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2500 Mini grant opportunities for residents in DC Public housing developments!

WASHINGTON, DC- Breathe DC Inc. with support from the DC Department of Health Community Health Administration is offering four grant awards of up to **\$2500 each for residents in the District public housing developments.** Breathe DC is conducting the Healthy Public Housing – Smoke Free Project through a grant from the Department of Health. As part of this project, Breathe DC staff is working to educate residents on the benefits of smoke free housing; gather residents’ ideas and opinions on smoke free policies; and provide residents resources to quit smoking.

Breathe DC invites interested public housing residents of the District of Columbia to apply by the deadline January 23, 2014 for a mini-grant to develop and host community outreach activities to promote smoke free housing and share resources with their neighbors who smoke to help them quit smoking. The Breathe DC staff will assist residents with the planning and implementation of the community outreach activities which are scheduled to take place March 1 to June 30, 2014.

Information sessions for the mini grants are scheduled to provide more information about the project and application process. The information sessions will be held on January 7th at 1pm at the Dorothy Height Library located at 3935 Benning Rd. NE, and on January 9th at 1pm at THEARC, located at 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE in the District.

Breathe DC is leading the effort for healthy home environments across all of Washington, DC. Because the rates of smoking and chronic disease is highest in low income communities, Breathe DC is committed to educating public housing residents on living healthy lives and preventing lung disease, especially in Wards 5 through 8 where these rates are highest.

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This project is carried out in collaboration with the Citywide Advisory Board Health Committee
of the District of Columbia Housing Authority.

Breathe DC’s mission ensures that every breath counts by promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing lung disease through advocacy, education, and program services especially in communities affected by health disparities.

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