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LMHQ Offering Free Event Space to NYC Nonprofits Through Con Edison Grant

NEW YORK (January 11, 2017) – LMHQ is now accepting applications from New York City nonprofits for access to free event space and meeting rooms at their collaborative work and social center in Lower Manhattan. Conceived by LMHQ in response to the growing non-profit community Downtown, and made possible through a \$20,000 Bright Ideas grant from Con Edison, the program is in its second year, and last year awarded space to 12 nonprofits whose missions addressed everything from migrant and gender issues to international relations and cancer recovery.

Applicants are welcome to apply on a rolling basis for scholarships to be used toward reserving an intimate meeting room, available on two Monday evenings per month, and/or for access to LMHQ's 140-seat event space, available once per month.

"Over the past year, LMHQ has built a strong community of local professionals and the Bright Ideas grant gives us an opportunity to engage and support our local nonprofits in a meaningful way," said Daria Siegel, Director of LMHQ. "As a young non-profit ourselves, we're acutely aware of the importance of programs like this, and whether it's providing needed space for workshops and trainings, a venue to host a fundraising event or helping connect them with a future collaborator, we're proud to be able to open our doors to our nonprofit neighbors. We thank Con Edison for their continued and generous support in making this possible."

"In addition to the ongoing migration of tech and creative businesses that are moving to Lower Manhattan, we've seen significant growth among nonprofits," said Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin. "LMHQ was created to provide a connecting point for the diversifying industries Downtown and the Bright Ideas grant by Con Edison has successfully allowed us to be more inclusive."

"We're very pleased to help LMHQ provide free event space and meeting rooms to the growing nonprofit community downtown," said Frances A. Resheske, Con Edison's senior vice president of Corporate Affairs. "The organizations who benefit from this program reflect the ingenuity and passion that helped establish New York City as the world's cultural capital."

Last year's recipients included nonprofits Coro, Immigrant Women NYC, Film Fatales and the Rotary Club, among others. Garrett Lucien, Director of Programs at Coro New York Leadership Center added, "Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Con Ed Grant. It was this great support that provided beautiful space for our Neighborhood Leadership Program Participants and Alumni. Being a nonprofit in Manhattan, we are always looking for affordable event space, we know have one."

LMHQ's Gensler-designed space at 150 Broadway is 12,500 square feet and offers individual and company memberships, drop-in opportunities for visitors, and regular public programming across disciplines.

For more information about the Bright Ideas Grant and to apply to the program, please visit <http://lmhq.nyc/rent-lmq>.

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About LMHQ

Created by the Downtown Alliance and designed by Gensler, LOWER MANHATTAN HQ is a membership based clubhouse featuring an event space, brainstorming rooms, workspace and lounge with state-of-the-art AV. Companies and individuals join our community to connect and be inspired by thought-leaders across the creative industries. Discover LMHQ, a “third space” to convene, collaborate, and create.

About Con Edison

Con Edison supports hundreds of nonprofit organizations in New York City and Westchester County to strengthen neighborhoods, sustain communities and improve lives. These philanthropic efforts support the arts, environment, and important educational initiatives in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Many of Con Edison's 14,000 employees share a personal commitment to the region's vitality through their own volunteer efforts and also choose to support education by utilizing the company's matching gifts program.