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OCCUR, SF Foundation Help Churches Get Grants

In the midst of the toughest economic times in decades, many faith-based and non-profit organizations are seeking grants of money to help them meet their community's survival needs.

The Oakland Citizens Committee for urban Renewal (OCCUR) and The San Francisco Foundation FAITHS program will show churches how to access grants in their next workshop entitled, "A Model Built on Faith". Groups will be shown the key strategies to planning and writing successful proposals for funding from numerous types of philanthropic and social investment sources.

The proposal writing session will be held Thursday, April 24, in Oakland City Hall Hearing Room #3, at 8:30 until 11:30 am. This FREE workshop will provide in-depth training on the tools, strategies and proven techniques for requesting and receiving grants and related resource support from foundations, corporate funders, donors/individual contributors and government programs.

Carmen Bogan, OCCUR's program coordinator for the "Model Built on Faith" series will be the main presenter at the proposal writing session, and views the current economic challenges facing churches and the community at large as an opportunity to "step up and confront the crisis with steadfast commitment and innovative programs". Bogan went on to say that "Faith based institutions are at the epicenter of community need; they know the problems intimately and know the stories behind those problems, which places them in a unique position to effectively address them."

The Program Planning and Proposal Writing workshop is session #5 of a 7-part series being presented by OCCUR and The San Francisco Foundation FAITHS program. All Bay Area faith based organizations and their nonprofit partners are invited to come and learn how to design and write persuasive proposals as well as cultivate the critical relationships with funders prior to submitting proposals.

In May, OCCUR and The San Francisco Foundation will utilize a group of consultants to individually work with faith-based and non-profit organizations on key issues that may require additional assistance. Other phases of the program will be introduced in May and will probably continue through 2009.

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The entire series is free, and to RSVP or find out more about the OCCUR faith based program, please call (510) 839-2440, fax (510) 268-9065 or email occur@sbcglobal.net. Space is limited and attendees are urged to respond immediately.