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## NAVASA announces its ORR Funding to Nine Affiliate Members

### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

**Washington D.C.**—The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) announced its first annual funding for the National Ethnic Community Self-Help Project (NECSHP) to nine affiliate members on Friday, February 7, 2003.

Nine affiliate members receiving funding are: Economic and Employment Center (EEDC), Los Angeles, CA; Housing & Employment Development (HED), Houston, TX; Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc. (MVMA), Wheaton, MD; Tucson International Alliance of Refugee Communities (TIARC), Tucson, AZ; Vietnamese American Association, Inc. (VAA), Oklahoma City, OK; Vietnamese-American Civic Association (VACA), Dorchester, MA; Vietnamese Friendship Association (VFA), Seattle, WA; Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota (VSS), St. Paul, MN; and Wichita Indochinese Center (WIC), Wichita, KS. Funding amount ranges from \$15,000 to \$40,000 according to geographical and/or organizational needs.

NAVASA's goal for this project is for its affiliate members to work toward expanding and building their organization's capacity and strengthening linkages among ethnic community-based and faith-based organizations. NAVASA will closely work with the nine organizations, providing supports and technical assistances during the funding cycle. These services include, and not limited to, assisting in leadership development, highlighting promising practices in cross cultural coalition, and providing comprehensive technical assistance in order to enhance the administrative, fiscal, and managerial capacity of the organizations.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded NAVASA for three years under ORR Standing Announcement for Services to Recently Arrived Refugees: Category 4—Ethnic Community Self Help. This year, 2003, will be the first year of the three years funding cycle for NAVASA from ORR.

In order to receive the next NECSHP grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization and an affiliate member of NAVASA. To become a member of NAVASA, you can download the application from <http://www.navasa.org> or contact the office.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency comprised of 34 Mutual Assistance Associations (MAAs). MAAs are organizations that have been built by refugees and provide social services for refugees. Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the political system. NAVASA is committed to assisting its affiliates address the linguistic, social, economic, and civic needs facing community members in their specific localities.

Tucson Intl Alliance of Refugee Community  
Tucson, AZ  
Vietnamese Volunteers of Arizona  
Glendale, AZ

Asian Pacific Residential Treatment Program  
Los Angeles, CA

Cambodian Family  
Santa Ana, CA

Southeast Asian Community Center  
San Francisco, CA

Unified Vietnamese Community Council  
Los Angeles, CA

Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation  
San Jose, CA

Vietnamese Mutual Assistance  
Association of Connecticut  
Hartford, CT

Association for the Advancement of  
Vietnamese Americans  
Tampa, FL

Vietnamese Association of Illinois  
Chicago, IL

Vietnamese Mutual Association  
Wichita, KS

Wichita Indochinese Center  
Wichita, KS

Vietnamese Catholic Office  
New Orleans, LA

Springfield Vietnamese American  
Civic Association  
Springfield, MA

Vietnamese American Civic Association  
Boston, MA

Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association  
Silver Spring, MD

Center for Asian Pacific Islanders  
Minneapolis, MN

Project Fine  
Winona, MN

Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association  
Rochester, MN

Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota  
St. Paul, MN

Montagnard Dega Association  
Greensboro, NC

Vietnamese American Cultural Organization  
New York, NY

Asian American Community  
Services Association  
Tulsa, OK

Vietnamese American Association  
Oklahoma City, OK

Vietnamese Friendship Association  
Seattle, WA