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Poverty & Race Research Action Council

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PRRAC Research/Advocacy “Small Grants” Program 2009 – Seattle/King County

The Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) is a not-for-profit civil rights policy organization based in Washington, D.C. One of PRRAC’s central functions – embodied in our name – is to link research on race and poverty to advocacy work of all sorts. We do this in part in our conferences and publications – especially our bimonthly *Poverty & Race*, with its extensive Resources section – in part by periodically making available small grants to support such research and its use in a planned advocacy agenda (legislation, litigation, community organizing, public education, etc.). We’ve given over 100 such grants to date – see the descriptive list on our website (<http://www.prrac.org/grants.php> and www.prrac.org/grants.pdf). We’ve recently received a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation that permits us to undertake a new round of grants.

This 2009 round will have a geographical as well as substantive focus. We will concentrate our work in the Seattle-King County area. We are particularly interested in research/advocacy projects that focus on housing, health or education (and of course links between those areas), and we are also interested in issues relating to changing demographics in the region, particularly in the Central District/Rainier Valley and South King County area and the impacts of these changes on housing, education, health, transportation, criminal justice, democratic participation and local government structures.

Maximum grant amount is \$10,000 (and budgets under \$10,000 are encouraged to permit additional grants). We encourage applications from researchers, advocates and researcher/advocate teams. We may be able to put researchers in touch with advocates who can use their research results, as well as putting advocates in touch with researchers who can carry out projects needed to support advocacy work. Applications (aim for 2-4 pp.) should describe the research methodology, provide the qualifications of the proposed researcher(s), describe planned advocacy use, and include a budget. We anticipate a total of 6-9 grants in this cycle.

Deadline for submission is **March 13, 2009**. We will make/announce our decisions by April 3, 2009. And we plan to hold an all-day forum on May 7 or 8 at the UW Evans School to introduce the grantees and discuss their projects with a range of interested parties in the area.

Please send proposals to PRRAC’s Director of Research, Chester Hartman, 1015 15th St. NW, #400, Wash., DC 20005, chartman@prrac.org. Feel free to phone him directly (202/906-8025) if you have any questions.