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*Citizens Committee for New York City Announces $250,800 in Grants to 64 Community Groups Responding to COVID-19*

New York, NY (May 14, 2020)—Citizens Committee for New York City, whose mission is to help New Yorkers—especially those in low-income areas—improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods, has announced a new fund focusing on community groups responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

Under its new All In Neighborhood Grants program, Citizens Committee has awarded $250,800 in grants to 64 resident-led organizations that are addressing critical community needs in all five boroughs of the city and filling in wide service gaps revealed by the pandemic and subsequent stay-at-home order. Each grantee will receive up to $10,000; additionally, groups will have access to Citizens Committee staff and resources to implement their projects. Grantees across all five boroughs are quickly organizing to provide food and water, deliver medications, meet emergency financial needs, host online workshops for teens and older adults, and more.

“Our All In Neighborhood Grants mark an intentional effort to fund community projects that uplift the most vulnerable during this COVID-19 crisis,” says Dr. Rahsaan Harris, CEO of Citizens Committee, “and we are thrilled to support the heroic community outreach efforts of our grantees. Our communities are hurting, especially our communities of color in the Bronx and Queens. These grassroots groups dove all in to figure out immediate solutions to local problems.”

The All In Neighborhood Grant is a renaming of Citizens Committee’s signature grant program. All In grants award unrestricted general operating support to grassroots leaders who identify their own community’s needs and design service
projects accordingly. For nearly 50 years, Citizens Committee’s neighborhood grant projects have centered on improving residential life in the areas of arts and culture, beautification, literacy and education, urban greening, youth, leadership, and mental well-being programs. To quickly respond to the COVID-19 crisis, the organization paused its annual neighborhood grant cycle to focus on a survey meant to determine New Yorkers’ most urgent needs and challenges. The survey resulted in more than 1,000 responses from all five boroughs, and highlights a pattern of citywide priorities, including food, financial aid, healthcare and access to technology.

Citizens Committee intends to award $500,000 in All In grants by July 1, 2020. The next round of grantees will be announced in June.

About Citizens Committee for New York City
Citizens Committee for New York City’s mission is to help New Yorkers—especially those in low-income areas—come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Residents are uniquely situated to define and act on the issues affecting their communities. When provided with modest support, neighborhood and school groups can effectively mobilize with the assistance of grants, skills-building workshops, project planning assistance and an equipment share library. In 2019, we provided 596 projects with $2.3 million in grants and services, impacting more than 130,000 residents in 164 different neighborhoods across the five boroughs. Since 1975, we have promoted the spirit of volunteerism, local engagement, and social justice that drives our work. Go to citizensnyc.org to learn more.

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List of organizations/groups funded in the first round of the 2020 All In Neighborhood Grant Program
Bronx
Act4Change Violence Prevention Project
Amaya's Bookreads
Bethel Hamliri
Black Women's Echo Chamber
Bronx Móvil
Family2Family Community Project
Forever DC Mentorship Program
Garden of Happiness
I Am My Sistah's Keeper Worthy By Choice
Kelly Street Block Association
Kichwa Hatari
Laal
Southeast Bronx Community Council
Tenarenses En El Exterior

Queens
Girls Set the Ground Rules NYC
Guyanese Girls Rock Foundation
P.S. Q243 Institute for Health Professions at Cambria Heights Green Team
PurposefullyPretty
Rockaway Civic Association
Rockaway Cultural Group
Sisterhood Of Destiny
Together We Can Community Resource Center
Veterans Advisory Committee
Victory United

Brooklyn
Resident Association of Lafayette Gardens
583 Park Avenue Beautification Committee
Broadway Junction Neighborhood Association
Cortelyou Road Merchants Association (CORMA)
Brooklyn (continued)
Cuir Kitchen Brigade
Divine Explosion Arts Program
Equality for Flatbush
Fuerza Sporting
Goal Chic
Gowanus Houses Community Center Events Steering Committee
Hampton, Sterling, Virginia Place and Kingston Avenue Block Association
My Friends Place
P.L.A.N.T
Pakistan American Youth Society (PAYS)
Prospect Lefferts Gardens Heritage Council
Self Care Warriors
Tilder Block Association
Trellis Crew
Troy avenue between avenue H and I block association

Manhattan
100 Block Association of West 119 Street
Art Loisaida Foundation
Circulo de Amor Propio Para Mujeres
Club de Lectura CREA
Community Relief and Rebuilding through Education and Wellness (CRREW)
Faces in Between
Gaia's Conscious Servers
Grupo Reiky, Yoga y Tecnicas Holistica
International Puerto Rican Heritage Film Festival
Mobilization for Change Community Garden
NYC Fair Trade Coalition
Project NYC
Think!Chinatown
W.o.w Project
Staten Island
NAPELA
H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths

Citywide
Bamboo Black and Brown Podcast Collective
Lion's Tooth Project
No Limits For Youth
Project Attica - Community Through the Arts
Women in Comics Collective NYC