

### **Community Partner Spotlight**

## East Harlem COAD and Co-Founder Dr. Ann-Gel Palermo win McNulty Prize Catalyst Fund

Congratulations to our East Harlem partners! The Catalyst Fund recipients include five exceptional organizations with significant momentum and at a critical juncture on their path to creating meaningful change.

"The problems we face are overwhelming and complex, but the truth is that each person experiences them locally. Each of these leaders are taking challenges into their own hands, bringing solutions to their communities and building resiliency for the long-term," said Anne Welsh McNulty, President of the McNulty Foundation and Trustee of the Aspen Institute.

Learn More here.



### **Faith-Based Resources**

Writing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for

### **Congregations**

On February 10, 2022 at 2 PM New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) is offering a free 4-hour Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) training for clergy, staff & volunteers from congregations & faith-based organizations - all training materials are included. Join them for an informative afternoon and invest in building the resiliency of your house of worship or faith-based organization! Register here.



### HOW TO APPLY FOR FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Over the last few months New York State has processed several late submissions for Request for Public Assistance (RPAs) under DR4615-NY – Ida disaster related damages. As they review the reasoning and justifications for late submission, FEMA and the State recognizes an opportunity to offer guidance and clarity specific to first-time Applicants, such as Houses of Worship, in hopes to answer questions on process, policy, and regulatory requirements.

February 11, 2022 at 2 PM

<u>Join Zoom Meeting</u>

Meeting ID: 872 9722 5713 - Passcode: 289660

### **New York City Resources**

#### **NYC Free Tax Prep and Expanded Tax Credits**

On February 15, 2022 at 10 AM, The NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection's (DCWP)- Office of Financial Empowerment is hosting a virtual training on the expanded tax credits for 2022. Learn more about the tax credits and the services available through <a href="NYC Free Tax Prep">NYC Free Tax Prep</a>, how to access and refer to them, and about the tax credits that were expanded for tax season 2022. Register here.

## Maximizing Impact Through Partnerships & Volunteer Engagement

NYC Service's new toolkit, "Supporting Your Community Through Effective Partnerships & Volunteer Engagement" is now available! This toolkit aims to equip community-based organizations with the tools and resources to understand their community and assess their organization's ability to meet its needs, increase capacity for impact through partnerships and volunteers, and to evaluate, evolve, and share their stories. Read the toolkit here.

Take a deeper dive into the toolkit with an upcoming training session on February 10th, 2022. Register here.



#### **NYC Civic Impact Funding Deadline Extended**

Interested organizations utilizing volunteers to distribute food now have an extra week to apply for up to \$10,000 to support your volunteer programming. The new deadline to apply for FY22 Civic Impact Funding is next Friday, Februrary 11th at 2:00pm. Learn more and how to apply here.

# NYCEM Diversity and Inclusion Council Being a Part of the Change

While remaining steadfast in its pledge to help all New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies, NYC Emergency Management has taken an additional step to demonstrate its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion with the creation of its own equity and diversity council.

"I personally believe that our diverse backgrounds, cultures, and ethnicities embody the collective fabric that allows this agency to serve our communities." said **Sonja Orgias**, acting chief deputy counsel and co-chair of the equity and diversity council.

The agency is committed to a broad range of work to ensure equity across all phases of the disaster cycle: mitigation, preparedness, response, and

recovery. Learn more by reading the press release here

## One Month From Today 2022 Community Preparedness Symposium

March 9, 2022 10 AM – 2:30 PM Register here:

https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=8718545447932491

### **Cultivating Community Connections for Emergencies**

Registration is open! This free virtual event will focus on how community organizers, leaders, youth, advocates and/or government can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies.

The 2022 theme is "Cultivating Community Connections for Emergencies". This is the 10th annual symposium, and it is hosted by NYC Emergency Management's Community Engagement Bureau. For a recording of the 2021 symposium click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility please email <a href="mailto:communityprep@oem.nyc.gov">communityprep@oem.nyc.gov</a> or call 718 422-4654 by February 25th.

## Ready Up NYC Financial Emergency Planning Webinar



**Federal Partner Resources** 

**FEMA Youth Preparedness Council** 

Save the date! On February 17, 2022, at 8 PM, FEMA will host a webinar for potential <u>FEMA Youth Preparedness Council</u> (YPC) applicants to learn more about the process to apply for the council. <u>Register for the webinar here</u>.

**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community** 

Preparedness - https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4