root2fruit

Cultivating communities from within

Dear Friends,

Evanston Community Foundation is delighted to invite applications for the root2fruit grant initiative, funded by the Mammel Foundation. root2fruit is a three year capacity building program. Grantee organizations are part of a learning community which meetings four times annually, sharing knowledge and ideas with the root2fruit advisory board and their peers. Advisory board members, all of whom have board or staff leadership experience in the nonprofit world, are available to help mentor grantees.

Since 2003, root2fruit has helped 51 small and mid-size organizations serving Evanston build their capacity in order to increase their sustainability and impact, investing over $1.5 million in Evanston. Participation in root2fruit has helped organizations build long-term sustainability through improved board effectiveness, fundraising capacity, and business practices. Evanston benefits because these strengthened organizations are able to have greater positive impact.

During fall 2018, the Evanston Community Foundation will choose up to three new organizations for root2fruit grants of up to $10,000 each. Grants will be for the 2019 calendar year and will be renewable for two years after the initial grant is received for a maximum award of $30,000. Please note that participation in four grantee meetings annually is required of root2fruit grantees. Applications are due by midnight October 16, 2018.

The Foundation uses eGrant, allowing you to prepare and submit your root2fruit application online. The application and guidelines can be found at http://evastoncf.egranter.net. If you need assistance, please contact me at schroeder@evastonforever.org or at 847.492.0990.

If your organization is not a fit for root2fruit, please share this information and application with other groups you think might benefit from this program. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Mammel Foundation and Evanston’s vibrant nonprofit community.

Sincerely,

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