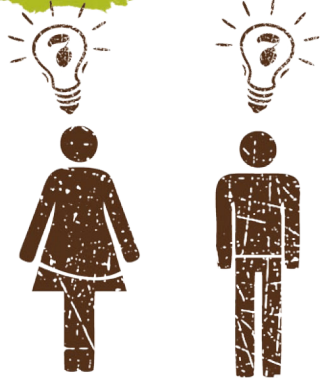


A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR PLANTING SEEDS FOR CHANGE

STEP 1

YOU HAVE A
BIG IDEA.



From a vision of change, Neighborhood Centers presents Seeds for Change, a small grant initiative that anchors our commitment to cultivating closer relationships with Houston's many cultural organizations and partners. We are initiating this project to build capacity and deepen our impact within target communities by funding small projects with strong cultural commitment. We are accepting proposals from organizations, groups, and individuals who seek financial assistance for up to a maximum award of \$2,000 to support events and/or projects that grow community engagement at the grassroots level. Candidates with an operating budget of less than \$300,000 are encouraged to apply. Ideal candidates will have an innovative idea, project or initiative that impacts cultural communities in Houston.

STEP 2

GO TO THE
PUBLIC
MEETING

Interested individuals, groups or organizations are invited to learn more about the Seeds for Change initiative, meet members of the Neighborhood Leadership Committee (NLC) and learn about strategies that Neighborhood Centers Inc. has been using for over 105 years to collaborate with neighborhoods in Houston.

The public meeting will take place **Wednesday October 3, 2012** **Baker Ripley Neighborhood Center 6-7:30, 6500 Rookin, Houston, Texas 77074.** Proposal applications may also be accepted following the public meeting and must be submitted by no later than **5:00 p.m. Monday October 15, 2012.** They will be reviewed and will be selected by no later than two weeks from the deadline for submission. Those selected will be invited to a luncheon with the NLC.

STEP 4



RECEIVE FUNDING AND GROW YOUR IDEA

Recipients will report progress of their success and share stories with the community via Neighborhood Centers Inc. within one year of the award receipt.

STEP 3

SUBMIT THE
APPLICATION



Individuals, groups or organizations will be selected based on their support of events or projects that increase cultural understanding and showcase Houston's diversity. These organizations may impact the event in a number of ways including but not limited to outreach events, educational workshops, music, dance, arts and crafts, storytelling, painting, sculptures etc. The NLC will be interested in supporting financial accountability, community successes and greater connection. As part of the award, selected groups are eligible for support through capacity building from Neighborhood Centers' stakeholders and staff in the areas of small business incubation, non-profit development and budgeting.