

ECCE – UNIT 10 - READING

A

Funding Increase

To: Managers
From: Lisa Mandel
Subject: Funding increase

I have some great news. We have received a state grant that will increase our funding by about 40 percent. This means the cutbacks we'd already planned can be put off, and also that there will be some extra money for next year. I need your suggestions for ways to use this money to the best effect.

Considering this, I'd also like to change the focus of the Ball and Auction, which will go ahead as scheduled in January. We need to make this more of a celebration of the work we do and a showcase for the ways we plan to expand, including the opening of our new facility next year. Ideas, please.

I'll let you know the meeting date. In the meantime, put on your thinking caps. Let's get the most out of the additional funding.

B



Newcomer Outreach Fundraising Ball and Auction

Saturday, January 15, 8:00 p.m. to midnight
Oddfellows Building, Grand Ballroom

Help us help those who have just arrived in the United States, and have a grand time in the process! Our annual Ball and Auction is one of the premier events of the season, with live music, great food, and an auction of the most unique items you've ever seen. Please join us!

Newcomer Outreach provides housing, language, job-search, and educational support for refugees and other newcomers to the U.S. Join us in helping new arrivals adjust to life in the U.S.

Tickets: \$100 per person. To purchase tickets call 206-555-3213 or e-mail newcomer@outreach.eee.

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Newcomers Welcome

Feature



www.newcomeroutreach.eee

Newcomer Outreach is a local organization that helps newly arrived immigrants find their feet in a new country. Operating since 1974, the group is in the process of building a new outreach center where immigrants can find help with everything from legal matters to housing. The new building, which will open in the spring of next year, is a sign of the importance of the organization's role in the community.

Unlike many groups, Newcomer Outreach has recently received a financial boost in the form of a state

grant. "This increases our funding by about 40 percent," says Lisa Mandel, Newcomer's director. "Which means we can offer more kinds of help to more people."

But, like most groups, money isn't the only need. "We need volunteers to help in our efforts," says Lisa. "Volunteers are the lifeblood of our group. We'd be doing much, much less without them." If you want to volunteer, or if you're interested in attending their annual ball and auction, visit their website at www.newcomeroutreach.eee for more information.

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All staff:

Please have a look at this draft brochure for new arrivals to the U.S. and let me know what needs to be added, subtracted, or altered. Too many newcomers are falling through the cracks, and once they're here and settled, it's very hard to reach them. The brochure can go to houses of worship, clinics, libraries, and other places where our clients are likely to see it. We have plans to translate into seven languages, and some former newcomers have volunteered to do this. I'd like comments back by Friday. Please make your suggestions on the attached paper copy so that I can compare easily and make changes. Thanks for your help!

Lisa

1 You will read a multi-text reading with four sections. Choose the best answer to each question.

Questions 1-2 refer to Section A.

- 1 What does Lisa Mandel say about the financial situation of the group?
- a They will not have to reduce spending as planned.
 - b They have spent less than they expected.
 - c They will go ahead with spending cuts.
 - d They will have to put off planned expansions.

2 What is Lisa Mandel asking the staff to do?

- a suggest ways to spend less money
- b find new ways to get volunteers
- c donate some of their time
- d suggest ways to improve an event

Questions 3–4 refer to Section B.

- 3 What is the main purpose of the text?
- a to keep the organization's members informed
 - b to invite people to an event to raise money
 - c to ask for online contributions
 - d to explain the organization's purpose
- 4 Which of the following can people definitely do at the event?
- a hear a performance by famous musicians
 - b try a variety of international foods
 - c purchase very unusual things
 - d meet people from around the world

Questions 5–6 refer to Section C.

- 5 What is the main purpose of the text?
- a to thank people for their help
 - b to ask for suggestions on a document
 - c to explain the purpose of a document
 - d to ask for help in distributing a document
- 6 Who will be translating the attached document?
- a members of the staff
 - b librarians
 - c immigrants the organization has helped
 - d volunteers from houses of worship

Questions 7–8 refer to Section D.

- 7 What does the phrase "find their feet" in the first sentence mean?
- a to become more comfortable and independent in a new place
 - b to learn directions in a new place
 - c to find a new job
 - d to perfect skills you already have
- 8 What does the writer say about volunteers?
- a They don't have volunteers now.
 - b The organization could manage without them.
 - c They've lost volunteers recently.
 - d They play an extremely important role.

Questions 9–10 refer to more than one section.

- 9 Which texts mention the construction of a new facility?
- a A and B
 - b B and C
 - c A and D
 - d A, B, and D
- 10 Which of the texts are meant to be read by the public?
- a B and D
 - b A, B, and D
 - c B and C
 - d A, B, and C

Vocabulary

From the text

- 1 Find the words in the texts and match them to the meanings.

adjust cutbacks former lifeblood
premier purchase showcase unique

- 1 most important *premier*
- 2 buy
- 3 reductions in spending or services
- 4 something necessary or extremely important
- 5 not current; from the past
- 6 get used to
- 7 unlike anything else
- 8 event that displays the best qualities of someone or something

- 2 Complete the text below with some words from 1.

In the nineteenth century, immigration to the United States from other countries was at its highest point. Millions of people joined the U.S. population during the years that Ellis Island was in operation. New York was the ¹ location for arrival, since it is close to Europe and the biggest city in the U.S. Many of those who came to the States were sure they would become rich in their new country. However, many found it difficult to ² to their new home. Language and living conditions were both a problem. Many people had used all their money to ³ their tickets to the U.S., finding a job was not always easy, and many immigrants soon realized that they could not preserve their old way of life and still thrive in their new country. But despite the difficulties, surprisingly few people returned to their ⁴ homelands. Instead, most immigrants learned to adapt. They perfected new skills, started their own businesses and, with their ⁵ skills, ingenuity and creativity, became the ⁶ of the cultural and business scene of their adopted country.