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SPARC Program Overview

The IASWG SPARC Program has been in existence for 5 years, with the purpose: *To "spark" IASWG members' innovative practice, education, training and research projects through endorsement and small grants to advance the IASWG mission.*

Since 2013, we have had 8 SPARC Program review cycles, and the IASWG Board has endorsed 29 projects, 17 of them with funding totaling $12,370.00. Our current funding levels range from $250 to $1000 per grant. Thus far, we have SPARC Projects on three continents!

Information on our previous awards and everything members need to apply is available at [www.iaswg/sparc](http://www.iaswg/sparc)
The IASWG SPARC Program

- Endorsement & Funding Opportunities
- Application Process
- Review Process
- Terms of Agreement
Types of SPARC Projects

• Education and Training Projects
• Practice Innovations & Interventions
• Research Studies
Reports From Awardees
Group Work in the Struggle for Miami’s Affordable and Sustainable housing (SMASH)
Mary V. Lisbon

- SPARC Awardee November 2016
- Project Overview and Current Status
- Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact
- Advice to Applicants
Group Work Training & Supervision

Lois A. Carey

• SPARC Awardee November 2014
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• Advice to Applicants
Fifth House Ensemble Residency Programs with Teen Living Programs

Brian L. Kelly

• SPARC Awardee November 2015
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Social Group Work Dissertations from 1970-2012
Shirley Simon and Teresa Kilbane

• SPARC Awardees June 2013
• Project Overview and Current Status
• Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact
• Advice to Applicants
The Cameron Think and Do Tank (2015)
The in Search of Me Campaign - Community Program for Young Men of Color (2013)
Zaneta Smith

• SPARC Awardee November 2013 & June 2015
• Project Overview and Current Status
• Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact
• Advice to Applicants
Best Practices for the Evaluation of Peer Support Groups for People who are Recent Immigrants and Refugees

Azadeh M. Block

- SPARC Awardee June 2016
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- Advice to Applicants
Interpersonal Classroom Model: Developing Interpersonal Communication Skills in Social Work with Groups Courses

Tee R. Tyler

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Advice to Applicants from IASWG SPARC Awardees

- Encourage collaboration between academic-based colleagues, community-based practitioners and social work students
- Find partners to work as a team
- Additional funds may be needed
- Budget for time commitment
- Contribute to social group work literature
- Develop your idea and...apply to SPARC!
Thanks for being part of this Session

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