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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

[Pakistani 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 Loaisida 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](#)