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**THE PAUL RAPOPORT FOUNDATION AWARDS THREE NEW GRANTS TOTALING THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE THIRD 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, is pleased to announce the recipients of its latest funding cycle of its spend-out strategy. Addressing some of the serious issues faced by the transgender community and by LGTB youth of color, the three new grants were awarded to:

APICHA, Inc., which received a three-year grant totaling \$512,000 to develop medical, mental health and social services for the transgender community. Founded in 1989, APICHA is a community health center in Lower Manhattan providing comprehensive primary care and other medical services targeted to Asians and Pacific Islanders and other communities of color, the LGBT community and individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc., in collaboration with Union Settlement Association, Inc., which received \$54,800 for a planning grant to develop an educational and employment service program for young African American and Latino men who have sex with men. Founded in 1988, Harlem United works to improve the lives of people living with or threatened by HIV/AIDS through comprehensive prevention, housing, and healthcare services. Since 1895, Union Settlement Association (USA) has worked in East Harlem. USA serves more than 13,000 residents each year through programs including education, childcare, youth development, the arts, counseling, nutrition, senior services, job training and economic development.

Make the Road New York, which received a three-year grant totaling \$180,000 for its LGBTQ Safe Communities Initiative. The Initiative will focus on improving the school climate for LGTB students in the borough of Queens; full implementation of the City's Respect for All school curriculum; along with a Police Accountability Campaign also focusing on Queens County. Additionally Make the Road will implement an LGTB Workplace Discrimination campaign building on its previous successes reversing discriminatory employment policies and practices against transgender individuals. Through organizing, policy innovation and advocacy, Make the Road New York combats the severe political and economic disenfranchisement suffered by low-income Latino immigrant and African-American New Yorkers.

Since its founding, the Paul Rapoport Foundation has made over \$15 million in grants to LGTB communities in the New York metropolitan area. 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.

The Foundation will bring its grantmaking operations to a close as of June 30, 2014 and cease operations entirely by June 30, 2015.