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Memorandum

TO: NEA Urban Local Education Association Presidents
NEA State Executive Directors
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NEA Region Directors

FROM: Secky Fascione, NEA Center for Organizing

RE: 2016-2017 NEA Urban Grants Program

The National Education Association's Center for Organizing administers the NEA Urban Grants Program. This year, the NEA will award these grants of up to \$5,000 to 25 NEA local affiliates with 500 or more active members.

The grants support local NEA affiliates in the development of organizing programs for preK-12/graduate school faculty and education support professionals. Urban grants in 2016-17 will be provided for Locals interested in building organizing programs that address one or more of the following NEA strategic initiatives:

1. Local/District level design and implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
2. Local organizing or bargaining campaigns to promote racial justice in education
3. New educator and early career educator engagement

All proposals should include capacity building components, such as

- Membership growth through innovative recruitment and retention strategies
- Development of worksite leadership systems and programs
- Community-parent engagement

Urban Grant information and the online grant application are available in Organizing in Urban Locals at www.nea.org/partnerships. Application deadline is September 30, 2016. If you have any questions about the Urban Grants Program, please contact urbangrants@nea.org.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support of this important NEA program.

Enclosures

cc: Katherine Underwood, president, NCUEA
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