

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Research Related to the East Side of Buffalo

**East Side Neighborhood Transformation Partnership (ESNTP) Mini-Grant
from
The Center for Urban Studies**

INTRODUCTION The Eastside Neighborhood Transformation Partnership (ESNTP) Mini-Grant, a grant opportunity co-sponsored by the Center for Urban Studies and the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, will provide funding during 2008-2009. The mini-grants will support individual or joint research projects conducted by UB faculty focusing on the East Side of Buffalo. Ideally, research projects will complement efforts of the ESNTP to address **education, housing, and economic development issues challenging Buffalo's Fruit Belt and Martin Luther King Jr. neighborhoods**. ESNTP research grants are intended to provide seed money to initiate new projects or provide funds to facilitate or complete existing projects.

Grants Available: Grants will typically average \$2000, with the possibility of funding exceptional research projects up to \$6000. Up to 3 grants will be awarded in this funding cycle.

Application deadline is February 29, 2008 for funding during the period of June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009. Notification of awards will be made during April 2008. Application forms are attached and available through the Center for Urban Studies Office. Submit applications to:

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I. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligibility: Projects must be conceived, designed, and conducted by non-adjunct UB faculty member(s) who expect to spend significant time on the research, analysis, and writing. This mini-grant is intended to stimulate basic and applied research on the East Side of Buffalo and is available to faculty campus-wide, with the exclusion of faculty affiliated with the School of Architecture and Planning.

Activities Supported: Funds may be requested for:

- fieldwork, archival research, data collection, transcription, subject fees or incentives, data sets
- summer stipend for the PI
- undergraduate or graduate students to work directly on tasks related to funded research project

Activities Not Supported: Mini-grant funds may not be used for:

- conference travel
- office supplies and expenses such as postage, telephone, and photocopying: these are assumed to be available from the PI's department
- tuition remission for graduate students: the Office of the Vice President for Research at UB requires applicant for this mini-grant to make arrangements for graduate student tuition cost-sharing with their department or school (if graduate student support is being requested, see the following website for details <http://www.research.buffalo.edu/policies/gradtuition.cfm>)

Selection Process and Criteria: The ESNTTP Mini-Grant Advisory Committee reviews all grant applications and makes the decision on funding. Mini-grant proposals must present basis or applied research relevant to the East Side of Buffalo. As funds are limited, preference will be given to projects according to:

- the degree to which the project complements efforts of the ESNTTP to address education, housing, and economic development issues challenging Buffalo's Fruit Belt and Martin Luther King Jr. neighborhoods
- originality, clarity, and overall scholarly merit
- appropriateness of the budget
- likelihood that research will lead to a public presentation, publication, and/or policy that affects the community

Project Requirements: Mini-grant recipients must provide a working paper by September 1, 2009. Grant recipients should present research results at a Center for Urban Studies or Baldy Center work-in-progress presentation, seminar, or colloquium. Recipients are also encouraged to attend other Center for Urban Studies and Baldy Center seminars.

Publications: It is ordinarily expected that research grants will lead to publications. Such work should acknowledge the ESNTTP mini-grant support from the Center for Urban Studies. Faculty grant recipients should provide a copy of their ESNTTP mini-grant supported working paper or publication to the Center for Urban Studies.

II. SPENDING AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

General Requirements:

- All receipts and invoices submitted must be originals. Reimbursements cannot be made without original receipts.
- Tax cannot be reimbursed on purchases paid within New York State. A tax-exempt certificate should be presented when paying; copies are available from the Center for Urban Studies.
- All expenses must be dated before May 31, 2009.
- Pay for student workers, summer stipends, and other reimbursements will be coordinated through the Center for Urban Studies.

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Application Form

Maximum of 2 pages (singled-spaced) (*Complete a separate application form for each faculty research project*)

1. Faculty Applicant(s), position, and UB Department:

2. Name of Project:

3. Status of Project (New or Continuing):

4. Description of Project. (What is your research question? Why is it significant? Provide working hypotheses or explain what you expect to find. Place your research in context and provide a few key sources):

5. Research Methodology. (How do you plan to do your research? If requesting a summer stipend, explain how the stipend will enhance the research. If requesting a graduate student to assist with the project, what specific tasks will the graduate student do?):

6. Relevance of Project to the East Side of Buffalo:

7. Duration of Project (start date - anticipated end date):

8. Anticipated Work Product(s) for this Project:

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Budget Form

1. Materials, Supplies, and Services (such as transcription, not available from department or school) \$_____.

Justification:

2. Summer Stipend Requested \$_____

Justification:

**3. Student Employment (indicate undergraduate or graduate student) No. of hrs _____ x
no. of wks _____ = _____ total hours @ \$____/hour, Total Amount Requested \$_____.**

Justification:

4. Other Funds Requested \$_____.

Justification:

TOTAL REQUESTED FROM ESNTP Mini-Grant Program \$_____.