

**Fair Chance**

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**Grant Award, Year One:** \$300,000

**Award Year:** 2006

**Organizational Description:**

Fair Chance has provided capacity building support to youth and family organizations in Washington, DC's underserved Ward 5–8 neighborhoods since 2002. Fair Chance's service model consists of three components: 1) providing intensive, individualized technical assistance to faith-based and community youth programs; 2) building ongoing peer networks among non-profit leaders; and 3) connecting high poverty communities to resources outside of their borders. Fair Chance currently provides assistance to fifteen partner organizations and plans to expand that number over the next three years through the CEY grant.

**Name of CEY Initiative Project:**

Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program

**Project Description:**

Fair Chance will build the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide enhanced social services to address gang activity and youth violence. The Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program will consist of: 1) a month-long assessment of each partner organization to gain an understanding of its strengths, weaknesses, and level of capacity; 2) a one- to two-year work plan for each partner to specify goals and activities of the partnership; 3) weekly meetings and ongoing interim communication via email and phone between Fair Chance Program Associates and partner organization executive directors to meet partners' technical assistance needs and implement the work plan; 4) bi-monthly Fair Chance Partner Roundtables to provide a venue for training in non-profit management topics and an opportunity for networking; 5) subscription to the Fair Chance Update, a monthly e-newsletter exclusively for partner organizations and alumni, to keep each organization abreast of community developments, partners' projects and initiatives, and training and funding opportunities; and 6) monthly evaluations to collect data and document each partner's organizational growth and programmatic highlights.

**Partners:** Ascensions Community Services, Inc.; Beyond Talent; DC Squash Academy; Free Minds; Interstages; Joy of Sports Foundations; Kid Power DC; Life Pieces to Masterpieces; Literacy Volunteers of America; Mentoring ToDAY