

July 19, 2013

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am pleased to inform you that WINGS for Kids in Charleston, South Carolina, has been selected for a grant totaling \$1.5 million through the Social Innovation Fund (SIF), an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

WINGS for Kids will also secure local matching funds of \$1.5 million to meet its objectives. Attached is a brief description of the grantee, including local contact information.

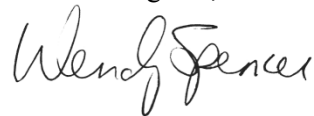
The Social Innovation Fund is an innovative approach to transforming lives and communities that uses limited federal investment as a catalyst for private and public collaborations that grow community-based nonprofits with evidence of strong results. In FY 2012, CNCS awarded \$42 million in new and continuing funding to 11 grantees. These organizations are leveraging the federal investment to generate millions more in funding to invest in high-impact, local nonprofits addressing youth development, economic opportunity, and health. In the aggregate, this will yield more than \$100 million in match funds.

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation was selected as one of these intermediary organizations in 2010. The Clark Foundation has selected WINGS for Kids as a subgrantee for its outstanding work in their field. We believe this organization is a high-impact nonprofit that uses innovation and evidence to tackle social challenges.

CNCS is the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS engages millions of Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and other programs; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund; and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov).

I welcome the opportunity to discuss national service with you at your convenience, so please do not hesitate to contact me or Kimberly Allman, Director of Government Relations, at (202) 606-6707.

Warmest regards,



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WINGS for Kids has been competitively selected by the Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund intermediary, the John A. Hartford Foundation, for a grant of \$1.5 million over two years, consisting of 50 percent EMCF funds and 50 percent federal SIF funds; the grantee is required to match the total of the EMCF and SIF funds..

**Program Description:**

WINGS is an after school program promoting social and emotional learning (SEL) for children in grades K-6, with the goal of increasing school attendance. WINGS SEL curriculum includes creating a caring community that helps children regulate emotions and improve their ability to get along with peers, academic support and tutoring, and community service. This Social Innovation Fund grant from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation will help WINGS expand into rural South Carolina and increase the number of youth served in Charleston, South Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia; bolster an already strong RCT design that will bring the organization to a proven level of evidence within the SIF time frame; and, as appropriate, help build WINGS' management and development capacity to support additional growth. During the course of the investment, WINGS will grow from serving 650 children at six sites to serving more than 1,400 children at a minimum of 10 -12 sites. WINGS is well-positioned to contribute to the youth development and education reform fields because of their significant knowledge about the role that a well-structured SEL afterschool program can play in helping children develop skills that will lead to improved academic performance and longer-term success in life.

**CNCS Primary Grantee:** The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation

**Primary Grantee Federal Award:** \$10 million over one year

*The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation is combining large grants, strategic business planning, rigorous evaluation and capital aggregation to increase the scale and impact of nine youth development organizations in communities of need across the United States. Their subgrantees are focusing on improving the educational skills and workforce readiness of economically disadvantaged young people and helping them to avoid high-risk behavior.*