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GRANTMAKERS INCOME SECURITY TASKFORCE



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Budget Briefing for Grantmakers

The Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel  
14<sup>th</sup> and K Streets, NW  
Washington, DC

February 28-March 1, 2007

### AGENDA

#### FEBRUARY 28 (Hamilton Ballroom)

9:00 – 9:15am

##### Welcome and Introductions

- [Michael Larcy and Benita Melton](#), Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce
- [Stephanie McGencey](#), Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families

9:15 – 10:15am

##### Briefing on the President's Budget Proposal

Panelists will brief grantmakers on: the key provisions in the president's budget proposal; the implications of these proposals – especially spending cuts – for supports and services for low-income families and children; and the opportunities and strategies for influencing the budget debates in Congress.

- [Benita Melton](#), Co-Chair, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
- [Bob Greenstein](#), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

10:15 – 11:15am

##### Analysis of the Budget Process and Outlook

Panelists will provide an overview of the budget process, committee assignments, and key players. They will offer insights about the outlook for the budget debates in Congress.

- [Helen Neuborne](#), Steering Committee Member, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
- [Ellen Nissenbaum](#), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Andy Van Kleunen](#), The Workforce Alliance

11:15 – 11:30am

##### Break

11:30 – 1:00pm

##### Update on SCHIP & Food Stamp Reauthorization

Panelists will offer insights into the likely schedule and key issues for the reauthorization of the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Food Stamp Program.

- [Carole Thompson](#), Annie E. Casey Foundation (Moderator)
- [Bruce Lesley](#), FirstFocus
- [Jim Weill](#), Food Research and Action Center

- 1:00– 2:00pm**      **Lunch & Grantmaker Discussion**  
 Opportunity for grantmakers to offer reflections on the morning sessions or raise issues for discussion by the group.
- 2:00 – 3:30pm**      **State Agenda Update**  
 Panelists will brief grantmakers on key state and local developments affecting low-income families. They will also offer insights about promising opportunities for future work.
- [Katherine McFate](#), Steering Committee Member, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
  - [Nathan Newman](#), Progressive States Network
  - [Ellen Bravo](#), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 3:30 – 3:45pm**      **Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45pm**      **Grantmaker Strategy Session** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)  
 Reflection on the day’s proceedings and discussion of what strategies funders can engage in both individually and collaboratively in the future.
- 6:00-8:00pm**      **Dinner**  
 Special dinner with Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office. (Butterfield9, 600 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington DC)
- MARCH 1**      **(Sphinx Ballroom, Almas Temple)**
- 9:00 – 9:15am**      **Welcome and Reflections**
- [Michael Laracy and Benita Melton](#), Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce
  - [Stephanie McGencey](#), Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
- 9:15 – 10:15am**      **Grassroots Organizing: The Advocacy Agenda**  
 Representatives from several key advocacy organizations will provide an overview of their goals and strategies for the coming year.
- [Sheri Brady](#), Steering Committee Member, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
  - [Steve Savner](#), Center for Community Change
  - [Jen Kern](#), Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
- 10:15 – 10:30am**      **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30am**      **Briefing on Opportunities for Grantmakers to Advance the Anti-Poverty & Economic Opportunity Agenda**  
 Panelists will offer their insights about grantmaker opportunities and strategies for advancing the anti-poverty and economic opportunity agendas, based on their recent in-depth analyses of the field.
- [Sue Peters](#), Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (Moderator)
  - [Mark Greenberg](#), Center for American Progress
  - [Jodie Levin-Epstein](#), Center for Law and Social Policy
  - [Sheila Zedlewski](#), Urban Institute

**11:30 – 12:30pm**

**Grantmakers Strategy Session** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)

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**12:30pm**

**Adjourn**