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Within, you will find the facts and figures, but not the full story.

For that, you’ll have to look elsewhere.

Look to little Liberia on the northern edge of Staten Island, home to many who fled that country’s civil war - which between 1989 and 2003, in a country less than half the size of New York, took a quarter of a million lives - Citizens Committee for New York City is there making small grants to the newest Americans, now focused more on gardens than guns.

Or look to the growing Albanian community in the South Bronx, or to African Americans in Central Brooklyn, here far longer than most of us, many descended from enslaved people, or to hipsters in Williamsburg composting food scraps or getting one of our Reuse and Repair grants to fix their mom’s old iron rather than adding it to the city’s waste stream.

New Yorkers all - struggling, sometimes against the odds - for a better city, day by day, block by block.

That’s our work at Citizens Committee for New York City. It’s as simple as that.
Our mission is simple: to help New Yorkers — especially those in low-income areas — come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

For forty years, we have been making New York City greener, safer, and more resilient.

1975
New York City teeters on the edge of bankruptcy. Senator Jacob Javits and Newsweek Editor-in-Chief Osborn Elliott become founders of a “Citizens Committee” and 8,000 New Yorkers immediately respond to a campaign for volunteers to fill gaps in social services.

1976
A neighborhood improvement grant of $76 is made to local residents caring for Bryant Park.

1977
The pioneering Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your Neighborhood grants for block beautification are awarded.

1982
1,500 new neighborhood associations are formed under the Block Association Expansion initiative.

1990
In response to the city’s rapidly rising murder rate, the Neighborhood Anti-Crime Center is inaugurated. It provides grants and training to hundreds of community groups fed up with violent crime.

2001
A few hours after New York City is attacked, Citizens Committee announces Unity Grants for volunteer groups working on emergency relief, counseling, and victim search projects.

2009
During the Great Recession, more neighborhood improvement grants reach more underserved communities than ever before.

2012
Days after Superstorm Sandy hits New York City shores, Hurricane Relief Grants are launched. Before the end of the year, over $250,000 is distributed to almost 100 volunteer groups working on immediate relief efforts.

2017
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Centers for Disease Control team up with Citizens Committee to award funds for spaces that promote physical activity and healthy living in public schools and early childhood centers.

2018
For the first time, Citizens Committee provides all grant applications in Spanish.
2018 Grant Types

Selected community improvement groups receive grants of $500 to $3,000 to cover their project costs. Projects must be volunteer-led, demonstrate a strong work plan, and commit to matching the grant with volunteer hours.

Neighborhood Grant
Through our Neighborhood Grants, Citizens Committee awards micro-grants of up to $3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school projects throughout the city. We prioritize groups based in low income neighborhoods and Title I public schools. Our keystone program, Neighborhood Grants give residents tools to address self-identified issues.

Love Your Block Grant
From planting trees to clearing vacant lots to installing new traffic signals, Love Your Block awards $1,000 to New Yorkers committed to beautifying their neighborhoods. Groups receive services from the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Transportation, Department of Sanitation of New York, and Department of Environmental Protection.

Public School Green Team Grant
Citizens Committee is collaborating with the Department of Sanitation of New York to award grants of up to $1,000 for projects carried out by public school Green Teams. Examples of projects that we support include building or expanding a school garden, enhancing a school recycling program, creating school sustainability events, purchasing eco-friendly giveaway items, and providing uniforms/t-shirts for the Green Team.

Reuse and Repair Grant
The goal of the Reuse and Repair grants is to support New York City in reusing, repairing, and refurbishing 100% of all discarded products that can be reused in some capacity, with the balance being recycled. Citizens Committee for New York City is partnering with the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB) and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer for these grants.

Compost Grant
Since 2011, Citizens Committee has partnered with the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB) to provide grants of up to $750 for local composting projects. Groups eligible for funding include community associations, community gardens, friends of park groups, housing development groups, nonprofits, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and private businesses. Grants can be used to purchase materials to start or expand upon a composting program.

Safe in the City Grant
A collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the Safe in the City Grant offers up to $1,000 to support community based projects that will make neighborhoods safer. The goal is to increase community mobilization and messaging around anti-gun violence activities and initiatives, increase community-led responses to denounce violent incidents, foster greater connection of community to trauma/mental health services, increase positive engagements with NYPD officers, and ultimately reduce violent crime.
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS
Your neighbors are up to big things.

70% of projects are led by women

Over 180,000 volunteer hours

49% of projects are youth focused

Awarded
$2.1 MILLION in grants and support

116,920 NEW YORKERS were directly impacted

Worked in EVERY BOROUGH & in 130 different neighborhoods

Supported 523 GRASSROOT ORGANIZATIONS

73% of projects are in neighborhoods with high poverty rate

50% were first-time grantees!
A FEW OF OUR GRANTEES

Since our founding in 1975, we have made possible thousands of projects that improve quality of life for low-income residents across New York City.

Here are just some New Yorkers that are coming together to make a difference in their neighborhoods.

400 Bainbridge Street Block Association
Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn
Love Your Block - $1,000

The 400 Bainbridge Street Block Association has been in existence for over 35 years. The co-presidents of the block association are two brothers, Rusty and River Fields, who have increased membership and participation by 1,000% and used a $1,000 grant from Citizens Committee to build strong bonds between local residents. By enhancing the physical appearance of the block through cleaning, removing weeds, amending soil, and planting vegetation, they have galvanized an inter-generational group of residents all while fostering community and having fun.

Together, the Fields brothers received two citations from Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams for exemplary community service, and won the Best Tree Bed and Honorable Mention awards from the Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest. Rusty, a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience candidate at Johns Hopkins University, was recently selected as one of four students from his freshman class of over 1,400 for the Hopkins-Oxford Pre-Med Program and is currently spending his sophomore year at Oxford University. River, who is currently a high school junior, is proud that "heading my block association has offered me the opportunity to hone my character, develop my leadership skills, and be at the forefront of change."

P.S. 10 Fort Hill Collaborative Elementary School
St. George, Staten Island
Green Team Grant - $1,000

P.S. 10, Fort Hill Collaborative, is a personalized educational community with a focus on mathematics and science. The school prepares students to persevere as 21st century global citizens through collaborative learning experiences, which include discussions, critical thinking, and multiple approaches to problem solving. The core values of respect, responsibility, and collaboration allow students to serve as productive influential leaders in their community.

This year, the school green team received a Green Team grant to paint garbage cans for school hallways and create garbage can costumes to promote recycling and reusing products at school events. They are also designing signs and posters for hallways as reminders of the school’s zero waste initiative.
A FEW OF OUR GRANTEES (CONTINUED)

One Stop Family Pop Up
Astoria, Queens
Neighborhood Grant - $2,850

One Stop Family Pop Up holds events at local festivals and concerts to educate community members about practical accommodations for families with young children such as lactation stations, diaper changing tables, and priority rest and play areas. They also display interactive artwork and host free workshops to create dialogue about pregnancy and child rearing, with practical takeaways for lasting impact. One project is the UP-STAND Movement which was started in 2015. The movement encourages establishments to provide family-friendly accommodations so parents can safely participate in regular life: changing tables, high chairs, stroller parking, ramps or elevators, and lactation spaces.

In 2018, the group received a grant to educate the community on the experience of working mothers through a series of creative pop-up spaces and workshops. Artists are creating works that are centered around pregnancy, delivery, and childcare. Mothers are leading workshops on breastfeeding, healthy food and lifestyle choices, and issues that working mothers face.

Mazarte Dance Company
Mott Haven, Bronx
Neighborhood Grant - $2,400

Mazarte creates a union between dance, research, and indigenous art - all integral parts of Mexican cultural heritage. Mazarte brings history to life and keeps traditions alive through quality educational programming, performances, and community outreach events as a way to keep the arts accessible to all members of the community. Mazarte was founded as a dance ensemble in 2012 by Martha Zarate who immigrated from Mexico to New York 18 years ago and wished to share her passion in her new home. Mazarte’s co-founder, Dolores Alcaide-Mendez, also immigrated as a young child and grew up in New York City. Without access to cultural programming such as this, Dolores saw the need for youth to access extracurricular programs that are culturally enriching, promote fitness, teamwork, and confidence, and engage those who wish to expand dance horizons.

In 2018, the group received a grant to host a series of Mexican folkloric dance workshops for children and adults that highlight Mexican culture, art, and history. Participants are learning Mexican dance steps and music and creating original choreography that they are showcasing in a public dance performance for community members.
The Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) consists of introductory workshops led by Citizens Committee staff, designed to address the needs of potential and emerging community leaders by teaching skills necessary to successfully devise and implement community improvement projects.

**Basics of Community Organizing**
How do you start a community organizing project? What are effective community organizing strategies? We review the fundamentals, including issue identification, mission, goals, strategy development, outreach, membership recruitment and cultivation, and evaluation.

**Group Structure**
What structure is right for your group? Keeping in mind that not all community groups are alike, we discuss what to consider when picking a structure that is appropriate for your group, including contexts, organizational goals, and power dynamics. Bylaws, membership guidelines, and decision-making processes are also discussed.

**Navigating City Government**
How does NYC's government work? Who has power over what? We discuss the Mayor's Office, City Council, and Community Boards as well as the legislative process and protocols for meeting with elected representatives.

**Grassroots Fundraising**
How can your group raise money locally for your community organizing project? We review grassroots fundraising approaches and ideas that also promote community buy-in and interest. We also discuss developing a clear and concise message for your project, as well as how to pitch it in a compelling way.

**Media Tools**
How can your group use the media to generate support for your community organizing campaign? We explore the basics of both traditional and new media, ranging from local neighborhood newspapers to Facebook and Twitter. We discuss how to frame messages, develop a media strategy, and write press releases.

**WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS**
- Citizens Committee's NLI workshops include both expert trainings and participatory discussions designed to share information.
- Each NLI workshop seats up to 25 community members to ensure facilitated conversations include all participants.
- Workshops are interactive, participatory, and involve breakout group activities, so attendees can network, learn from each other, establish areas for collaboration, and be inspired by efforts in other neighborhoods.

**NLI Growth**

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DIY GREEN BLOCKS WORKSHOP SERIES

In 2018, we hosted three free DIY workshops for New Yorkers to learn environmental skills through hands-on activities!

Introduction to Beekeeping

Learn techniques and regulations for keeping and caring for bees in an urban setting. Farm healthy, local honey and protect a struggling species.

Cover Crops 101

Learn about the benefits of introducing and maintaining these crops to improve soil quality, suppress weeds, and prevent soil disease and pests.

Rainwater Harvesting

Learn the steps involved in building a basic rainwater harvesting system, including the importance of water conservation, good surface areas from which to catch rain, and how to put together and maintain your system. Save money, reuse water, and help your garden grow.

Past Workshops Included:

- How to Build a Tree Guard: Pick up the skills necessary to construct a sturdy, simple, and affordable wooden tree guard. Learn about proper street tree care, and the benefits of tree guards in protecting our urban forest from litter and physical damage.
- How to Build a Greenhouse/Hoophouse: Learn how to build a greenhouse in your community garden, extending the garden's season and protecting your plants from the elements year-round.
- Urban Farming: Learn how to increase your community garden's output of fruits, vegetables, and herbs within a limited space.
- Basics of Plant Propagation: Learn all about different plant propagation techniques, such as taking cuttings, sowing seeds, planting divisions, and forcing bulbs.
- The Butterfly Effect: This interactive workshop on butterflies introduces an exciting citizen science project for adults and youth. Learn about these amazing creatures and how to provide long-term data to support their conservation.
- Gardening with Herbs: Learn how to grow and use herbs for improved well-being.
- Garden Planning and Design: Learn about garden design and planning for different spaces.
- Prepare Your Garden for Winter: Revitalize your soil after the winter freeze. Learn how cover crops create healthy soil for the next growing season.
SPECIAL EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS

2018 New Yorker for New York Gala
MARCH 12, 2018
Gotham Hall

At our successful 2018 New Yorker for New York Gala, supporters gathered to honor grantees Brenda Thompson Duchene of Isabahlia Ladies of Elegance Foundation and Denise Cosom of Young Gents Society, as well as legendary civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., filmmaker, author, and former New York City Deputy Mayor Ken Lipper, and longtime Citizens Committee Board Member and philanthropist Stephen C. Savage.

Evening on the Lake
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
Central Park Boathouse

We celebrated the work of all our grantees at our 2018 fall fundraiser, Evening on the Lake, at the Central Park Boathouse. Honorees Holly Etlin of AlixPartners and Citizens Committee grantee Los Herederos both spoke about the importance of small grants in our city. Grantee Club A-Elita brought the house down with its rendition of *Empire State of Mind* and *Seasons of Love.*
BRONX

Act4Change, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Amaya’s Bookreads, Highbridge, Neighborhood Grant
Angels on the Move, Crotona, Neighborhood Grant
Artsmith, Wakefield, Neighborhood Grant
Back to Basics Academy, East Tremont, Neighborhood Grant
Bring the Peace, Morrisania, Safe in the City
Bronx Roots in Motion, Kingsbridge, Neighborhood Grant
Bronx Sunshine Community Garden, East Tremont, Neighborhood Grant
Brown Girl Brigade, Melrose, Neighborhood Grant
Building 9 Association of Co-Op City, Co-op City, Neighborhood Grant
C.S. 303 Leadership and Community Service Academy, Morris Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Caldwell Enrichment Program, Claremont, Reuse & Repair
Centro de Servicio y Colaboracion Comunitaria, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals, Fordham Manor, Neighborhood Grant
Co-op City Chess Club, Co-op City, Neighborhood Grant
Decatur Block, Fordham, Neighborhood Grant
DeWitt Clinton High School, Jerome Park, Green Team
Diaspora Radicalx, Hunts Point, Neighborhood Grant
Equality School PTA, Co-op City, Neighborhood Grant
Family Support Network, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Family2Family Community Project, Morris Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Felicitas Garden Group, Throgs Neck, Neighborhood Grant
Film Festival From MARS, University Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Fitness Championship (AFC)/Community Health Fair (CHF), Belmont, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of 4 Parks Alliance, Concourse, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of Mosholu Parkland, Jerome Park, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of Pelham Parkway, Pelham Parkway North, LYB
Garden of Happiness, Belmont, Neighborhood Grant
High School for Violin and Dance, Morrisania, Green Team
Hyde Leadership Charter School, Hunts Point, Green Team
I Am My Sistah’s Keeper Worthy by Choice, Morrisania, Neighborhood Grant
Infinite Archive, West Farms, Neighborhood Grant
International School for Liberal Arts, Kingsbridge Heights. Neighborhood Grant
Jardin La Roca Rock Garden/Little Green Garden, Melrose, Neighborhood Grant
Kelly Street Garden Committee, Longwood, Compost
Kichwa Hatari, Concourse Village, Neighborhood Grant
Kipp NYC College Preparatory, Mott Haven, Safe in the City
La Finca del Sur, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Lead By Example Reverse the Trend, Morrisania, Safe in the City
Literary Freedom Project, Morrisania, Neighborhood Grant
Maria Sola Community, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Mazarte Dance Company, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
Melrose New Generation Garden, Morrisania, Neighborhood Grant
Millbrook Resident Association, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant
MJW Foundation, Hunts Point, Neighborhood Grant
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Mott Hall Community School, Throggs Neck, Reuse & Repair
Mujeres Unidas en Acción, Highbridge, Neighborhood Grant
New Roots Farm Collective, Concourse Village, Neighborhood Grant
Northeast Bronx Community Farmers Market Project, Throggs Neck, Neighborhood Grant
Organization of New York Mandingo, South Bronx, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 11 Bronx - Highbridge School, Highbridge, Green Team
P.S. 32 The Belmont School, Belmont, Green Team
P.S. 68, Edenwald, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 811x The Academy for Career and Living Skills, Longwood, Green Team
P721X@P368X, Marble Hill, Neighborhood Grant
Padre Plaza Success Community Garden, Concourse, Neighborhood Grant
Pretty Girls Rock, Morrisania, Neighborhood Grant
PTA of P.S. 77 - Bedford Park Elementary School, Norwood, Neighborhood Grant
RUN Movement, Morris Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Run2LIVE, Grand Concourse, Neighborhood Grant
SAVAE, Fordham, Neighborhood Grant
Save Our Streets South Bronx, Morrisania, Safe in the City
Sister for a Sistah Empowerment Project, Morris Heights, Neighborhood Grant
South Bronx Alliance, Port Morris, Love Your Block
Southeast Bronx Community Council, Parkchester, Neighborhood Grant
Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers, Morrisania, Safe in the City
Stewards of Henry Hudson Park, Riverdale, Neighborhood Grant
Stop the Violence, Claremont, Safe in the City
Take Back the Bronx, Morrisania, Neighborhood Grant
Teddy Bear Project, West Farms, Neighborhood Grant
Tenarenses En El Exterior, Morris Heights, Neighborhood Grant
The Blue Bus Project, Highbridge, Neighborhood Grant
We Serve The Bronx, Mott Haven, Neighborhood Grant

BROOKLYN

100 Jefferson Avenue Block Association (JABA), Bedford-Stuyvesant, Love Your Block
100 Quincy Garden, Bedford Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
1200 Dean Street Block Association, North Crown Heights, Love Your Block
200 Monroe Street Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Love Your Block
400 Bainbridge Street Block Association, Stuyvesant Heights, Love Your Block
462 Halsey Community Farm, Bedford Stuyvesant, Compost, Neighborhood Grant
500 Chauncey Street Block Association, Ocean Hill, Neighborhood Grant
583 Park Avenue Beautification Committee, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
64th Street Community Garden, Sunset Park, Neighborhood Grant
700 Hancock Street Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
700 Jefferson Avenue Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
Achievement First East New York Charter School, East New York, Safe in the City
Added Value Farms, Red Hook, Compost
Bainbridge Homeowners and Tenants Block Association, Stuyvesant Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Beauty at the Surface in Honor of Carol Lee Cephas, Crown Heights, Safe in the City
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Bed-Stuy Parents Committee, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
BK Holistic Healing Network, Gowanus, Neighborhood Grant
BK ROT, Bushwick, Compost
BKLYN - Together We Prosper, Crown Heights, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
Bklyn Boihood, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
Black TV and Film Collective, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Blossom Be You Project, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Breukelen Sight Community Garden, Canarsie, Neighborhood Grant
Casa Finca, Bushwick, Neighborhood Grant
Chris S. Owens Foundation, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Safe in the City
Club A-Elita, Bensonhurst, Neighborhood Grant
Comm-Love-Unity, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Community Supported Infrastructure, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
Compass Charter School, Fort Greene, Green Team
Concrete Pillars in the Community, East Flatbush, Safe in the City
Creative Enterprise Collective, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
Cultural Research Divers, Coney Island, Neighborhood Grant
D.R.E.A.M. Ring, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant
Design for Agency, Flatbush, Neighborhood Grant
Eagle Academy at Ocean Hill, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant
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Evergreen Middle School for Urban Exploration, Bushwick, Green Team
Exploring Minds Creating Dreams, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Extolling Excellence Foundation for Service and Scholarship, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
Fanmi Asoto, Flatbush, Neighborhood Grant
Five Boro Story Project, Bushwick, Neighborhood Grant
Flatbush Community Freedom School, Flatbush, Neighborhood Grant
Flatbush Enterprise, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
Floral Vineyard, East New York, Neighborhood Grant
Flower Lovers Advocating for Communities, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Food First, Red Hook, Compost
Friends of Cooper Park, East Williamsburg, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of North Pacific Playground and Garden, Boerum Hill, Neighborhood Grant
Gangstas Making Astronomical Community Change, Canarsie, Safe in the City
Garden Committee of the Parent Association of P.S. 139 The Alexine A. Fenty School, Ditmas Park
Gates To Success, East New York, Neighborhood Grant
Gotham Professional Arts Academy (16K594), Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
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One Can Make a Difference, Red Hook, Neighborhood Grant
Operation Heal 100 Hearts, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant
Other Worlds Are Possible Learning Community, Bedford Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
P. 811K The Connie Lekas School, Sheepshead Bay, Green Team
P.E.A.C.E for Peace, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant
P.S 90 Magnet School for Environmental Studies and Community Wellness, Coney Island, Compost
P.S. 10 Magnet School of Math, Science, and Design Technology, Park Slope, Green Team, Compost
P.S. 179 The Kensington School, Kensington, Green Team, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 197 Kings Highway Academy, Midwood, Green Team
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P.S. 32 Samuel Mills Sprole School, Gowanus, Green Team
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P.S. 40 George W. Carver, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Green Team
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Phoenix Community Garden, Ocean Hill, Neighborhood Grant
Pilling Street Block Association, Bushwick, Love Your Block
PLG Arts, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Neighborhood Grant
Positive Obsession, Bedford Stuyvesant, Compost
Preserving East New York, East New York, Neighborhood Grant
Prospect Lefferts Gardens Heritage Council, Prospect Lefferts Gardens, Neighborhood Grant
PTA of P.S./I.S. 184 The Newport School, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant
Pulse Garden, Vinegar Hill, Neighborhood Grant
Q Gardens, Flatbush, Compost, Neighborhood Grant
Quincy Street II Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Compost
Quincy Street, Ralph, Patchen Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
Rebirth Collective, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Red Hook: Team Marine, Red Hook, Neighborhood Grant
BROOKLYN (CONTINUED)

Remade in Brooklyn, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Reuse & Repair  
SAMM Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant  
Sands House, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant  
Seeds in the Middle, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant  
Self-Care Warriors, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant  
Singing Winds, Kensington, Neighborhood Grant  
Siren - Protectors of the Rainforest, East New York, Neighborhood Grant  
Sisters With Purpose, East New York, Neighborhood Grant  
South Brooklyn Film, Bay Ridge, Neighborhood Grant  
SPARK Music, Sunset Park, Neighborhood Grant  
Sterling Place Block Association, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
SToOOPS, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant  
Success is a Journey, Downtown Brooklyn, Safe in the City  
Sullivan, Ludlam, Stoddard Neighborhood Association, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
Sunset Park Women in Action, Sunset Park, Neighborhood Grant  
TaylorAde Kids Club, East New York, Neighborhood Grant  
Together Because, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
Ujima Community Working Together, Bushwick, Safe in the City  
University Heights Educational and Cultural Development Community Center,  
Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant  
Van Buren Block Association, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Love Your Block  
Walt L. Shamel Community Garden, Crown Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
We Run Brownsville, Brownsville, Neighborhood Grant  
Wheelchairs Against Guns, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Neighborhood Grant  
Young Gents Society, East New York, Neighborhood Grant  
Youth Farm at the High School for Public Service, Crown Heights, Compost

MANHATTAN

100-168 West 121 Street Resident Block Association, Harlem, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant  
146th Street Block Association - Harlem, Hamilton Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
Amber Charter School East Harlem, East Harlem, Neighborhood Grant  
Art Loisaida Foundation, East Village, Neighborhood Grant  
Barnard College, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Morningside Heights, Compost  
Carrie McCracken Garden, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant  
Change NYC, East Harlem, Safe in the City  
Círculo de Mujeres que Aprenden a Amarse, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
City College Academy of the Arts, Fort George, Green Team  
Club de Lectura CREA, East Harlem, Neighborhood Grant  
Colegio Dominicano De Periodistas Nueva York, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
Columbia Secondary School, Morningside Heights, Green Team, Compost  
Community Action for Housing as a Human Right, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant  
Dorothy K. McGowan Community Garden, Washington Heights, Compost, Neighborhood Grant  
East River Park Coalition, Lower East Side, Neighborhood Grant  
El Jardín del Paraiso Medicinal Plot, East Village, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
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MANHATTAN (CONTINUED)
El Sol Brillante Community Garden, Alphabet City, Neighborhood Grant
Electric Ladybug Garden, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of Colonel Young Park/Malcolm X Community Improvement Association, Harlem, Love Your Block
Friends of Hamilton Heights School, Hamilton Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of P.S. 166 - The Richard Rodgers School of the Arts and Technology, Upper West Side, Compost
Garden of Love, Harlem, Compost
General Chauncey Hooper Towers, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
GOOD+ Foundation, Garment District, Reuse & Repair
Green Oasis Community Garden, Alphabet City, Neighborhood Grant
Guardian Team of Pachamama, Inwood, Neighborhood Grant
Hamilton Grange Neighborhood Association, Hamilton Heights, Compost, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem Art Collective, East Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem Birth Action Committee (GBAC), Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem Mothers Save, Harlem, Safe in the City
Harlem Neighborhood Block Association, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem Swing Dance Society, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem Transformation Project, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Harlem4Kids, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Help Ourselves, Lower East Side, Neighborhood Grant
High School of Fashion Industries, Chelsea, Neighborhood Grant
Infiniity, Chelsea, Neighborhood Grant
Inwood Health Team, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Isham Park Restoration Program 1970, Inwood, Neighborhood Grant
Jacob H. Schiff Playground Neighborhood Association, Hamilton Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Jenny's Garden (Riverside Conservancy Garden), Hamilton Heights, Neighborhood Grant
La Plaza Cultural de Armando Perez, East Village, Compost
Las Hermanas de Apoyo, Hamilton Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Lenox Five 127th Street Block Association, Harlem, Love Your Block
Lexington Houses Resident Association, East Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Listen Closely Inwood Chamber Music Initiative, Inwood, Neighborhood Grant
Los Herederos, Lower East Side, Neighborhood Grant
Lydia's Magic Garden, East Harlem, Love Your Block, Neighborhood Grant
M.L. Kinnel, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
M.S. 255 Salk School of Science, Midtown, Green Team
Mambo Against Drugs, East Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Marcus Garvey Park Alliance, East Harlem, Reuse & Repair
MMPCIA, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Mobilization for Change Community Garden, Manhattan Valley, Neighborhood Grant
Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust, Inwood, Neighborhood Grant
Northern Wind Comics, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 103 Dos Puentes Elementary School, Washington Heights, Compost
P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt, Washington Heights, Green Team
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MANHATTAN (CONTINUED)
P.S. 199 Garden Committee, Lincoln Square, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 9 Sarah Anderson, Upper West Side, Compost
Poetry Speaks for Us, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Project Harmony, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
PTA at P.S. 20 Anna Silver School, Lower East Side Neighborhood Grant
PTA of P.S. 513 - Castle Bridge School, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Resistance Kitchen, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Switch it Up Break it Down, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Tabu Towards a Better Understanding, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Tayshana Chicken Murphy Foundation, Harlem, Safe in the City
Teatro Las Tablas, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
The Bridge, Chinatown, Neighborhood Grant
The James Baldwin School, Chelsea, Green Team
The Starrett-Lehigh Building, Chelsea, Compost
Think!Chinatown (btwn2bridges), Chinatown, Neighborhood Grant
Under Our Umbrella, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
Uptown Progressive Action, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Urban Assembly New York Harbor High School, Financial District, Green Team
USA-Mali Charitable Association of New York City, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
W.O.W Project, Chinatown, Neighborhood Grant
Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School (WHEELS), Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Washington Heights Wellness Group, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Washington Heights/Inwood Food Council, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
We Are All Dominican, Washington Heights, Neighborhood Grant
We Are Phenomenal Women, Harlem, Neighborhood Grant
We W.I.L.L. Thru Sports, Upper East Side, Neighborhood Grant
West 45th Street Block Association (8/9 Ave), Hell's Kitchen, Neighborhood Grant
William B. Washington Memorial Garden, Harlem, Compost

QUEENS
30q122, Astoria, Neighborhood Grant
50 Cent Community Garden, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Addisleigh Park Civic Association, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Anakbayan New York, Woodside, Neighborhood Grant
Breezy Point Garden Club, Breezy Point, Neighborhood Grant
Building Community Connectiveness, Forest Hills, Neighborhood Grant
Communities Deserving a Chance, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Community Garden Cooperative, South Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Core Learning Center, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Corona Gardens Association, Corona, Love Your Block
Creative Movement Expressions, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Discovery Community Garden 1, Jamaica, Safe in the City, Compost, Neighborhood Grant
Discovery Community Garden 2, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
QUEENS (CONTINUED)

Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society, Elmhurst, Neighborhood Grant
FirstCut Film Club, Astoria, Neighborhood Grant
Flowers of Hope NY, Rosedale, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of Rufus King Park, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Get Right Fitness, Corona, Neighborhood Grant
HarborLAB, Long Island City, Reuse & Repair
Health Autonomy Collective, Ridgewood, Neighborhood Grant
I Am Queens, NY, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
I.S. 145 Q Joseph Pulitzer Middle School, Jackson Heights, Green Team
International High School at La Guardia Community College, Long Island City, Neighborhood Grant
Jackson Heights Beautification Group, Jackson Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Kemeti Yoga Wellness, St. Albans, Neighborhood Grant
Kinding Sindaw Melayu Heritage, Jackson Heights, Neighborhood Grant
M.S. 356Q Community Voices Middle School, Springfield Gardens, Green Team
M.S. 53 Brian Piccolo Middle School, Far Rockaway, Neighborhood Grant
Malcolm X Community Garden, Corona, Neighborhood Grant
Moore-Jackson Cemetery Revitalization Project, Woodside, Love Your Block
Mujeres en Movimiento, Corona, Neighborhood Grant
Nathaniel Hawthorne - M.S. 74, Oakland Gardens, Green Team
Ñukanchik Llacta Wawakuna Collective, Corona, Neighborhood Grant
One Stop Family Pop Up, Astoria, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 104Q The Bays Water School, Far Rockaway, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 11 Q PTA, Woodside, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 135Q The Bellaire School, Jamaica Estates, Green Team
P.S. 149Q Christa McAuliffe, Jamaica, Green Team
P.S. 150Q, Sunnyside, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 160 Walter Francis Bishop Magnet School of the Arts, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 19 Marino Jeantet, Corona, Green Team
P.S. 203 Oakland Gardens, Oakland Gardens, Green Team
P.S. 228 Early Childhood Magnet School of the Arts, East Elmhurst, Green Team
P.S. 68 Q The Cambridge Family School, Ridgewood, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 811Q Marathon High School, Little Neck, Green Team
P.S. Q255, Kew Garden Hills, Green Team
Parsons Preschool Hillside, Queens Village, Neighborhood Grant
Perfect Piece of the Puzzle, Arverne, Neighborhood Grant
Queens High School for Information, Research, and Technology, Wave Crest, Green Team
Queens Hip Hop Generation, South Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Queens Transition Center, Jamaica, Green Team
Queens Writers Resist, Jackson Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Recreational Inner-City Sports and Education (RISE), Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Rockaway Summer, Arverne, Neighborhood Grant
Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus, Jamaica Bay, Reuse & Repair
Safe in the City/K. Bain, Long Island City, Safe in City
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Smiling Hogshead Ranch, Long Island City, Compost, Reuse & Repair
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QUEENS (CONTINUED)

South Jamaica Resident Green Committee (Mkulima), South Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
St. Albans Civic Improvement Association, St. Albans, Neighborhood Grant
St. James Episcopal Church, Elmhurst, Compost
Taurus Associates, St. Albans, Neighborhood Grant
Teen Enrichment through the Arts with Derrick Little, Long Island City, Love Your Block
Together We Can Community Resource Center, Jackson Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Two Coves Community Garden, Astoria, Compost
Urban Poets Movement, Jamaica, Neighborhood Grant
Veterans Advisory Committee, Cambria Heights, Neighborhood Grant
Woodside Houses Resident Green and Beautification Committee, Woodside, Neighborhood Grant

STATEN ISLAND

CDCMOVES (Cre-a-tion Dance Collective), St. George, Neighborhood Grant
Friends of Graniteville Quarry, Mariners Harbor, Neighborhood Grant
Greenbelt Conservancy, Lighthouse Hill, Compost
Let’s Grow Together, South Beach, Neighborhood Grant
Mayberry Promenade Renewal Group, Eltingville, Neighborhood Grant
Metropolitan Fire Association, New Dorp, Neighborhood Grant
Michael J Petrides School, Todt Hill, Green Team
Napela, Clifton, Neighborhood Grant
Olivet Presbyterian Church, West Brighton, Compost
Other Side Intercultural Theatre, Stapleton, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 21 Margaret Emery Elm Park, Elm Park, Green Team
P.S. 13 Margaret Lindemeyer School, Rosebank, Neighborhood Grant
P.S. 78 Stapleton Lighthouse Community School, Stapleton, Green Team
Projectivity Group, Stapleton, Neighborhood Grant
Shaolin Rising, West Brighton, Neighborhood Grant
Staten Island Arts, Stapleton, Reuse & Repair
Staten Island Urban Center, Stapleton, Neighborhood Grant
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CITYWIDE

Academy of Innovative Technology H.S., Cypress Hills, Compost
Fix Up Repair, Inwood, Reuse & Repair
Fixer's Collective, Reuse & Repair
Iranian Community of the Northeast, Neighborhood Grant
Kalpulli Huehuetlahtolli, Neighborhood Grant
Los Herederos, Reuse & Repair
New School, Greenwich Village, Safe in City
Project Attica: Community Through The Arts, Neighborhood Grant
RiseBoro Community Partnership, Compost
RPGA Studio, Reuse & Repair
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Wheelchairs Against Guns, Safe in City
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| Net assets released from restriction | 198,100       | (198,100)              | 0             | 0             |
|                                      |               |                        |               |               |
| **Total public support and revenue** | **3,009,068** | (13,100)               | **2,995,968** | **2,635,002** |

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| Change in net assets                 | 385,246       | (13,100)               | 372,146       | 350,322       |

| Net assets - beginning of year       | 4,658,347     | 849,100                | 5,507,447     | 5,157,125     |

| Net assets - end of year             | **$5,043,593**| **$836,000**           | **$5,879,593**| **$5,507,447**|
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