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Second Year Awardees Selected for Capacity Building Grant

Washington D.C.—The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) announces its second annual sub-funding to eleven affiliate members on December 1, 2003. This sub-funding is made possible through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) under Standing Announcement for Services to Recently Arrived Refugees: Category 4—Ethnic Community Self Help.

This year sub-funding is the second year of the three years funding cycle for NAVASA from ORR. The purpose of this sub-funding is for NAVASA's member organizations, new emerging community-based (CBOs) and faith-based organizations (FBOs) to work toward capacity and coalition building. Fiscal year 2004 sub-funding will also focus on leadership empowerment and professional development for community members and organizations.

The eleven affiliate-members receiving funding are: Asian Family & Community Empowerment Center, Inc (AFACE), St. Petersburg, FL; Bach Viet Association, Inc. (BVA), Sacramento, CA; Economic & Employment Development Center (EEDC), Alhambra, CA; International Children Assistance Network, Inc. (ICAN), San Jose, CA; Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association (IMAA), Rochester, MN; Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc. (MVMA), Wheaton, MD; United Refugee & Community Services (URCS), Houston, TX; Vietnamese-American Community of Southern California (VACSC), Westminster, CA; Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI), Chicago, IL; Vietnamese Friendship Association (VFA), Seattle, WA; and Wichita Indo-Chinese Center (WIC), Wichita, KS.

Funding amount ranges from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Of the eleven, three well-established organizations (budget over \$1 million) will provide comprehensive technical assistance and mentorship to local CBOs and FBOs towards capacity building.

Application for next year sub-grant will be available early Fall 2004. All applicants must meet all eligibility criteria set by NAVASA in order to apply. Interested organization must be a non-profit agency with 501 (c) (3) status, has at least one year in operation, and is an affiliate member of NAVASA. To become a member of NAVASA, please visit www.navasa.org for further information or contact the office.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency currently comprised of 36 mutual assistance associations (MAAs). 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 socio-political system. Located in metropolitan Washington DC, NAVASA is fully committed to assisting its affiliate organizations to address the civic, economic, linguistic, and social needs facing community members in their specific localities.

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