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## ***Mizuho USA Foundation Announces \$550,400 in Grants in 2016*** **Grants Target Workforce Training, Homelessness Prevention, and Affordable Housing**

**New York, NY (January 30, 2017)** – The Mizuho USA Foundation announced today that it had awarded grants and matching gifts totaling \$550,400 in 2016. Formed on January 1, 2003 in New York City, the Mizuho USA Foundation is the US-based charitable foundation of Mizuho Americas. Since its establishment, the Foundation has made approximately \$8.6 million in grants.

The Mizuho USA Foundation's primary mission is to make grants to nonprofit charitable organizations in New York City for programs within the Foundation's priority grant areas of affordable housing, economic development and workforce development. In 2016, the Foundation awarded program grants totaling \$365,000 to nine organizations. In addition, the Foundation awarded \$56,000 for fifteen Community Involvement Grants in recognition of employee volunteer activity and \$129,400 in matching gifts for donations made by Mizuho Americas employees in the US.

"Mizuho is proud to support these leading and innovative nonprofit organizations and their efforts to develop programs that respond to critical community needs," stated Minako Nakamoto, President of the Mizuho USA Foundation. "We look forward to the progress and contributions that each of our outstanding grantees will make."

Christie Peale, Executive Director for the Center for NYC Neighborhood said, "We are grateful for the generous support the Mizuho USA Foundation has provided for the Center's innovative Housing Mobility Program, which has helped hundreds of homeowners who are no longer able to afford their homes to relocate to more stable housing. Without this assistance, many of these homeowners would face not only the financial distress of foreclosure but also the possibility of homelessness. Mizuho has been a valued partner over the years."

The Mizuho USA Foundation guidelines, which include eligibility requirements and grant application procedures, are available at [mizuhoamericas.com/foundation](http://mizuhoamericas.com/foundation).

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# MIZUHO USA FOUNDATION

## 2016 Grants

### Program Grants (New York City)

1. Accion East	\$40,000.00
2. Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development	\$25,000.00
3. Center for New York City Neighborhoods	\$25,000.00
4. Corporation for Supportive Housing	\$50,000.00
5. Enterprise Community Partners	\$50,000.00
6. Hot Bread Kitchen	\$35,000.00
7. JobsFirstNYC	\$50,000.00
8. JOE NYC	\$50,000.00
9. University Settlement Society	\$40,000.00
<b>Program Grants Total</b>	<b>\$365,000.00</b>

### Community Involvement Grants (Multi-city)

1. Alliance for the Great Lakes	\$2,000.00
2. Atlanta Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000.00
3. Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County	\$4,000.00
4. El Centro Del Pueblo	\$2,000.00
5. Encore Community Services	\$3,000.00
6. Henry Street Settlement	\$2,000.00
7. Innovations For Learning	\$2,000.00
8. March of Dimes – New York	\$5,000.00
9. Memorial Park Conservancy	\$2,000.00
10. Partnership with Children	\$10,000.00
11. Read Ahead	\$7,500.00
12. San Francisco Food Bank	\$2,000.00
13. Stanley Isaacs Center	\$6,500.00
14. Tree People	\$4,000.00
15. York Street Project	\$2,000.00
<b>Community Involvement Grants Total</b>	<b>\$56,000.00</b>

<b><u>Matching Gifts Total</u></b>	<b>\$129,400.00</b>
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$550,400.00</b>
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## BACKGROUND: MIZUHO USA FOUNDATION'S 2016 PROGRAM GRANTS

### 1. Accion East

**Community Advantage Program Pilot** - \$40,000.00 to support the development and launch of a new small business loan program in New York City providing affordable loans, ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and technical assistance to help start-up and low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs grow their businesses and create jobs.

### 2. Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development

**Affordable Housing Institute** - \$25,000.00 to support the expansion of a training program for affordable housing and economic developers, building operations staff, and community developers of community-based organizations by offering new seminars on economic development and housing development, including certification trainings.

### 3. Center for New York City Neighborhoods

**Housing Mobility Program** - \$25,000.00 for a program to assist homeowners who want to transition from unaffordable mortgages to more sustainable living arrangements. The program helps participants locate and transition to suitable housing options, and achieve long-term economic stability through financial empowerment services.

### 4. Corporation for Supportive Housing

**Healthy Aging in Supportive Housing Program** - \$50,000.00 to help improve the quality of life and housing for aging supportive housing tenants by strengthening the capacity of supportive housing organizations to develop housing units and on-site programs to serve medically-frail tenants.

### 5. Enterprise Community Partners

**Family Homelessness Initiative** - \$50,000.00 in support of ongoing efforts to inform policy, provide capital resources, and implement program initiatives seeking to address family homelessness in New York City and unlock new pipelines of housing available to homeless households.

### 6. Hot Bread Kitchen (“HBK”)

**HBK Incubates Prep for Success Training Program** - \$35,000.00 to support the expansion and enhancement of a pilot training program for aspiring low- and moderate- income food industry entrepreneurs that will prepare them to enter the HBK culinary incubator.

### 7. JobsFirstNYC

**Young Adult Sectoral Employment Project (“YASEP”)** - \$50,000.00 to support the expansion, management and implementation of YASEP, the nation’s first demonstration project applying sector strategies specifically to the out-of-school, out-of-work young adult population and the organizations that serve them.

### 8. Joint Ownership Entity New York City (“JOE NYC”)

**Establishment of JOE NYC** - \$50,000.00 to support the establishment of JOE NYC, and its efforts to improve the quality of existing affordable housing and strengthen the capacity of community-based housing providers continue to serve their communities.

### 9. University Settlement Society

**NYCHA Eviction Prevention Pilot** - \$40,000.00 to support efforts to expand its eviction prevention program, Project Home, to serve more New York City public housing residents.