National Peace Corps Association
2009-10 Group Capacity Building Grant
Final Report to RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison

Capitalizing on momentum building towards the Peace Corps' 50th anniversary and the availability of new technologies, the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison grant to NPCA funded a series of capacity-building webinars designed to expand the membership and engagement of NPCA member groups and the development of a series of templates and guidelines to assist all member groups in planning effective activities for the Peace Corps' 50th anniversary year. The resources covered under this grant are summarized as follows:

Webinars

An initial group of webinars was designed based on an online survey of member group leaders, of which there were 37 total responses. Topics of those webinars were determined based on the results of the survey as well as scheduling, i.e. weeknights at 8pm EST/EDT. Following certain webinars (see below), it was determined that one or more follow-up webinars should be scheduled that would further elaborate on those webinars' agendas.

The series of webinars was scheduled and promoted via NPCA's social network, utilizing the Group Leaders Forum group and the events calendar. Each webinar was facilitated using ReadyTalk web and audio conferencing (www.readytalk.com). A power point presentation was used as the primary outline for each webinar and made available to participants prior to the scheduled time. After each webinar, the power point presentation was posted on NPCA's website (www.peacecorpsconnect.org/member-groups/webinars) along with a summary of the discussion and/or question and answer that occurred and a link to a recording of the webinar. All recordings, summaries and presentations will remain on the NPCA website through the 50th anniversary year.

Date	# participants / groups represented	Topic	Facilitator/s	How agenda derived
11/24/09	8/8	50th Anniversary Planning	Anne Baker, Natalie Hall, James Gore	From group leader online survey (37 responses)
12/02/09	4/4	Communications Using Social Media	Erica Burman, Molly Mattessich	From group leader online survey (37 responses)
1/26/10	8/5	Supporting Haiti: Going Beyond Fundraisers	Anne Baker, Molly Mattessich,	RPCV action following the Haiti earthquake
2/16/10	4/4	Mobilizing Member Action through Advocacy	Jonathan Pearson, Anne Baker	From group leader online survey (37 responses)

2/23/10	7/7	Developing a Framework for Disaster Response	Erica Burman, Molly Mattessich	Follow-up from webinar on supporting Haiti
4/01/10	7/6	50th Anniversary Planning for Country of Service Groups	Anne Baker, Natalie Hall	Follow-up from webinar on 50th planning
4/08/10	3/3	50th Anniversary Planning for Geographic Groups	Anne Baker, Natalie Hall	Follow-up from webinar on 50th planning
4/14/10	5/3	Universal Basic Education Advocacy	Jonathan Pearson, Anne Baker	Follow-up from Advocacy webinar
4/27/10	3/3	Implementing the Third Goal	Anne Baker, Erin Madsen	From group leader online survey (37 responses)
5/08/10	4/4	Fundraising ABCs for 50th Anniversary Activities	Khalisa Jacobs, Anne Baker	From group leader online survey (37 responses)

50th Anniversary how-to guides

The subjects and content of the 50th Anniversary how-to guides were determined based on the break-out discussions held during the 2009 Group Leaders Forum. Each event-specific guide consists of a basic outline that includes a brief description of the event, the audience, and goals, followed by a suggested timeline with guidelines on how to plan, implement, and follow up from the event. The 'Program Planning' guide serves as a general resource for structuring any 50th Anniversary event. All the guides were posted to the NPCA website in September 2009 and were highlighted in the resources discussed during all 50th Anniversary related webinars.

Concerts	These guides were created based on discussions during the 2009 Group Leaders Forum and are posted on NPCA's 50th Anniversary Planning for Member Groups page – www.peacecorpsconnect.org/GLF/50th-guides. The guides are open to further suggestions/additions as groups continue to progress in their planning.
Exhibits	
Food	
Program Planning	
Registration and Admission	
Reunions	
Venues	
Fundraising	
Cocktail Nights	
Archives	
Opening Windows on the World: A guide for presenting cross-cultural film and lecture series	Originally published by NORVA, this guide was posted to the website as an additional resource geared specifically toward planning film series or festivals.

Financial Report

	Budget	Actual
Initial Survey	400	400
Planning, facilitation and follow-up of webinars	5,400	5,790.20
Technology and communications	900	596.57
Writing and online publication of 50th anniversary guides	3,000	3,064.42
Final financial and program reporting	300	300
Total	$10,000	$10,151.19

On behalf of the NPCA staff, Board of Directors, and particularly all of the leaders in NPCA's 140 member groups, we thank the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison for their financial support that made these webinars and how-to guides possible. We look forward to continuing to work with RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison and others to further strengthen the member group community and expand our connections and engagement in the Third Goal of Peace Corps, the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps and beyond.

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