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Southeast Asian American Values, Empowerment, Resources, and Betterment
Project (VERB) Regional Trainings

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) and its partners in the VERB project will hold regional trainings in the following locations this year: Washington, DC; San Jose, CA; Greensboro, NC; and, Madison, WI. The training workshops will provide technical assistance and training to mutual assistance associations (MAAs) and faith-based organizations (FBOs).

VERB provides subgrants of \$20,000, technical assistance and training, mentorship, etc. to partner FBOs and MAAs in North Carolina, Northern California, metropolitan Washington, DC, and Wisconsin.

Project Goals:

- Improve leadership, operational, and service capacity within grassroots partner FBOs/MAAs.
- Increase the ability of FBOs/MAAs to access resources, and the ability of funders to understand FBOs/MAAs.
- Improve the ability of FBOs/MAAs to stimulate and structure civic engagement among community members.
- Increase and improve collaborative efforts among all partner organizations, and others.

For more information on VERB visit: <http://www.searac.org/verb.html>.

Granting and partnership selections have already been made for 2004, but more partners may be welcomed next year for the last year of the project.

The public is welcome to the training workshops that are described below! *(Some sessions are reserved for current VERB partners.)* Please contact Naomi Steinberg, Project Manager for Administration and/or Sophy Pich, VERB Project Associate, for details on the trainings and to confirm attendance. Space is extremely limited!

VERB PROJECT TRAINING DATES, LOCATIONS, & TOPICS:

- 1) **Washington, DC:**
SEARAC
1628 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

February 28, 2004 (1:00 to 5:15.)
*Topics: Board of Director Roles and Responsibilities (1:00-3:00) and Making Your Organization Fundable: The Role of Program Evaluation (3:15-5:15)

February 29, 2004 (10:30-12:30)
*Topic: Financial Literacy: What Does it Mean for Southeast Asian American Communities?
- 2) **Northern California**
Southeast Asian Community Center
1415 Koll Circle
San Jose, CA 95112

March 5, 2004 (1:00-4:00)
*Topic: Fundraising

March 6, 2004 (9:30 to 3:30 p.m.)
*Topics: Financial Literacy: What Does it Mean for Southeast Asian American Communities? (9:30-12:00) and Strategic Communications (1:00-3:30)
- 3) **North Carolina**
United Montagnard Christian Church
1204 Picard Street
Greensboro, NC 27405

March 19, 2004 (1:00-4:45)
*Topics: Setting Organizational Goals (1:00-2:30) and Making Your Organization Fundable: The Role of Program Evaluation (2:45-4:45)

March 20, 2004 (10:00-3:30)
*Topics: Nonprofits and Taxes: What You Need to Know (10:00-12:00) and Financial Literacy: What Does it Mean for Southeast Asian American Communities? (1:30-3:30)
- 4) **Wisconsin**
Freedom, Inc.
601 Bay View
Madison, WI 53715

April 23, 2004 (1:00-5:00)
*Topics: Civic Engagement (1:00-2:00) and Fundraising (2:00-5:00)

April 24, 2004 (9:30-2:30)
*Topics: Nonprofit Administration and Accountability (9:30-11:45) and Financial Literacy: What Does it Mean for Southeast Asian American Communities? (12:45-2:30)