

EXECUTIVE ORDER 130

July 6, 2009

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 –
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUND

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding made available pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”) was allocated to the Strengthening Communities Fund (“SCF”), which is administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services through its Administration for Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, the assets of the SCF are to be disbursed to states, cities, counties or Native American Tribal government offices for the purpose of facilitating government partnerships with local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the Office of the Mayor to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the operations of the New York City (“the City”) government and to maintain policies and procedures necessary thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this mandate, it is in the best interest of the City to build its government’s capacity to partner with non-profit organizations to coordinate an effective response to the current economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and services provided by non-profit organizations throughout the City is critical to the allocation of resources needed to support these programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a web-based tool to standardize such evaluation would not only facilitate joint-efforts with the City but also conserve limited resources and enhance capacity while greatly alleviating the burdens borne by non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, a grant from the SCF will provide the resources needed to develop a web-based tool to standardize the evaluation of health and human services-related programs, ensuring their success and long-term impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1: The Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the SCF, made available by the United States Department for Health and Human Services through its Administration for Children and Families.

§ 2. The Office of the Mayor, through the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, shall be responsible for the administration of the SCF Capacity Building program grant award, and shall conduct programmatic and financial oversight necessary thereto, pursuant to the work plan detailed in the SCF grant application submitted by the Office of the Mayor. The Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services shall further ensure that the Office of the Mayor participates in evaluation studies and grantee conferences as required.

§ 3. The Office of the Mayor shall have the appropriate support, access and authority necessary to administer the SCF Capacity Building program grant award pursuant to the work plan detailed in its SCF grant application.

§ 4. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor