

THE SYDNEY S. SPIVACK PROGRAM IN APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH AND SOCIAL POLICY

Community Action Research Initiative (CARI)

Application Deadline is FEBRUARY 1

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: To encourage sociologists to undertake community action projects that bring social science knowledge, methods, and expertise to bear in addressing community-identified issues and concerns. Grant applications are encouraged from sociologists seeking to work with community organizations, local public interest groups, or community action projects. Funding will run for the duration of the project, whatever the time span might be.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications are encouraged from sociologists in academic settings, research institutions, private and non-profit organizations, and government. Advanced graduate students are eligible to apply, but funding cannot be used to support dissertation research. While ASA membership is not a criterion for applying or being selected for this grant, if and when a grant award is made, the recipient must be a current ASA member. ASA membership involves acceptance of and adherence to the ASA Code of Ethics, which is critical to the implementation of the grant project. Grantees must also provide documentation of pertinent IRB approval for the funded project.

PROJECT IDEAS: Sociologists are expected to work in relevant community organizations. The proposed work can include activities such as needs assessments, empirical research relevant to community activities or action planning, the design and/or implementation of evaluation studies, or analytic review of the social science literature related to a policy issue or problem. Innovative placements and plans are encouraged. CARI grantees may also be called upon by ASA to participate in press briefings, testimony, or other presentations related to the subject area of the fellowship. Standard research projects, however interesting, are not appropriate for this funding. The goal of this program is to link sociologists with community action groups and to use sociological research to advance the goals of those groups.

AWARDS: Grants are likely to range from \$1,000-\$3,000 to cover direct costs associated with the project; these funds cannot be used as a salary stipend (including course release). Approximately four to eight awards are made each year.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Application packets should include:

- Your full name, institution, complete address, home phone number, work phone number, email address, and web site (if one exists).
- A description of the intended project, including the sociological relevance to a policy issue, the goals of the project and a description of how the goals will be carried out.
- A description of the community organization with which you are planning to work.
- A description of how your research and its goals relate to the objectives and structure of the community organization or project.
- A description of how your project and goals relate to community-identified issues and concerns.
- The expected budget. Include a detailed budget plan.
- If your project involves students (not a requirement) please include a description of how the students will participate in the project
- A time schedule showing how a specific organization will use your research to carry out its goals
- A description of any products that will result should also be described, as well as how they will be disseminated. The dissemination phase need not occur during the time of the project.
- Resume of applicant(s)
- A letter from an organizational sponsor, including a description of the organization's goals, funding, etc.
- Maximum Length: 5 Pages

Any products that will result from this activity should also be described, as well as how they will be disseminated. The dissemination phase need not occur during the time of the fellowship.

If sending your application materials electronically, please send applications in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format to Spivack@asanet.org. Include "CARI Application" in the title of your email correspondence. If submitting via Word, use Arial 12pt font with 1 inch margins and adhere to the 5 page limit. Also print a copy for your records.

Send application to: Spivack Community Action Research Initiative, American Sociological Association, 1430 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. Direct questions or comments to spivack@asanet.org.



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2014 Community Action Research Initiative (CARI) Grant Application

Name(s) of PI _____

Current Institution _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Home Number _____

Work Number _____

Project Title _____

1. In the space provided below, please provide a description of the intended project, including the sociological relevance to a policy issue, the goals of the project, and a description of how the goals will be carried out. *(500 word limit)*

2. In the space provided below, please give a description of the community organization with which you are planning to work. *(300 word limit)*

3. Provide a description of how your research and its goals relate to the objectives and structure of the community organization or project. *(300 word limit)*

4. A description of how your project and goals relate to community-identified issues and concerns.
(400 word limit)

5. Please provide a description of your expected budget plan (include a DETAILED budget plan)
(300 word limit)

6. If your project involves students (not a requirement), include a description of how the students will participate in the project. *(300 word limit)*

7. Please include a time schedule showing how a specific organization will use your research to carry out its goals. *(300 word limit)*

8. Describe any products that will result, as well as how they will be disseminated. The dissemination phase need not occur during the time of the grant. (300 word limit)

Also to be included (as a PDF if submitting online application):

- A copy of the applicant's resume
- A letter from an organizational sponsor, which includes a description of the organization's goals, funding, etc (e-copy is ok on the organization's letterhead as a PDF file or mail to the address below)

Submit all materials by February 1 to:

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American Sociological Association
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