

## **2015 Social Innovation Fund**

### **Classic Competition Overview**

Social Innovation Fund (SIF) Classic grants are competitively awarded to eligible grantmaking institutions or partnerships that include grantmaking institutions to develop innovative programs that address one or more of the SIF's three focus areas for this year: youth development, economic opportunity, and healthy futures. Applicants for funding must meet certain eligibility and compliance standards, and are subject to multiple rounds of review by both third party experts and CNCS staff members. Awardees are ultimately selected based on alignment with selection criteria, application quality, balancing characteristics such as geographic or programmatic focuses underrepresented by the SIF portfolio, and availability of funds.

Each SIF awardee acts as an intermediary, developing and managing a portfolio of community-based organizations implementing innovative solutions to the nation's most pressing social problems. Every federal dollar that is awarded to intermediaries, as well as every federal dollar that intermediaries grant out to their portfolio of community-based organizations, must be matched 1:1 by either the grant recipient or third party funders.