

**SPARC Program 2014 2014 2014 2014 2014**

**The International Association**

 **for Social Work with Groups**

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**The IASWG launched the SPARC Program to "spark" members' innovative projects through IASWG Endorsement and small grants.**

The IASWG is proud of the exciting array of approved proposals in Round One and Two (Spring and Fall 2013). Approved Projects came from members in Canada, South Africa and United States. Five Endorsed and Funded projects ranged from $700-$1,000, and Four projects were approved for Endorsement only.

**SPARC Projects include:**

* Initiative to expand support group work services and training with media capabilities.
* Dissertation study of factors in the commitment to group work practice.
* Project to compile case studies for group work teaching and training.
* Research to study authors' trajectories following their group work related dissertations.
* Training to expand staff expertise in providing diverse group work programs.
* Innovation to expand knowledge and competency to more effectively serve an underserved population.
* Dissertation study of school social workers' perceptions of grief counseling groups for adolescents.
* Development of group work programs to better serve youth and young men of color.
* Large scale research study to examine and work more effectively with diversity in group work throughout stages of development.

**The deadline for the next review cycle is May 10, 2014.**

IASWG members are welcome to submit proposals to the SPARC Program, requesting endorsement with financial or non-financial support for special projects (e.g., training, research, and practice) consistent with the mission of IASWG.

**Please visit the IASWG SPARC webpage:** [**http://www.iaswg.org/sparc**](http://www.iaswg.org/sparc) **for information on submitting a proposal for consideration.**

All proposals should be sent as an email attachment to cohen5@adelphi.edu.

Please feel free to contact Carol S. Cohen at the above email address or by phone at +516.877.4427 to discuss the Program with a member of the SPARC Committee.