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## ***Mizuho USA Foundation Announces \$635,000 in Grants in 2017*** **Grants Target Housing Preservation, Workforce Training, Homelessness Prevention**

**New York, NY (January 10, 2018)** – The Mizuho USA Foundation announced today that it had awarded grants and matching gifts totaling \$634,988 in 2017. 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 \$9.2 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 2017, the Foundation awarded program grants totaling \$390,000 to eleven (11) organizations. In addition, the Foundation awarded \$61,500 for seventeen (17) Community Involvement Grants in recognition of employee volunteer activity and \$183,488 in matching gifts for donations made by Mizuho Americas employees in the US.

"Mizuho is proud to support the great work of nonprofit organizations striving to help people to improve their lives," said Hiroyuki Kasama, President of the Mizuho USA Foundation. "Their efforts will provide a brighter future for those directly benefitting from these grants and, ultimately, will be instrumental in solving some of the most persistent problems facing our communities."

"Mizuho's support has been critical to Hot Bread Kitchen's success in providing low-and moderate-income New Yorkers with the fundamental skills and knowledge they need to build and grow thriving food businesses," said Jessamyn Waldman Rodriguez, Founder and CEO, Hot Bread Kitchen. "Mizuho is a true partner in every sense of the word—from providing hands-on financial literacy for our bakery trainees to judging the business pitches of our entrepreneurs and suggesting new funding partners to diversify our base. Mizuho has demonstrated a dedication and thoughtfulness that we deeply value as we learn and grow as an organization." In 2018, Mizuho support will help Hot Bread Kitchen strengthen and scale its on-the-job culinary curriculum. The nonprofit is dedicated to training low-income and immigrant women to compete for fair wages and management track jobs in a burgeoning food service industry.

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

## 2017 Grants

### Program Grants (New York City)

1. Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development	\$25,000.00
2. Bowery Residents' Committee	\$25,000.00
3. Coalition for Queens	\$40,000.00
4. Enterprise Community Partners	\$50,000.00
5. Habitat for Humanity NYC	\$50,000.00
6. Hot Bread Kitchen	\$40,000.00
7. JobsFirstNYC	\$25,000.00
8. Local Initiatives Support Corporation	\$30,000.00
9. New York Community Trust for the New York City Workforce Development Fund	\$25,000.00
10. United Way of New York City for the <i>Change Capital Fund</i>	\$50,000.00
11. University Settlement Society	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
<b>Program Grants Total</b>	<b>\$390,000.00</b>

### Community Involvement Grants (multi-city)

1. Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago, IL	\$2,000.00
2. Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta, GA	\$2,000.00
3. Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County, Jersey City, NJ	\$4,000.00
4. Citymeals-on-Wheels, New York, NY	\$6,000.00
5. Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Hillside, NJ	\$3,000.00
6. El Centro Del Pueblo, Los Angeles, CA	\$2,000.00
7. Encore Community Services, New York, NY	\$5,000.00
8. Henry Street Settlement, New York, NY	\$2,000.00
9. The Houston Food Bank, Houston, TX	\$2,000.00
10. Innovations For Learning, New York, NY	\$4,500.00
11. March of Dimes, New York, NY	\$5,000.00
12. Midnight Mission, Los Angeles, CA	\$2,500.00
13. New York Cares, New York, NY	\$10,000.00
14. San Francisco Food Bank, San Francisco, CA	\$2,000.00
15. TreePeople, Los Angeles, CA	\$4,000.00
16. Urban Pathways, New York, NY	\$2,500.00
17. York Street Project, Jersey City, NJ	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Community Involvement Grants Total</b>	<b>\$61,500.00</b>

**Matching Gifts Total** **\$183,488.00**

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$634,988.00</b>
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## BACKGROUND: MIZUHO USA FOUNDATION'S 2017 PROGRAM GRANTS

- 1. Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development**  
**Affordable Housing Institute - \$25,000.00** for a program supporting the continued advancement of staff of community-based organizations by providing training on affordable housing development and operations, equitable economic development and other community development topics.
- 2. Bowery Residents' Committee**  
**Horizons Program Expansion - \$25,000.00** to help double the capacity of a program enabling homeless adults to overcome obstacles to employment so they can be effective job seekers and obtain independence.
- 3. Coalition for Queens**  
**18-85 Jobs Outcome Bond & Level Up Initiatives - \$40,000.00** to develop and refine sustainable financing models for a software development training program that equips talented diverse and low-income adults with coding and entrepreneurial skills.
- 4. 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 families.
- 5. Habitat for Humanity NYC**  
**Housing Preservation Program - \$50,000.00** in support of Habitat NYC's Housing Preservation Program and its efforts to further affordable homeownership in New York City.
- 6. Hot Bread Kitchen**  
**Bakers in Training Program - \$40,000.00** to support program and curriculum development for a new apprenticeship program model that will increase the number of low-income women employed in the food manufacturing industry.
- 7. JobsFirstNYC**  
**Young Adult Sectoral Employment Project ("YASEP") - \$25,000.00** to support YASEP, the nation's first demonstration project applying sector strategies specifically to the out-of-school, out-of-work young adult population, while improving and enhancing the way that the workforce development system partners with the private sector to create employment opportunities for these jobseekers.
- 8. Local Initiatives Support Corporation ("LISC")**  
**Two Shades of Green - \$30,000.00** to support the expansion of a program that helps affordable housing developers integrate green, health, and energy savings measures in their buildings aimed at reducing building costs and improving the health of residents.
- 9. New York Community Trust for the New York City Workforce Development Fund**  
**Workforce Field Building Hub - \$25,000.00** to support the launch of the new Workforce Field Building Hub, which will bring together the city's workforce development leaders and introduce key workforce programs and innovations.
- 10. United Way of New York City**  
**Change Capital Fund - \$50,000.00** to support community development corporations' efforts to develop and demonstrate that innovative and sustainable program models have the potential to reduce and mitigate the effects of poverty in New York City's low-income neighborhoods.
- 11. University Settlement Society**  
**NYCHA Eviction Prevention Pilot - \$30,000.00** in support of its efforts to expand its eviction prevention program, Project Home, in order to serve more New York City public housing residents.