The Russian Community Health Programs is an initiative of Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) and Newcomers Health Program (NHP). BACR is a non-profit community agency founded in 1976. Its mission is to promote the healthy development of individuals, families and communities. The majority of services impact individuals and their families through prevention, intervention, and treatment services addressing a range of general and behavioral health issues. Their services to youth and families include case management, counseling, health education, job training, mentoring, community outreach, tutoring, and after school programs. NHP provides preventive health services and programs for refugee and immigrant communities in San Francisco for over twenty years. Activities of the NHP include cultural and linguistic medical interpretation, community outreach, health education, case management, and community-based health programs.

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**2005 Pedestrian Safety Project**

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Award Amount: $9,990

Russian Community Health Programs will distribute 200-300 pedestrian safety educational materials to Russian community members living in the Sunset and Richmond areas. They will also distribute, collect, and analyze approximately 50 walkability surveys to assess barriers to pedestrian safety. Russian Community Health Programs will organize Russian immigrants to present the findings of the walkability surveys to policymakers and advocate for pedestrian safety improvements. Finally, they will work with Russian media outlets to promote their work and highlight pedestrian safety to the greater Russian immigrant community in San Francisco.

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