

Raymond T. Cole Fund

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GRANT REQUEST APPLICATION

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Yes, I understand my completed application will be published on the www.46dems.com website:

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I. Project Summary

A. Briefly summarize the project, why it is important at this time, and any other key information.

The Democracy For America Training Project/Sessions project will center around the Democracy For America training DVDs. I plan on organizing monthly or bi-monthly training sessions, each centered around one DVD or a particular section of it. A few of the topics covered in the DFA DVDs: *Recruiting Volunteers, Building Networks Across Precincts, and Holding our Elected Leaders Accountable*. The sessions will (most likely) be held in a classroom or community room at North Seattle Community College, with a DVD player supplied by the Media center at NSCC. The training sessions will provide useful information to existing members and new recruits.

Democracy For America website: <http://www.democracyforamerica.com/>

Democracy For America training DVDs:

<https://www.democracyforamerica.com/contribute/nightsschool>

This project is important at this time or any other time because it can expand the 46th District Democrats' membership, build on existing members' knowledge of getting out the vote, and encourage new/experienced members to start their own projects in their communities through the 46th District Democrats.

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II. Compliance

A. How is this project consistent with the values of Raymond Cole (46th District Democrats, Education, Ethics)?

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- The training sessions will strengthen the grassroots organizing skills existing and experienced members have, and will be helpful for new members who want to be involved, but don't know where to start. Holding the sessions at NSCC will also encourage attending students to get involved with the 46th District Democrats

Education

- This ongoing project will train/retrain district members in community organizing skills

Ethics

- The DFA DVDs' strong emphasis on grassroots politics and keeping elected officials honest will encourage ethical behavior in local campaigns and volunteer activities

B. How is this project consistent with the values, vision and platform of the 46th District Democrats?

The grassroots activism training in the DFA DVDs gives regular voters in the 46th district tools to organize their communities. They will learn more about how to put the goals of the 46th District Democrats platform into action. Giving district members opportunities to learn more about political work will help them be more informed when they vote and endorse candidates, and will help them get out the vote on important issues such as health care, public education, and more.

Not only does the content of the materials help out members, but the training sessions themselves will be a collaborative way to connect new and existing members with each other and encourage them to do the same in their neighborhoods/communities.

III. Purpose and Significance of Grant

A. What specific needs/problems will be addressed by this grant?

- Ongoing recruitment of new members, introducing them to existing members, and combining skill sets and capabilities is a need in any legislative district, including the 46th

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B. How will this project result in improvement in people's lives and/or our communities?

- Giving 46th district members new organizing skills will empower them to get out the vote about issues important to them, and it will be a good way for new members to meet existing members while coming up with project ideas
- Doing a project at North Seattle Community College will give the 46th District Democrats new recruiting opportunities and a chance for community college students to learn more about local politics/political organizations

C. How will this project benefit the 46th District Democrats, such as in reputation, membership, volunteers, building leadership, new allies, empowerment, activism, etc.?

- This project will help the 46th district will become a training resource for other local community groups and members
- The training sessions will also be a time for new members to get to know existing members and to find volunteer opportunities

D. If this project offers benefits beyond the 46th District Democrats, such as to other Districts, WA State, the U.S., please describe those benefits.

- I hope this training program could be used as a template for other organizations who are interested in organizing their community. It depends on how successful the sessions are.

IV. Project Goals and Outcomes

A. Describe the specific goal(s) of this project.

- To build on the organizing skills existing, acting members already have
- To recruit new 46th District Democrats members and find ways to get them involved in the 46th district area and at the monthly meetings
- To provide 46th District Democrats members and campaigns working in the 46th district resources to learn more about political campaigning
- To help broaden the membership/resource/knowledge base of the 46th District Democrats

B. How will you specifically measure success of the project?

- By the number of people attending and expressing interest in the training sessions
- By the number of people returning to the sessions
- By the number of new members that the 46th district signs up as a result of these trainings
- By the number of new political action projects these training sessions generate (food drives, lobbying, voter registration)
- I'll also hand out a survey to be handed out at the end of each session. On a 1-5 scale, the surveys will determine how much each participant knows about the training's topic beforehand, and how much new information they have learned. Each survey will also include an evaluation section for participants to provide feedback, so I can work to make each session more efficient.

C. What challenges will you face in achieving the goal(s)?

- Informing people of the upcoming training sessions, and finding a way to schedule them at a time that will encourage attendance
- Finding a facilitator to lead the training sessions
- Transporting refreshments and other supplies to the venue (most likely NSCC)
- If it's at NSCC, I have to make sure the meeting place is easy to find for people who have never been on the campus before.

V. Approach—How You Will Successfully Complete the Project

A. Describe how you will go about completing this project, including steps along the way.

1. Assuming the project is approved, I'd like to have the DVDs ordered soon as possible after.
2. I'll work closely with the chosen facilitator to pick the date, then I will reserve space and a DVD player at NSCC.
3. Prior to the first training, the facilitator and I (together or separately) will go through the DVDs and pick a DVD or section to focus on for the training. We'll come up with a basic format for the sessions and come up with discussion questions for the group. I'll mostly let the facilitator be in charge of that, but I want to be in the loop every step of the way, and eventually learn how to facilitate the sessions on my own.
4. We'll make sure members of the 46th District Democrats are aware of the upcoming sessions by reminding people at meetings, and through the Internet (email, Facebook, etc.)
5. I will prepare refreshments for the sessions, small baked goods and juice to start with. I'll contribute to the food for the first few sessions. If attendance increases, I'll encourage people to contribute snacks and I'll set up a donation jar for the next session's refreshments.
6. Each training session will include watching a DFA DVD or a particular section of it, and then there will be time for questions and project brainstorming.
7. Follow up: I'll do my best to introduce new members from the trainings to active members in the 46th Dist. Democrats who can help them out with their proposed ideas/projects.
8. After each session, I'll start planning the next one! If attendance increases, we might make them bi-monthly sessions.
9. The sessions will be held as long as the DFA DVDs and attendance last. If people want more trainings after all of the DVDs are finished, we can look for more training materials and keep some sort of training activity going after this one is complete.

B. What is the timeframe for each segment of work on the project, the final implementation, and the utility of the project into the future?

- Once I have the DVDs I will be able to come up with a more specific timeline

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C. Describe the team of people who will work on the project, including qualifications or experience which will enable them to contribute to the success of the project.

Me: Angie Weiss. I myself have grown up around local politics and community work, and I have some field experience. I've worked for Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata doing PCO phone calls in July 2009, and as a Washington state Senate page for Senator Joe McDermott. I am familiar with event organizing, I've worked for several years with two other Campfire USA members planning a three-day weekend camp for dads and kids on Vashon Island; coordinating checks, food, games, and cabin assignments.

Facilitator: I'd like to find some respective member of the 46th District Democrats who is an experienced field/community worker comfortable leading small group discussions.

D. If there are other partners (people or organizations) on the project, who are they and what are their roles?

- I'll be reserving space and a DVD player at North Seattle Community College. Several students, including one on the Student Administrative Council, as well as faculty members at NSCC have already expressed interest in attending the training sessions.
- The staff of the Media Center at NSCC are very supportive of providing space for these sessions

E. If there are similar existing projects, explain how your proposal differs and what effort will be made to work cooperatively?

- I don't know of any other projects similar to this within the 46th District Democrats, having discussed it with Chad Lupkes, the district chair.

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VI. Budget

A. Summary of Expenses and Revenues

Total Contributions Already Committed: \$

Total Amount Requested of Cole Committee: \$ 55 (plus shipping and handling)

Additional Funding Needed to Complete the Project: \$ _____

TOTAL Project Cost \$ 55 (plus S & H)

NOTE: Please attach a budget covering all costs and all revenue sources associated with this project, or complete the sections below.

B. List each budget item, the cost, and how the budgeted expense was calculated.

Project Line Item Description	\$ Cost	How Was Cost Calculated?
Democracy For America DVDs (2 DVDs total)	\$55 (plus shipping and handling)	It was listed on the Democracy For America website: https://www.democracyforamerica.com/contribute/nightschool

C. List each additional expected revenue source, the amount of expected revenue, and how the revenue plan was calculated.

Source of Revenue	\$ Amount	How Was Revenue Plan Calculated?

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D. List amounts requested of other funding sources to which this proposal has been submitted, if any.

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E. In the event that we are unable to meet your full request, please indicate priority items in the proposed grant budget.

- The two DFA DVDs (Fall '07, Spring '07 editions)

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VII. If an individual is applying, please provide the following information:

A. Briefly describe your relationship to the 46th District Democrats.

I'm a new member living in the district, having joined in July 2009, after doing PCO phone calls for Seattle City Councilman Nick Licata.

B. Briefly describe community activities in which you are engaged.

- Work with the 46th District Democrats, Licata campaign as described above
- Work with the 34th District Democrats, attending meetings, assisting a delegate to the 2008 state convention
- Healthcare reform rallies, town halls
- Campfire USA, camp counseling, organizing activities, community service
- North Seattle Community College, Nathan Hale High School

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C. Provide three references (and contact information) who can attest to your qualifications to direct the project.

Reference Name	Relationship	Contact Information
1. Janelle Kitson Program Manager II and Day Camp Coordinator, Campfire USA	Worked together organizing Dad/Kid Weekend and other Campfire USA activities	(206) 826-8910 janellek@campfire-usa.org
2. Senator Joe McDermott Washington State Senator 34 th Legislative District	Worked as his senate page in January 2008	(360) 786-7667
3. Seattle City Councilman Nick Licata	Worked for the People With Nick Licata Campaign July 2009 – November 2009	(206) 684-8587

VIII. If an organization is applying, please provide the following organizational information:

A. Provide a brief summary of the organization's history.

N/A

B. Briefly describe the organization's mission and goals.

C. Describe current programs, activities and accomplishments of the organization.

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D. Provide below, or attach separately, an organizational chart, including board, officers, and all persons, including volunteers, who are expected to participate in this project.

IX. Additional Information

A. Is there any additional information you would like to include in this grant request?

Thank you for your application. Please send it to this address:

*Cole Committee
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*If you have any questions, you may contact Jan Ames,
Chair of the Cole Fund Committee, at colecommittee@46dems.com*