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**THE PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY & EDUCATION ANNOUNCES
AVAILABILITY OF GRANT RENEWAL & FIRST- TIMEGRANTS
TO DEVELOP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
TO UNDERSTAND CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE OF WOMEN OF COLOR**

In August 2010, the Jobin-Leeds Partnership for Democracy & Education will accept applications for a maximum of ten grants of up to \$10,000 each to work as part of a collaborative to finalize the development of a eleven months-long Participatory Action Research Initiative for Women of Color Leaders. The Initiative is a pilot program to understand the experience of progressive women of color from low-income communities who are past, current or future candidates for elective office. The pilot Research Fellowship program will be established and launched in 2011 by an Oversight and Planning Committee comprised of interested individuals and organizations with the assistance of attorneys and academics.

The purpose of this grant is to provide organizational support for the members of the Oversight and Planning Committee, which will continue work that began in January 2010. Continuing its work, the Oversight Committee must ensure that the pilot Research Fellowship program meets the highest legal, ethical and academic research standards, while helping to select Research Fellows who engage in participatory research to educate and leave a permanent account of the their experience. The Research Fellowship is the first phase of solutions identified by politically engaged, progressive women of color and allies during a six-month visioning process conducted in Massachusetts in 2009, the ultimate goal of which is to enable women of color from low income communities to run for office, win elections and set progressive budget and policy priorities. A client of the Partnership has committed to fund this work from 2009 through 2011 and the Oversight Committee is actively seeking additional funding for future phases of the work.

Woman-of-Color-led (or sponsored) institutions that work to deepen democracy in communities of color in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by training candidates, campaign workers or policy makers and are willing to work collaboratively on the Oversight Committee may apply for funding.

The grant applications are due electronically by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Visit the www.democracyandeducation.us for the **Request for Proposal (RFP)** and an **Application**.