

# Nonprofit Sector Fund



The **Nonprofit Sector Fund (NSF)** has helped Meyer become a national leader in promoting organizational effectiveness and leadership development. *Daring to Lead 2006*, a national study of nonprofit executive directors conducted by Meyer and CompassPoint, sparked conversations among grantmakers and nonprofit leaders all over the United States.

Findings from that study led Meyer to launch Rewarding Leadership, a three-year, \$2.2 million initiative designed to stabilize and strengthen the leadership of the foundation's grantees. As part of this initiative, a large number of the NSF grants focused on supporting and sustaining nonprofit leaders. The Exponent Award, which recognizes and supports outstanding nonprofit leaders, is the centerpiece of the Rewarding Leadership initiative.

Through the NSF, the foundation provides management assistance grants to help organizations strengthen their

management and leadership; supports nonprofits that offer training, technical assistance, and leadership development to grantees and other nonprofits throughout Greater Washington; works to increase the visibility and influence of the region's nonprofit sector; and provides short-term loans to organizations experiencing cash flow problems because of unexpected delays in funding.

Meyer management assistance grants enable Meyer grantees to hire consultants to help them navigate key organizational transitions and support marketing, communications, and fundraising planning; improvements in accounting and financial management; and executive transition.

To learn more about the Nonprofit Sector Fund or to view guidelines, visit [www.meyerfoundation.org](http://www.meyerfoundation.org).

*"We're thankful to have your constant partnership and support over the years to improve the condition of low-income children and families in the District. Your work and leadership are examples for others in the region."*

KIM PERRY, *former Executive Director, DC Hunger Solutions*

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