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## **2016 Olympics Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods Announces First Round of Grants**

***\$415,000 awarded to eight organizations to benefit Chicago communities***

**CHICAGO — Thursday, July 24, 2008** — The 2016 Olympics Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods announced today its first phase of grant making, awarding \$415,000 to eight organizations in support of the City's bid for hosting the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The grants are awarded to key organizations to collect and aggregate data that can be used to develop subsequent-phase grant strategies that will support business and workforce development, and strengthen Chicago's neighborhoods.

Research will focus initially on the neighborhoods of Washington Park, Englewood, Near South Side, Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, and Woodlawn - all located on the South Side of Chicago; and on the West Side - East Garfield Park, Near West Side, Pilsen, Little Village and North Lawndale.

Grant recipients include the Chicago Jobs Council with Chicago LEADS and the Civic Consulting Alliance (joint proposal); Chicago Urban League; Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC/Chicago); the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Metro Chicago Information Center; Metropolitan Planning Council; and the Women's Business Development Center.

The 2016 Olympics Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods was established earlier this year to help ensure that the 2016 Olympic Games, if held in Chicago, have a long-term beneficial impact on Chicago neighborhoods. The Fund aims to leverage opportunities presented by Chicago's Olympic bid, engage local leadership in planning processes and projects that will increase the competitiveness of Chicago's bid to the International Olympic Committee, and secure the legacy of the Games. Its work is designed to benefit Chicago neighborhoods whether or not the Olympics come to Chicago.

Contributors to the 2016 Olympics Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods include The Boeing Company; The Chicago Community Trust; The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; The Joyce Foundation; McCormick Foundation; Polk Bros. Foundation; and Wieboldt Foundation.

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### **About the Grant Recipients**

#### **Chicago Jobs Council**

The Chicago Jobs Council is a coalition of community-based training organizations, advocacy groups, businesses, and individuals that work together to ensure access to employment and career advancement opportunities for people living in poverty. For more information, please visit [www.cjc.net](http://www.cjc.net).

#### **Chicago LEADS**

In January 2008, Mayor Richard M. Daley established Chicago LEADS (Leading Economic Advancement, Development and Sustainability) to align workforce development, education, and economic development to better meet the needs of businesses, residents, and communities. The Mayor's Office is working in coordination with the Civic Consulting Alliance to increase significantly the pipeline of skilled labor that meets local business needs; increase significantly the skills, and hence wage earning potential of working residents; and enhance the attractiveness of Chicago as a local business destination.

#### **Chicago Urban League**

Established in 1916, the Chicago Urban League supports and advocates for the economic development of African Americans through an agenda focused on economic empowerment as the key driver for social change. The Chicago Urban League is committed to empowering African American economic development through entrepreneurship, education, workforce development, and real estate development. For more information, visit [www.cul-chicago.org](http://www.cul-chicago.org).

#### **Civic Consulting Alliance**

The Civic Consulting Alliance strives to make Chicago a great place to live, work, and do business by improving local government. It enlists top private sector resources, on a pro-bono basis, to solve high-impact public sector problems. The organization delivers significant and sustainable results by developing long-term, trusted client relationships. For more information, visit [www.ccachicago.org](http://www.ccachicago.org).

#### **Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC)**

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is the principal voice for the more than 45,000 Hispanic owned businesses in the State of Illinois. IHCC promotes the growth and success of Hispanic firms and serves as a strong advocate for business issues. IHCC is committed to connecting businesses with opportunities and has been recognized as a leader in helping match corporations with qualified and capable Hispanic firms to meet supplier diversity goals. With more than 1,400 paid members, IHCC is one of the largest Hispanic business groups in the country and a leading small business service provider in Illinois. For more information, visit [www.ihccbbusiness.net](http://www.ihccbbusiness.net).

#### **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC/Chicago)**

LISC/Chicago stimulates the redevelopment of neighborhoods throughout Chicago. Through financial products, investments, and strategic technical assistance, LISC helps community-based development organizations get what they need to build vibrant communities, including affordable housing, employment opportunities, commercial enterprises, community facilities, and civic engagement. Since 1980, LISC/Chicago has infused \$145 million into comprehensive development programs throughout the city, which has leveraged an additional \$3.6 billion in community investment and resulted in the development of 24,000 units of affordable housing, over 4 million square feet of commercial space, and a wide variety of social and economic development programs. For more information, visit [www.lisc-chicago.org](http://www.lisc-chicago.org).

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### **Mayor's Office for Persons with Disabilities (MOPD)**

MOPD promotes total access, full participation, and equal opportunity for people with disabilities of all ages in all aspects of life. It seeks to accomplish this mission through a multi-faceted approach that includes systemic change, education and training, advocacy, and direct services. MOPD promotes an understanding of the issues of concern to people with disabilities and assists both individuals and organizations in working to comply with a variety of laws and regulations relating to disability, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. MOPD serves five major constituencies: people with disabilities, all city departments and agencies, other government agencies, disability-related agencies and organizations, and the private sector. For more information, visit [www.egov.cityofchicago.org](http://www.egov.cityofchicago.org).

### **Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC)**

MCIC is a not-for-profit research and information resource dedicated to improving access to data and information that will positively impact quality of life in the Chicago region. The work of MCIC extends across a broad range of issues, including social capital development, neighborhood investment, social policy, health, human services, arts and culture, and education. For more information, visit [www.mcic.org](http://www.mcic.org).

### **Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)**

Founded in 1934, the Metropolitan Planning Council is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan group of business and civic leaders committed to serving the public interest through development, promotion, and implementation of sound planning policies so all residents have access to opportunity and a good quality of life, the building blocks of a globally competitive greater Chicago region. MPC originally focused on advocating for quality affordable housing for low income families in the city of Chicago. Today, MPC continues those commitments and brings people and ideas together around issues and opportunities concerning housing, community development, planning and investments, and sensible growth. For more information, visit [www.metroplanning.org](http://www.metroplanning.org)

### **Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)**

Since 1986, the Women's Business Development Center has offered a full-service approach to help women launch new and strengthen existing businesses. The WBDC is recognized nationally as a leader in creating dynamic programs and affecting public policy on women's economic status and business ownership. The WBDC offers individualized counseling in all aspects of business development and management, entrepreneurial training, financial management and loan packaging, assistance in identifying new market opportunities and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) national certification. The WBDC has served over 55,000 clients since its inception and remains at the forefront of women's economic development issues. For more information, visit [www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org).

### **About the 2016 Fund Contributors**

#### **The Boeing Company**

The Boeing Company is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft. With customers in more than 90 countries, Boeing is committed to being a leading global corporate citizen around the globe. For Boeing, this means partnering with communities in 26 states in the U.S. and 16 countries and four regions internationally to drive strong, positive change in the world. It's what makes Boeing a good citizen—sharing what we know and who we are as members of our community to convene, collaborate and lead in building vibrant communities and making the world better for everyone. For more information, visit [www.boeing.com](http://www.boeing.com).

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### **The Chicago Community Trust**

The Chicago Community Trust and affiliates form the region's community foundation, helping local residents manage their charitable giving. Founded in 1915, the Trust is a union of numerous gifts, bequests, and other contributions totaling more than \$1.8 billion. Income from these assets provides more than \$114 million annually in grants to agencies that improve the lives of the residents of our region through arts funding, community development, education improvement, health and wellness, and to assure that basic human needs are met for all members of our community. For more information, visit [www.cct.org](http://www.cct.org).

### **The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**

The MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society. With assets of \$7 billion, the Foundation makes approximately \$300 million in grants annually. For more information, visit [www.macfound.org](http://www.macfound.org).

### **The Joyce Foundation**

Based in Chicago with assets of more than \$930 million, the Joyce Foundation supports efforts to protect the natural environment of the Great Lakes, to reduce poverty and violence in the region, and to ensure that its people have access to good schools, decent jobs, and a diverse and thriving culture. For more information, visit [www.joycefdn.org](http://www.joycefdn.org).

### **McCormick Foundation**

The McCormick Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its five grant making programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, and three world-class museums, the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with \$1.2 billion in assets. For more information, visit [www.mccormickfoundation.org](http://www.mccormickfoundation.org).

### **Polk Bros. Foundation**

The Polk Bros. Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for the people of Chicago. We partner with local not-for-profit organizations that work to reduce the impact of poverty and provide area residents with better access to quality education, preventive health care, and basic human services. Through our grant making, we strive to make Chicago a place where all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. For more information, visit [www.polkbrosfnd.org](http://www.polkbrosfnd.org).

### **Wieboldt Foundation**

The Wieboldt Foundation was founded in 1921 by William A. and Anna K. Wieboldt with the hope that its grants would support "charities designed to put an end to the need for charity." Eighty years later, the directors of the foundation remain committed to preserving the founders' charge, now translated into a concentration on activities that empower local citizens. For more information, visit [www.wieboldtfoundation.org](http://www.wieboldtfoundation.org).

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**July 2008 Grants**

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Chicago Jobs Council and Chicago LEADS (Civic Consulting Alliance)	Support development of a strategic plan to increase training and employment opportunities in three industry sectors that will be critical for the Games: hospitality, construction, and security.	\$65,000
Chicago Urban League	Support the data collection and planning activities that will contribute to a comprehensive strategy for business development focused on the opportunities presented by the Games.	\$50,000
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Support the data collection and planning activities that will contribute to a comprehensive strategy for business development focused on the opportunities presented by the Games.	\$50,000
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)	Support the development of quality of life plans focused on the opportunities presented by the Games in neighborhoods located within each of the Olympic planning regions.	\$50,000

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Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities (MOPD)	Support the development of a strategic plan to help state certified disabled-owned businesses and workers with disabilities benefit from the economic opportunities presented by the 2016 Olympic Games.	\$50,000
Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC)	Support the data collection, analysis, and dissemination that will contribute to a comprehensive strategy for business development focused on the opportunities presented by the Games.	\$50,000
Metropolitan Planning Council	Support activities leading to the creation of a GIS database and data book that will provide critical information to ground future planning for Olympic opportunities.	\$50,000
Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)	Support the data collection and planning activities that will contribute to a comprehensive strategy for business development focused on the opportunities presented by the Games.	\$50,000