



Faith-Based Initiative Gains Ground

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Nonprofit groups prepare for the 2005 budget year with grants made possible through the Faith-Based Initiative in mind.

PR9.NET September 15, 2004 - Washington, DC - Interest in President Bush's Faith-Based Initiative is steadily growing behind the scenes as organizations gear up for the 2005 funding year. Hundreds of organizations have been participating in training programs, including the Community and Faith-Based Institute, developed by Washington, DC-based nonprofit, We Care America. The Institute offers training for qualified groups seeking funding opened to them by the Faith-Based Initiative, Charitable Choice and President Bush's Executive Order.

Some additional interest has also been sparked by Senator Kerry's recent acknowledgement that should he be elected president he would seek to expand opportunities for nonprofits through the Faith-Based Initiative.

While nonprofits have shown a renewed interest, the leaders of the Faith-Based Institute (www.FaithBasedInstitute.com) admit some surprise regarding the occupations of many attending the institute. 1 out of 4 people in attendance are government employees, apparently seeking to understand what is being taught the nonprofits, including the best way to structure themselves to comply with funding guidelines and accountability standards.

Among the most popular sections of the 3-day Institute is "The Four Notebooks Every Organization Should Keep" by instructor, Dave Mills. The four notebooks include information nonprofits should acquire and maintain if they hope to be successful in seeking government grants.

The Institute's dozen instructors include three former officials of the White House Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiative—individuals who helped shape the current program and Charitable Choice laws. The teaching staff also includes consultants who have helped organizations gain millions of dollars in government funding. The instructor list and bios can be found at <http://www.faithbasedinstitute.com/instructor.html>.

To ensure that more organizations can benefit from the Institute, its Basic and Advanced seminars are now also available in one multi-DVD video kit, which includes an extensive workbook. The video version of the Institute provides convenient learn-as-you-go training and additional instructional opportunities for multiple persons in one organization. It's also less expensive than the live 3-day seminar—about half the cost. The kit is available to order online at <http://www.faithbasedinstitute.com>, or, call toll-free 800-523-0716.

Groups hoping to submit proposals for the next federal budget year should begin planning and preparing now. The best preparation is the training offered through the Faith-Based Institute's video training kit, now available at www.faithbasedinstitute.com.

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