

ANC6C Grants Help Capitol Hill by Leslie Barbour

The ANC6C Commission established a grants program a few years ago to bring new services, events and public space amenities to the near Northeast corner of Capitol Hill and NoMa. The Commission encourages established and new nonprofits to apply for grants in 2017. A summary description of projects funded by the Commission and the 2017 application schedule is provided here.

ANC6C approves three grants at January meeting

ANC6C Commission approved three grants at its January 11 meeting to PTA/PTSO and related organizations on Capitol Hill that will help children and youth. The grants are being used to augment learning in the classroom.

Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School PTA received a grant of \$586, matched by a grant from ANC6A, to purchase a Scholastic Ready-to-Go Kindergarten Set to be used by the kindergarten classes. Due to high enrollment, the school added a third kindergarten class for the 2016-2017 school year. The PTA determined that the school urgently required better books across both genres and reading levels. As part of the grant, the PTA will sponsor a read-a-thon during Read across America day in March. By the end of the grant period the PTA believes that each student in the kindergarten class would have read a minimum of six new books during the three months period and a minimum of four new books during the read-a-thon.

Serve Your City is expanding its programming to ANC6C to enable middle school students to improve study skills for college preparation. The organization works throughout the District of Columbia and plans for 2017 include helping 45-50 6th-12th graders to curricula and supplemental materials (workbooks and software) developed by consultants specializing in study-skills, college preparation, and early career engagement. The grant of \$1,080 will fund the programmatic and administrative expenses for 12 students from Stuart-Hobson Middle School and Two Rivers Public Charter School to receive instruction from Cluster Educational Services.

The Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan (CHML) Parent Teacher Student Organization received a \$2400 grant to build durable trellises to enhance its Kitchen Garden. The school will revive its garden this spring for children and families to grow edible plants, harvest them, and use them to prepare food -- stimulating them physically, academically and socially. CHML will be able to incorporate Gardening into the weekly schedule as an Alternative Programming Elective allowing for lessons to be taught each week to different classes. Additionally, teachers will incorporate nutrition/garden themes into their own Montessori classrooms through botany lessons.

Two Rivers Public Charter School starts little library project in 2017

The ANC6C Grants Committee, after discussions with Northeast Library, determined that better access to reading materials in the area north of H Street bounded by Florida and North Capitol Streets was needed. The ANC6C Commission agreed at its December 2016 meeting to underwrite a project to build four little library boxes with the pre-kindergarten class at Two Rivers Public Charter School as part of their expeditionary learning curriculum. The middle school students and parents will also be involved, as will the Friends of Northeast Library. The project will be completed in the Spring 2017.

2016 ANC6C grants supported exhibits and events on Capitol Hill

The Commission provided a \$2500 grant to Capitol Hill Village (CHV) in October to hold its third symposium of a CHV's series called *A Greater Capitol Hill For Long Life*, at Kaiser Permanente conference center on December 8, 2016. Eighty-one participants and speakers gathered for a daylong symposium on community design for longevity. Presentations were made on improving longevity through better physical, social and cultural interaction in public space and in the community. The speakers then narrowed their focus into specific elements of design such as landscape design, architecture and interior alternations and design for seniors. CHV will hold additional symposiums in 2017 and create a public record of the materials for future reference.

A \$2500 grant was provided by the Commission in July to The Story of Our Schools, a non-profit working in Washington DC to design, fabricate and install its first community history exhibit at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan (CHML). The Story of Our Schools celebrates the role of schools within the city's rich history. They partner with students and local communities in the important work of self-discovery by creating permanent, history-based exhibits in D.C. schools.

Last April the Commission gave a \$1500 grant to Capitol Hill Cluster School to help fund its annual May Capitol Hill Classic 10K, 3K, and Fun Run. The run/walk event attracts nearly 4,000 participants annually, about half of whom come from zip codes 20002 and 20003. The grant paid an ambulance and emergency medical services on site at Stanton Park and ready to be dispatched anywhere on the race course if needed.

ANC6C Grants Committee Announces 2017 Application Schedule

The ANC6C Grants Committee is accepting applications for grants from non-profits on four dates in 2017. Grant applications are due to the Committee on February 9, May 11, August 17 and November 2. Any non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS can apply. Those organizations do not need to be located within the ANC 6C boundaries, however, projects do need to provide services that are public in nature and benefit persons who reside or work within the Commission area.

A complete application will have the following elements: cover sheet (using the approved form), project description, budget, project outcome and supporting documents. More information on how to apply can be found at the ANC6 website: www.anc6c.org, or by writing to the Committee at anc6c.grants@gmail.com.

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