one copy of the full application (and any pertinent documents).

### *Application can be submitted by*

- 1) Scanning and emailing to the Cherry Fund at [paul.marengo@yahoo.com](mailto:paul.marengo@yahoo.com)
- 2) Mailing application to Cherry Fund / PO Box 53169 / Washington, DC 20009

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The Cherry Fund, established in 1999, and located in Washington, DC, is an independent, all-volunteer 501(c) 3 foundation. The sole purpose of the Fund is to raise funds for the HIV/AIDS youth service community. The Fund focuses on organizations combating the spread of HIV infection & AIDS through prevention, treatment, and education in the nation's youth community.

**Diamond** – HX / Kirium Interactive / New York Blade, **Titanium** – Cobalt / Town / Ziegfelds/ Secrets, **Platinum** – Halo / Moody's / Nellie's, **Gold** – A Different Kind of Ladies Night / Apex / Baltimore Gay Life/ Baltimore Outloud / Barefoot Wine / Beacon Hotel / Current Sushi / Local Kicks / MINT / Orbitz / Universal Gear, **Silver** – Be Bar / Commissary / Logan Tavern, **Bronze** – Atmos Events / Beacon Bar and Grill / Bourbon / Chartered Health / DC Eagle / Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity / Drink More Water / Evo Bistro / Green Lantern / Jack's / Lure / Metro Weekly / M Street Bar and Grill / Sexy Hair / St. Gregory / TAVO Health / VOA Architects / Wachovia / W. Millar