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PAUL RAPOPORT FOUNDATION AWARDS FIVE NEW GRANTS TOTALING \$731,000 IN THE SECOND FUNDING CYCLE OF ITS FOUR-YEAR SPEND OUT.

NEW YORK, NY--The Paul Rapoport Foundation, an independent private foundation established in 1987 to serve the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual (LGTB) communities of the metropolitan New York area, with a particular focus on the nexus between racial and economic justice, announces five new grants, totaling \$731,000, bringing the total grants awarded for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 to over \$2.8 million.

The Foundation, which plans to spend out all of its assets by 2014, is narrowing its focus and increasing its grant size so that it can help ensure the sustainability of key organizations serving youth, seniors and transgender persons in LGTB communities of color. Through emphasis on infrastructure development and collaborations as well as on expansion of current demonstrably effective programs, the Foundation hopes to have significant impact on services to and advocacy for and by LGTB communities of color. To this end:

Community Health Project, Inc. (d/b/a Callen-Lorde Community Health Center) received a two-year grant totaling \$100,000 to: a) revise its healthcare protocols for transgender patients; and b) undertake the first large-scale transgender patient baseline health data project in the United States. Founded in 1983, Callen-Lorde is one of the nation's largest providers of primary care services to the communities of transgender/gender non-conforming experience.

Correctional Association of New York received a three-year grant totaling \$100,000 to support its Safe, Fair and Equal Treatment for LGBTQ Youth (SAFETY) initiative, which works to ensure the safety and well-being of LGBTQ youth in the New York State juvenile justice system. Founded in 1844, the CA is working with the State Office of Children and Family Services to evaluate the implementation of a new State policy designed to ensure culturally competent services for and non-discrimination of LGBTQ youth in OCFS facilities.

Long Island Crisis Center, Inc. received a three-year grant totaling \$175,000 to expand programs and services for LGTB youth of color on Long Island through the Pride for Youth Program. LICC is a community-based, multi-service agency that has provided free, high-quality, confidential and accessible services to young people in crisis since 1971.

New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, Inc., in collaboration with Bronx Community Pride Center and CitiWide Harm Reduction, received a four-year grant totaling \$256,000 to provide anti-violence counseling services for transgender people of color in the Bronx. AVP, founded in 1980, serves LGBTQ victims and survivors of violence through direct client services, education, advocacy and community organizing.

The collaborative of Sylvia Rivera Law Project, Inc.; Audre Lorde Project, Inc.; FIERCE; and Queers for Economic Justice, Inc. received a one-year grant for \$100,000 to develop shared communications and technology systems. SRLP, founded in 2002, works to increase the political voice and visibility of low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming; ALP, founded in 1996, is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non-Conforming People of Color community organizing center, focusing on the New York City area. FIERCE, a membership-based organization founded in 2000, is building the leadership and power of LGBTQ youth of color in New York City. QEJ,

founded in 2002, is committed to promoting economic justice in a context of sexual and gender liberation.

Since its founding, the Paul Rapoport Foundation has made over \$18 million in grants to LGTB communities in the New York metropolitan area. The Foundation will bring its grantmaking operations to a close as of June 30, 2014 and cease operations entirely by June 30, 2015.