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ortunities for Collaboration Among Local and Regional Advocates and Funders in Washington Area

WASHINGTON ----- Though often overshadowed by their more prominent national counterparts, local advocates in Washington are making significant progress in addressing public policy issues. "Strategic philanthropy to fund nonprofit public policy advocacy can make tremendous progress in addressing these issues," says Sloan C. Wiesen, NCRP's Executive Director. With the support of Washington Grantmakers' Community Capacity Fund, NCRP surveyed local and regional advocates and funders to learn more about their work. "We hope this report will help illuminate recommendations from funders and nonprofit advocates themselves," Wiesen says. NCRP's new report - *Advocacy for Social Change in Metropolitan Washington* - can be viewed online at www.ncrp.org. Founded in 1976, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy is dedicated to helping the philanthropic community make a positive impact on society. ###