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**Contact:** Felecia Baker  
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[grants@medf.net](mailto:grants@medf.net)**Minerva Education and Development Foundation Encourages Nonprofits  
to Apply for Grants by November 15**

**Detroit, MI** – The Minerva Education and Development Foundation (MEDF) invites local nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status to apply for funding through its Winter/Spring 2013 grant cycle. Forms and application guidelines can be obtained by visiting <http://www.medf.net>. Completed applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2012, and mailed to Post Office Box 21655, Detroit, MI 48221, Attn: Grants Committee.

The Minerva Education and Development Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in metro Detroit by supporting and initiating educational and economic development programs that foster community growth. Now in its 20th year, MEDF has awarded more than \$400,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to deserving students.

Recognized by *BLAC Magazine* as one of five African American philanthropic organizations that continues to make a difference despite economic hard times, MEDF supports organizations that provide inter-generational community services or education, arts, health, or economic development programming. MEDF also funds initiatives that foster the development of leadership skills for girls and women. Past recipients include Alternatives for Girls, Beverly Thomas Fine Arts Institute, the BizTech Summer Camp at Wayne State University, Delta Manor, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan's Camp Moxie, the Sphinx Organization, Just Speak, Inc., the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Healthy Kids and Kidneys program, Think Detroit PAL, YouthVille Detroit, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Dr. Betty Shabazz mentoring program for at-risk middle school girls.

For more information, contact MEDF at [grants@medf.net](mailto:grants@medf.net) or (313) 438-6333.

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