

(Technical Assistance is operational or management assistance given to a nonprofit organization. It can include fundraising assistance, budgeting and financial planning, program planning, legal advice, capacity building, marketing and other aids to management.

The National Committee on the Self-Development of People Domestic Technical Assistance

The National Committee on the Self-Development of People may make technical assistance monies, up to \$3,000, available to any group that is funded by the National Committee, as requested or needed. These grants are intended to assist SDOP partners in furthering their development

Requests for technical assistance coming from funded groups must be submitted in writing. The requests must state the amount being sought, give a detailed rationale for the request, and provide a clear and detailed statement, with an itemized expenditure budget, of how the technical assistance monies will be used. Groups may make their requests when submitting their original application to the National Committee or at any time during their grant period.

The domestic regional Task Forces may determine that some groups applying for grants may lack the organizational development in a particular area. If this happens and the Task Force determines that the organizations would benefit from technical assistance training (e.g., in areas like needs assessment, organizational development, board development, fundraising, membership/leadership/staff training in community organizing, long range planning, etc), the Task Force, on its own, may recommend that the National Committee:

1. offer the opportunity for prospective partners or partners to apply for technical assistance monies, which would be used to hire technical assistance providers to provide the needed area of training, or
2. require a perspective partner get specific training from technical assistance providers as a condition for receiving a grant, or
3. offer technical assistance to groups that are not quite ready for Self-Development of People funding, in order to help them develop their projects. It should be understood that the offer only would be extended to groups whose applications appear to meet the Self-Development of People criteria and would be:
 - directly related to establishing a partnership with Self-Development of People,
 - for a period up to one year
 - for a maximum of \$3,000.

The National Committee authorizes its domestic Task Forces to process technical assistance requests and needs. The Task Forces' actions are reported at the following National Committee meetings.