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ABCD to Host Workshop on Grant Writing *Five-day Workshop to Explore Application Process*

New grants make it possible for cash-strapped agencies to bring important services into the community and get innovative ideas off the ground. Yet applying for and receiving grants is a very competitive process. To help members of the nonprofit community and government agencies decipher the intricacies of the grantseeking process, **Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)** will be hosting the ***Grantsmanship Training Program, March 19-23***, at its Downtown Boston Headquarters, **178 Tremont Street, across from the Boylston T stop**. The five-day workshop will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center, the world's oldest and largest training organization for the nonprofit sector.

"Anyone with nonprofit management or grant proposal writing responsibilities, including staff, volunteers, and board members, will benefit from attending this workshop," says Chris Sieber, ABCD's Director of Planning and Program Development. "Nonprofit organizations continue to face an uncertain future," she points out. "With tight state and federal funding, we must acquire the skills to compete for limited resources."

Designed for both novice and experienced grant seekers, this workshop covers all aspects of searching for grants, writing grant proposals, and negotiating with funding sources. "Participants will work in teams to actually develop a grant proposal," Sieber notes.

To ensure personal attention, registration is limited to 30 participants. The program fee of \$875 includes workshop tuition and one year of TGCI Membership benefits and services. Fifty-percent scholarships may be available for organizations with annual operating budgets under \$300,000.

To register for the workshop, or to apply for a scholarship, contact The Grantsmanship Center, at (800) 421-9512 (outside California) or (213) 482-9860. For local information, call Tim Olevsky at ABCD, (617) 348-6527.

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