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Hello Info,

### **New GGPA Chapter Meeting Location 2014**

The GGPA has a new meeting location for our Chapter meetings! We are pleased to announce starting March 2014 we are meeting at the Atlanta Community Food Bank offices at 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd NW, Atlanta GA 30318. The parking is free!! The networking is priceless!! For directions, see the food bank's website: <http://www.acfb.org/contact-us-directions>

### **It's time to Register...**

### **Southern Regional Grant Conference 2014**

**There's still time to register for the Southern Regional Grant Conference 2014.** More than 49 grant professionals have registered for the "Funding with Purpose" 2014 GGPA Southern Regional Grant Conference, to be held April 10-11 at the Sheraton Suites Galleria Atlanta at 2844 Cobb Parkway. There's still time to register for two full days of the most comprehensive and up-to-date specialized training and informational opportunities for grant professionals of all skill levels. A Foundation Funders panel will include representatives from The Blank Family Foundation, the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, the Delta Community Credit Union and the March of Dimes.

Planned session topics include Changes to the OMB Circular A133; U.S.

Census data and other free resources for grant writing and community assessment; focused grant sessions on health care, technology, urban planning, firefighting, and several other areas of interest. This year we are also offering creative sessions on vision boards and approaches to writing a book.

If you would like to attend the conference, the Georgia Chapter would love to see you. Please register here:

<http://www.ggpa.org/save-the-date-2014/register-for-the-2014-srgc/>

### **Sponsorship and Advertisement deadlines extended: March 31st**

***Sponsorships and advertisement deadlines extended to March 31st.*** You are invited to promote your organization at the Southern Regional Grant Conference. A wide selection of sponsorships is available. Follow this link <http://www.ggpa.org/save-the-date-2014/sponsorships/> to see conference details, and the sponsorship and advertising opportunities that are available to you. Please contact Gina Wood at [ginawood@charter.net](mailto:ginawood@charter.net) or at (404) 790-5859 with any questions.

Prices for ads for the Southern Regional Conference Resource Guide range from \$45 for a quarter-page ad to \$150 for a full page ad. Please contact Charles Alford, GGPA Treasurer, at [calford@roswellgov.com](mailto:calford@roswellgov.com) or (770) 641-3737 with any questions.

### **Interview with Outgoing GGPA President Sylvia Redic**

In addition to serving as Grants Administrator for the City of Morrow, GGPA President Sylvia Redic oversees special projects and social media. Most recently, she has stepped up to serve as Interim City Clerk. We asked a few questions of Sylvia as she is preparing to finalize her term as GGPA President:

#### ***How long have you been working for the City of Morrow?***

12 years.

#### ***What brought you into that job?***

I applied for work as a 911 Operator because I was finishing my Master's degree in Criminal Justice and wanted to move to the Southside close to my parents. I took the job and lasted nine months (I am not a 911 Operator, that job is difficult!). I applied for an internal position as the

Grants Administrator and the rest is history.

***Who are your biggest funders?***

The Georgia Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Justice consistently are the two biggest funders.

***What are the most challenging things about your job?***

We are a small city and as in most small cities, you do not get to focus on one area; each position has to cover a lot of ground. It's very rewarding to have the opportunity to be involved in so many facets, but it is challenging because I don't get the opportunity to dwell on things as much as I would like.

***What are the most satisfying things about your job?***

I am involved with everyone, from the citizens to the developers, from the Mayor and Council to part-time employees. As a veteran of Morrow, I have amassed a great deal of working knowledge and I find I can benefit the city in many ways with my skill set.

***Tell us a success story about how you obtained funding.***

I am most proud of our pedestrian path system. The system is being installed in phases and takes years and years of planning, applying, project management, and process, but what you have in the end – the contributions you make for the community – those are special. I love taking a walk on the path my work helped put in, taking my son on the walk and telling him that the late nights I worked mean something to this place. That is a true pay-off, when my own son and his friends and the citizens can walk their dogs, take a run, stroll their babies, and just enjoy the outdoors because I got it right.

***What advice would you give for someone who would like to do what you do?***

Pay attention, pass out business cards, make connections – it is amazing how a brief encounter can help you down the road.

***What are the gains you get from being in GGPA and the national Grant Professional Association?***

Respect, plain and simple.

**Accepting Nominations for 2014-15 GGPA Officers**

Every year, GGPA members elect a slate of officers: President, Vice

President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers conduct monthly meetings, arrange speakers, keep minutes and monitor chapter dues and expenditures. If you are interested in serving on the board, please email Amanda Day at [aday@alpharetta.ga.us](mailto:aday@alpharetta.ga.us) or Kimberly Hays de Muga at [Kimberly.hays@acfb.org](mailto:Kimberly.hays@acfb.org) by March 28. GGPA members will be informed of the voting procedures thereafter.

## **Congress Passes FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill**

**Congress Passes FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill; Let your representatives know how cuts impact community.** The U.S. Senate passed by a vote of 72 to 26 the [FY 2014 omnibus appropriations bill](#), H.R. 3547. The House approved the same bill on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 359 to 67. The President signed the bill which adheres to the \$1.012 trillion discretionary spending limit agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. The omnibus, which includes all 12 appropriations bills, sets final FY 2014 appropriations levels and funds all federally funded agencies, through the end of FY 2014 (September 30, 2014).

National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization created by the nation's state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) more than 30 years ago to coordinate and leverage their federal advocacy efforts for affordable housing. View NCSHA's [budget chart](#), which shows how HUD and USDA program funding levels in the omnibus compare to FY 2013 appropriations, the President's FY 2014 Budget proposal, and the FY 2014 Senate and House-proposed funding levels, for additional information.

Grant professionals who wish to let their representatives know how these cuts will impact their community – or who seek to inform representatives about their community's needs for FY 2015– can find their representatives at <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/> and [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=IL](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=IL).

## **March 25th GGPA Chapter Meeting \*New Location\***

**Pre-Engagement Strategies the Topic at March 25 Meeting at the Atlanta Food Bank.** To engage or not to engage? That is the question for agencies and independent contractors. Debra Scott, JD, MPH, who provides nonprofit consulting in grant management, regulatory and IRS compliance and charitable planned giving strategies, will discuss how to

conduct due diligence on nonprofit and local government agencies to determine the feasibility of partnership and business relationships, as well as contractual considerations. With more than 15 years of experience as a lawyer, Ms. Scott has worked with the Atlanta Food Commons, Nature Abounds, the Emory Clinic, NACDD and Clayton County Family Care.

The meeting will be held on March 25 at 10 a.m. at the Atlanta Food Bank, 732 Joseph E Lowery Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

The handout from last month's meeting presentation, "DAF? OMG! Donor-Advised Funds and the Grant Professional," by Kimberly Hays de Muga, is available on the [www.ggpa.org](http://www.ggpa.org) website at <http://www.ggpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/GGPA-DAF-OMG-2-2014-khdm.pdf>.

### **GGPA is on Facebook**

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The 'Like' button lets the GGPA share content with our friends on Facebook. When you click on the 'Like' button on our site, our story appears in your 'News Feed'. You can also use the 'Facebook' badge on our website [www.ggpa.org](http://www.ggpa.org)

### **GGPA is on Twitter**

Come on... follow us. Follow us: <https://twitter.com/GeorgiaGPA>. You can always use the 'Twitter' feed icon on our website [www.ggpa.org](http://www.ggpa.org)

Twitter is an online social networking service and microblogging service that enables its users to send and read text-based messages of up to 140 characters, known as "tweets". Users may subscribe to other users' tweets – this is known as 'following' and subscribers are known as followers or tweeps (Twitter + peeps).

### **GGPA Feedback**

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