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NATIONAL LEVEL APPLICATION

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Review SDOP's Criteria, Core Strategies and Measures (Page 1 and 2) Before Completing This Application.

Please send **one electronic copy** to sdop@pcusa.org and **follow up** with an email or phone call to assure that your email arrived.

All notifications are done via email. Please call or email with any questions or requests. Keep your contact information updated.

Use additional space and sheets as needed.

I. Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation from established community leaders and/or established organizations to demonstrate the group's work experience are required with each application (i.e. local government persons, persons at Community Foundations, Pastors, bank representatives, local church, United Way, Salvation Army, a well-established community organization, etc.). The letters must be on letterhead.

II. Applicant Identification

Please PRINT or TYPE all information

Name of the Project: Faubourg Lafitte Community Development Project

Name of the Organization:
(If different from Project) Faubourg Lafitte Tenants Association (FLTA)

Mailing Address: (Provide Physical
Address Only. No P.O.BOX) 2200 Lafitte St.

City: New Orleans State: LA Zip Code: 70119

Contact Person Name: Jacqueline Gibson Title: Project Member

Work Cell Home
Phone: (504) 227 - 3012 Phone: (504) - 202 - 3750 Phone: () - Fax: () -

Email: FLTA2200@gmail.com Website: <https://www.facebook.com/FaubourgLafitteTenantsassociation/>

Secondary Contact: Asher Kaplan, (504) 227-3019

III. The Proposal

a) The amount you are requesting: **\$15,000 (Grants usually do not exceed \$15,000).**

b) Describe the project and why it is needed? (Be specific).

We are requesting \$15,000 to fund a new Faubourg Lafitte Community Development Project focused on social and educational programming in our low-income community. Since Hurricane Katrina, changes in the structure of our neighborhood have resulted in a more fragmented, less family-oriented community. Many of the families who had lived in this neighborhood for multiple generations were displaced, interrupting a network of closely intertwined personal, familial, and community connections. People who live in our community don't know one another the way we used to, and folks feel more alienated as a result. In addition, new ordinances in the neighborhood limit residents' ability to gather in public spaces for social events, further restricting our ability to meet and form connections with our neighbors and create community. We are fortunate to have the use of a community space at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center just across the street from our development, where we hope to safely provide social and educational programming for ourselves and our neighbors in order to build solidarity and better advocate for ourselves.

This project will look like a series of six community events - *Celebration of Life* in June, *Taking Back Tremé* in

August, *Night Out Against Crime* in October, *Community Thanksgiving Dinner* in November, *Community Christmas*

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Dinner in December, and Community Crawfish Boil in March. These events will allow us to gather, celebrate our history and culture, and reinvigorate ourselves and our community.



(Faubourg Lafitte, outlined in red, lies alongside Tremé and just on the other side of the I-10 Overpass from the French Quarter)

In addition to these major events, 8 out of 10 FLTA board members are senior citizens, and we hear a need from our community of seniors for increased access to healthcare and medical resources. We'd like to reach out to health and wellness educators around the city and bring the seniors in our community together weekly health education programming, which we think will increase quality of life for all seniors.

c) Who will benefit directly from this project?

The direct beneficiaries of this project are the residents of Faubourg Lafitte, a mixed-income housing development in New Orleans. Each year, residents of Faubourg Lafitte elect a group of residents, the Faubourg Lafitte Tenants Association (FLTA), to represent and advocate for the community. We, the members of the FLTA are all residents of this neighborhood and are both the beneficiaries and project members for this proposal. Though we are elected representatives who advocate and speak for our community, we continually ask for input from our neighbors through monthly Residents Meetings and various surveys we conduct each year.

d) Who initiated the project and how will they be involved?

This project, like all Faubourg Lafitte Tenants Association (FLTA) projects, is led by the board of the FLTA, and all of us are residents of this neighborhood. We are elected by our community to advocate for ourselves and serve the needs of our neighbors. As residents, we will both organize and benefit from this project. We hope to learn and gain from the program itself, as well as benefit from the improvements it will bring to our community and the knowledge it will bring to our neighbors. As community organizers, this project will expand our work and create a larger base of residents to work with by engaging residents in educational and social activities and programs.

e) How did the group come together?

The FLTA was founded in the 1970s as the "Lafitte Residents Council" and operated out of an apartment in the neighborhood for many years. After Hurricane Katrina our leadership was scattered, but by 2012 we were able to come together and charter a new 501c3 nonprofit organization as the "Faubourg Lafitte Tenants Association." This iteration of the group has many members who were involved in the previous group before Katrina, along with new

residents of the neighborhood who moved in after the storm.

- f) Who owns and controls the project? Who makes decisions regarding funding, project implementation and personnel?

The project is owned and controlled by the Faubourg Lafitte Tenants Association (FLTA). We are a tenants' advocacy organization founded in the 1970s and chartered as a 501c3 in 2012. The FLTA was started by a group of Faubourg Lafitte residents who saw problems in our neighborhood and wanted to take initiative and make a difference. We chartered as a nonprofit after Hurricane Katrina, and each year residents of our neighborhood vote from among the community to elect a new resident board to FLTA. Faubourg Lafitte is one of the most poverty-stricken areas in New Orleans and has had a very difficult time recovering since Hurricane Katrina. Many of the renters in our neighborhood, and members of our board, have grown up with intergenerational poverty and lived their entire lives in low-income housing developments.

IV. The Project Goal(s) & Objectives: (In 2-3 sentences)

- a) What are the 1-2 main project goal(s)? (What will be different because of what the group is trying to do?)

The main project goals are (a) to provide a forum for social and educational engagement and community development through six bi-monthly community gatherings, and (b) to provide a weekly meeting space for our senior citizens to educate themselves on issues related to health and wellness.

- b) Please describe how these goals contribute to the long-term objectives of your project.

These goals contribute to the long-term objective of our project by creating space and time for our community to gather together, build solidarity, and empower itself. As a nonprofit organization, our stated mission is to "organize, educate, advocate, and enhance opportunities," and we see this project as a platform for the community to organize together, learn together, and best achieve our goals.

- c) Which of the SDOP core strategies does this project fulfill?

This project fulfills the core strategies of *Building Solidarity* by providing a platform for connecting our community members with each other. Through our educational component, we address the core strategies of *Advancing Human Dignity* and *Advocating for Economic Equity*. We see education as essential to self-development, empowerment, and dignity. Our community suffers from a high rate of poverty, and we hope to address the issue of poverty and economic equity through education.

- d) Describe the specific objectives for each of the goals.

For goal (a), "providing a forum for social and educational engagement through six bi-monthly community gatherings," the objective is to engage the neighborhood and provide a space for positivity and hope, and to create a stronger sense of community by bringing people together. For goal (b), the objective of a weekly meeting space for seniors is to increase quality of life by improving the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of senior citizens in our community.

- e) Describe the step-by-step activities that will be carried out to achieve these objectives? Please include a timeline of when these activities will take place.

We will conduct six events, taking place 2 months apart from each other over the course of the year. These will be: *Celebration of Life* in June, *Taking Back Treme* in August, *Night Out Against Crime* in October, *Faubourg Lafitte Community Thanksgiving Dinner* in November, *Faubourg Lafitte Community Christmas Dinner* in December, and *Community Crawfish Boil* in April. We've given enough space between events to review feedback in order to better plan and organize the following event. Our senior citizen program will be held one day per week.

IV. The Evaluation/Monitoring: (In 2-3 sentences)

- a) What evaluation practices will you use to determine if your project is successful?

We will internally review each event and program meeting as a board, and solicit feedback from our community. This will take the form of a program evaluation sheet which we will ask each participant to fill out and return.

- b) Describe how the activities and objectives you have outlined above will be evaluated.

After each annual event, we will distribute program evaluation sheets with questions and space for participants to write out their experience and feedback. After each event we will go through the responses during our weekly meeting and discuss how we can improve for the next time. We will ask participants to review by different indicators to gauge their experience by asking if they think they've Learned something new, if they feel more Connected to their Community, if they feel more Empowered or optimistic after the program, if they've gained any Skills, and if they feel more Motivated to Advocate for our community. Since our senior programming will be more frequent, we expect to gather feedback either bi-weekly or monthly.

- c) For each of the evaluation indicators that you will use to determine the success of your project, indicate how they align with the SDOP measures.

Our evaluation indicators - Learning, Community Connection, Empowerment, Skills Acquisition, and Motivated to Advocate, each are aligned with the program measures of the SDOP. We will use these indicators to demonstrate how effective our program has been in pursuing goals of engagement, social justice advocacy, strengthened community, education, economic opportunity, and quality of life.

- d) Who will be involved in the project evaluation and what roles will they play?

The FLTA board will form a subcommittee to go over the project evaluations, and will invite some other residents who are not on the board to join in the review process.

V. Decision Makers:

- a) How many members are in the group? (SDOP seeks to partner with communities; it is unusual for a community group of less than 10 people to receive funding.) **There are approximately 800 residents in Faubourg Lafitte. Each year they elect a Tenants' Association Board (FLTA) to advocate for them on community issues, and give input on what kinds of programs they'd like to see in the community. The FLTA board is made up of 11 board members, elected by, and from among, the 800 residents. This board includes the Decision Makers listed below, though the board considers itself to be enacting the will of the rest of the residents of the community and not making decisions on its own. The FLTA is a 501c3 nonprofit and as such is overseen by a group of elected officers, comprised of:**

- a. Ms. Jacqueline Gibson, President
- b. Ms. Paulette Clay, Secretary
- c. Ms. Dianne Alfred, Vice-President and Treasurer
- d. Rev. Edward Simmons, Parliamentarian

- b) How are decisions made?

FLTA makes decisions by majority-rule voting.

- c) Are the decision makers members of the group?

Yes, only residents of the community are eligible to be members of FLTA.

- c1. Are any of the decision makers related? If so, who are they and how are they related?

Yes – Ms. Travis LeBlanc and Ms. Paulette Clay are second cousins.

- c2. If appointed, how and by whom (and why appointed rather than elected)?

FLTA board members are elected by residents of the Faubourg Lafitte community.

c3. If self-selected, explain why:

N/A

**d) PLEASE LIST THE DECISION MAKERS (Governing Board) (majority must be below poverty level).
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Name & Phone number	Address (City, State & Zip code) <u>NO Post Office Box</u>	Job/Occupation (How each makes a living)	Poverty Level		Indicate how chosen	
			Check one		Check one	
Ms. Jacqueline Gibson 504-202-3750	2123 Ursulines Ave New Orleans, LA 70116	Retired, Social Security	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Ms. Paulette Clay 504-358-9771	2312 Orleans Ave. Apt. B New Orleans, LA 70119	Retired, Social Security, SSI	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Ms. Dianne Alfred 225-281-1088	2414 Orleans Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119	Unemployed, supported by family	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Rev. Edward Simmons 417-414-7634	1804 Magic St New Orleans, LA 70119	Retired Pastor	Above	X	Appointed	
			Below		Elected	X
Ms. Diana LeBlanc 504-343-1667	606 N. Johnson St. New Orleans, LA 70119	Disability, SSI	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Ms. Furtis Madine 504-813-3641	2302 Orleans Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119	Disability, SSI	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Ms. Rose Mitchell 504-390-2816	2215 Lafitte St. New Orleans, LA 70119	SSI	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
Ms. Caroline Yarbrough 214- 938-3849	2002 Magic St. New Orleans, LA 70119	Professor, Delgado Community College	Above	X	Appointed	
			Below		Elected	X
Ms. Paulette Howard Davidson 253-376-4335	1830 Bienville St. Apt. E New Orleans, LA 70112	Retired	Above		Appointed	
			Below	X	Elected	X
			Above		Appointed	
			Below		Elected	
			Above		Appointed	
			Below		Elected	
			Above		Appointed	
			Below		Elected	

d1. How does your group define poverty?

"Come live around here. Live in a low-income place when you're black. Below the line of being able to take care of yourself." – Ms. Jacqueline Gibson

"When you're unable to progress. When you're not able to support your family or take care of your needs. When you're not able to keep electricity on, to keep food in your house, to keep clothes on your back. You don't have nothing. I don't do no lights, no Christmas tree, because I can't put nothing under it." – Ms. Dianne Alfred

"When you can't get credit, you can't get help, can't get seen by a doctor, and can't afford good health insurance. You can't afford insurance, period. When you see the look on your childrens' faces when you can't get nothing for them." –Ms. Paulette Clay

VI. RESOURCES (Please be specific)

a) What are the resources available to support this project?

a1. Physical property

We are blessed to have the use of a community room at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center where we can hold our meetings. We also can use an office in the Neighborhood Center where we can administer the program.

a2. In-kind resources (e.g., non-monetary resources such as volunteer work, complimentary legal services, free use of office space or building, non-paid labor, donated supplies and/or equipment). List all in-kind services and/or goods that will be provided and state who will provide them and their estimated value:

We're provided with the use of space at the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center free of charge. Space at the Center is typically rented out at the rate of \$100/hr for the largest room – we calculate that with six programs running approximately five hours each, plus 46 hours of senior programing over the course of a year, we are receiving \$3460.00 of in-kind resources from the STNC.

a3. Financial resources from within the group

We hold quarterly fundraiser suppers to raise money for our organization and solicit donations from local businesses and organizations. Group members do not have the means to contribute financially.

b) List all financial resources requested, promised and received from other sources for the last two years (e.g. foundations, corporations, etc.).

Organization name and address	Requested	Promised	Received	Date Received
Providence Community Housing	\$35,000		\$35,000	2014-2015 (This funding source will <u>not</u> be renewed in 2016)
Iberia Bank	\$12,000		\$12,000	11/6/2015
Neighborworks America	\$4,000		\$4,000	2014 & 2015
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$4,000		\$4,000	2015

VII. INCOME/EXPENDITURE BUDGET

a) Does this project have any paid staff? If yes, please list by name and describe their job functions.

No

a1. Who has the authority to hire and/or fire the staff?

N/A

b) What is the total cost of the project?

Last year **N/A** Current year **\$18,860.00** Next year **\$20,000.00**

b1. What is the total budget of the organization (if different from above)?

Last year (2015) **\$36,550.00** Current year (2016) **\$16,000** Next year **To Be Determined**

c) How will the group carry on the project financially in the future?

We plan to fund this program in future years through both grantwriting and fundraising. We are committed to continuing this program every year.

<p>d) Has the group received SDOP funding in the past?</p> <p>National ___ Year _____</p> <p>Synod: ___ Year _____</p> <p>Presbytery ___ Year _____</p>	<p>d1. Is the group currently applying for funding?</p> <p>Synod: ___</p> <p>Presbytery: ___</p>
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Synods and Presbyteries are geographical regions in the Presbyterian Church (USA). All projects will be within the bounds of a Synod and Presbytery. Not all Synods and Presbyteries have SDOP Committees. Contact SDOP office @ 1-800-728-7228, ex. 5791 for information on the Synod and Presbytery in which you are located.

e)

REQUIRED BUDGET FORMAT

Applications without a balanced budget WILL NOT be processed.

INCOME

Other Sources

Individual Cash Donations	\$ _____
In-Kind	\$ 3,460.00
Fund Raising Events	\$ 400.00
Other (Promised and Received)	\$ _____
	\$ _____

SDOP Committees

National	\$ 15, 000.00
Synod	\$ _____
Presbytery	\$ _____

TOTAL INCOME	
MUST EQUAL TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ \$18,860.00

EXPENSES (Itemize ALL expenses over \$500)	National	Synod	Presbytery	Other Sources	TOTAL
Celebration of Life	\$ 1950.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1950.00
Taking Back Tremé	\$ 1850.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1850.00
Night Out Against Crime	\$ 1500.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1500.00
Christmas Event	\$ 2000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2000.00
Thanksgiving Event	\$ 2000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2000.00
Community Crawfish Boil	\$ 1950.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1950.00
Senior Program	\$ 3750.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3750.00
Room Rental at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3460.00	\$ 3460.00
Handicap Transportation	\$	\$	\$	\$ 400.00	\$
****ALL EXPENSES ARE ITEMIZED ON ATTACHED SPREADSHEET****	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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TOTAL EXPENSES					
MUST EQUAL TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$	\$ 3860.00	\$ 18,860.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION- Incomplete applications will not be processed.

a) How did the group find out about SDOP? (Please check whichever applies)

- Community Workshop (indicate where and when) _____
- SDOP Website or another website (indicate website) _____
- Local Church (indicate the name and location of the church) _____
- Word of mouth (provide the name and contact information of the person) _____
 Emily Mickley-Doyle, 300 N. Broad St. New Orleans, La 70119
 email:sproutnolafarm@gmail.com
- Other (be specific) _____

Did your group receive technical assistance to complete the application from a Committee member or SDOP staff? If so who? Margaret Mwale
 Has your group completed a pre-application (Not required)? Yes No

b) Who completed the application? What is this person's relationship to the group?

FLTA completed this application as a group, lead by Jacqueline Gibson who is the elected President. Asher Kaplan, the Resident Outreach & Empowerment Coordinator at the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, helped us to type up our application.

c) While SDOP does not require the group to have the three items below, we would like to know if you have any or all of them. Please do not include copies with your application.

By-laws	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applied for	<input type="checkbox"/>
501c3 Tax Exempt Status	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applied for	<input type="checkbox"/>
Articles of incorporation	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applied for	<input type="checkbox"/>

d) Please check up to three categories that best describe your project (this list is not meant to exclude any categories):

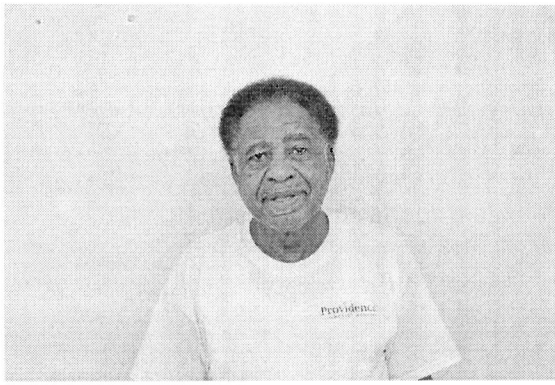
Agriculture		Crafts		Housing	X	Training	X
Arts		Domestic Violence		Human Rights	X	Transportation	
Capacity Building	X	Economic Development	X	Immigrant issues		Water	
Community Development	X	Environment		Leadership Development	X	Women	X
Community Garden		Fair Wages		Micro-Credit		Youth	
Community Organizing	X	Food Security		Self-Advocacy	X	<i>Other (please add your category if not listed):</i>	
Community Re-entry		Health	X	Seniors	X		
Cooperative/Worker Owned		Homelessness		Skills Development	X		

e) Please list, and provide contact information, for other grassroots organizations and/or organizations working with these organizations that could help SDOP in our outreach efforts. (These organizations do not need to meet SDOP criteria of being owned and controlled by the direct beneficiaries). Please include organization's name, contact person, phone, address, city, state, email. Use additional pages if needed.

**Sprout NOLA – Emily Mickley-Doyle. 300 N Broad St., New Orleans, LA 70119.
sproutnolafarm@gmail.com. 740-504-1181**

**Friends of Lafitte Greenway – Sophie Harris
 P. O. Box 791727
 New Orleans, LA 70179-1727. Email: info@lafittegreenway.org. Telephone: 504.462.0645**

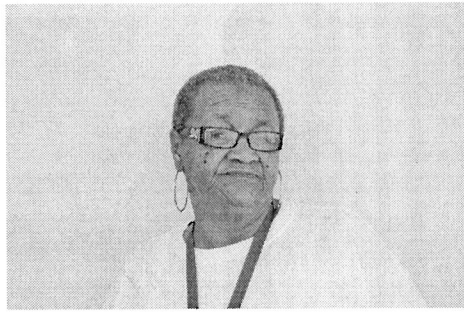
f) Are there any additional comments the group would like to make? (Limit to one page).



Rev. Edward Simmons: "I got involved because I see the city growing and I believe in community. I believe if you work with communities, they can become better, and this was an opportunity for me to get involved. I just believe in people. I believe in working with people, and I believe I can provide input that can bring people together. There's a need for us to build a community and not just be a place to stay. [In Faubourg Lafitte] it's not a project, it's not something to degrade people's thinking, but it's something to upgrade people's thinking. It's more living in your own home, instead of just being all jammed together, and the upkeep of it, that makes a whole lot of difference. We have to put the pieces together, bring the people together, and they'll start to see the vision and unity of being a community. That's working with property management, with the people,

with the board, the police department, and everyone else that's involved in this area to develop this community. I enjoy being a part of it, being a part of what's going on and seeing the growth happen."

Paulette Clay: "What motivates me? I just like helping people. I've always worked in the community, always worked for a non-profit. I used to give out food at the food banks and stuff like that. There's always a need for help in any community, but in Faubourg Lafitte, ever since Katrina, there's a lot of help that's needed. You know I was chosen to come and run on the board? I didn't even know about it, but I came to one of these meetings and they all said, "that's the lady right there," and I said, "the lady for what!?" But you see, they all knew I used to cook at my house, used to go out under the bridge and feed the people, bring clothes to the people, put outfits on hangers and let 'em shop. It's just that I have a compassion for people. Anybody that I can put a smile on their face satisfies me. I'ma tell you like it is –



you knock on my door and it doesn't bother me. If you go to my house you're gonna find one, two, three big bags and a box in my kitchen, all full of canned goods. And you knock on the door sayin', "You got any rice Ms. Paulette? You got an onion?" You think I don't have an onion? Oh yes, I have an onion. That's how it is. I always did like that. Always. I think that's my calling – to work with the people. I don't want no money. I don't want no pat on the back. Just say thank you, and I'll say, "you're welcome, sweetheart. " Any time. That's my rule – any time you think I got it, I got it. Not too long ago a lady on the corner said to me, "Ms. Paulette, you got any raisins?" and I said "I got one box left." And I gave it to her. She went and made a bread pudding, and she brought me a piece. That's

how it is. That's my calling."

Jacqueline Gibson: "I wanted to get on the board because I wanted to make sure that we change some things in this community. The way things are this day and age, they're making changes in a lot of things, but not always for the better. I wanted make sure that we have insight and at least know what's going on, because I'm not in this area over here [Faubourg Lafitte], I'm in St. Ann's [Senior Apartments.] Sometimes people over at St. Ann's don't have any information, but I can be a liaison for them. So that was my reason for joining- for me to learn what's going on, so I can keep my community informed on different things, on the programs coming in that could benefit them. As a board we go talk with the community, see what kinds of things we all want, and try to get the people encouraged. They getting ready to make a change here, and we want make sure that it's for the betterment of this community, for these kids."



Senior Social & Educational Program 2016

Expected attendance - 50 per day, once per week for 46 weeks

Category	Vendor
Food & Drink	Sam's Club, 3900 Airline Drive, New Orleans LA
Handicapped Transportation Services	Coleman Cab, 600 Jackson Ave, New Orleans, LA
Arts & Crafts Supplies	Office Depot, 309 N. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA
Marketing/Outreach	Office Depot, 309 N. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA
Program Development & Skills Training	Various community leaders & educators we have pre-
Guest Speakers / Educators	Various community leaders & educators we have pre-

Items

Lunch, Snacks and Drinks for 50 persons x 46 days	\$ 1,200.00
Half of Seniors need handicapped transporation services	\$ 700.00
Arts and Crafts supplies for senior art therapy & creative sel	\$ 400.00
Advertisements & outreach materials for program	\$ 600.00
Training workshops and seminars	\$ 500.00
Information and Presentations on Health and Wellness Topi	\$ 350.00

TOTAL PROGRAM COST \$ 3,750.00
