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## Press Release

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### **SANTANDER AWARDS OVER \$3.1 MILLION IN NEW CHARITABLE GRANTS TO LEADING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Close to 40% of Dollars Donated Support Financial Education Programs in Low- and Moderate-Income Communities

**BOSTON – June 21, 2016** – [Santander Bank](#) today announced it has awarded more than \$3.1 million in new grants to 73 organizations located throughout the Bank’s Northeastern U.S. footprint. Each year, Santander contributes millions of dollars and thousands of hours in volunteer time to community-based organizations making a measurable difference for underserved individuals and communities.

“The organizations we support reflect our values as a company and provide opportunities that enrich the lives and economic futures of underserved children, young adults and families,” said Jerry Plush, Chief Administrative Officer for Santander US. “Part of becoming the best bank in the communities we serve includes embracing the important responsibility we have to drive change and make meaningful contributions where we live and work.”

The Bank awards grants three times a year to support initiatives in financial education, neighborhood revitalization, small business development, community services and affordable housing. In this round of funding, the largest percentage of dollars awarded - more than 38% – will support innovative financial education programs for low- and moderate-income teens and young adults, particularly those between the ages of 16 and 24. As part of these programs, Santander employees volunteer to teach money management skills at local schools and non-profit organizations. The company also launched a password-protected, proprietary website where participants can access additional courses and secure online tools to help them set personal financial goals, create savings plans and track their progress.

In 2015, the Bank awarded more than \$4.5 million in charitable grants to 286 organizations throughout the Bank’s footprint and more than 1,500 employees across the Bank volunteered close to 13,700 hours in support of local non-profit organizations.

For grant application guidelines, please visit the [Santander Charitable Contributions Program](#) or send questions to [santandercharitablecont@santander.us](mailto:santandercharitablecont@santander.us). Santander’s second and third round of grants in 2016 will be awarded in September and November, respectively.

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