



**You are invited to participate in the upcoming Audioconference:
Funders Discussion on the Social Innovation Fund**

January 6, 2009, 2:00-3:00pm (EST)

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Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families (GCYF), Grantmakers In Health (GIH), and Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (GIST) invite you to participate in a funders discussion on the [Social Innovation Fund \(SIF\)](#). This audioconference will provide funders and philanthropic advisors with a timely opportunity to discuss and respond to the newly released [draft Notice of Funding Announcement](#) for public comment on the SIF. The deadline for public input is January 15, 2010. The final SIF funding notice is expected to be released in February 2010. An announcement of the selected grantmaking institutions is expected in the summer of 2010.

The Social Innovation Fund, a new public-private collaboration created by the 2009 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, is designed to stimulate and support a national network of intermediary grantmaking institutions in: identifying and investing in promising, innovative nonprofit organizations; helping them strengthen their evidence-base; and developing the infrastructure to address our national challenges in communities of need.

In FY 2010, the Corporation expects to award \$50 million to five to seven intermediary grantmaking institutions (or eligible partnerships) focused on improving measurable outcomes in the following priority areas:

- Increased economic opportunity;
- Preparing America's youth for success in school, active citizenship, productive work, and healthy and safe lives; and
- Promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the risk factors that can lead to illness.

Annual awards, which will run for five years, are expected to be in the range of \$5 million to \$10 million. Grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar in cash. For FY 2010, SIF intermediary applicants must demonstrate the ability to meet 50 percent of their cash match requirement at the time of the application. Intermediaries will then make subgrants to nonprofit community organizations of at least \$100,000 per year for 3-5 years and provide strategic support in areas such as management and evaluation. Nonprofit community organizations must match grants from grantmaking institutions dollar-for-dollar in cash.

Join us on this call to share ideas and develop strategies for responding to the draft Notice of Funding Announcement for public comment on the Social Innovation Fund! As always, please feel free to share this invitation with other funders and philanthropic advisors who might be interested in participating.

Sincerely,

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