Citizens Committee for New York City works with a wide network of grassroots groups across the five boroughs. We support resident-led groups working in low-income neighborhoods and undertaking projects addressing issues that they identify as important to them. In 2013, we awarded over $900,000 in grants and provided hundreds of hours of skills-building workshops and project-planning assistance to 482 resident-led groups.

GRANTS

We offer funding where other organizations don’t. We support residents working collaboratively on issues that they identify as important to their communities.

Our grants are for ordinary New Yorkers like you who have the passion and the vision to improve their neighborhoods and schools. We support grassroots, resident-led groups—groups such as block associations, tenant associations, gardening groups and groups that do not have a 501(c)(3) status—working on quality of life issues. Our priority is neighborhoods in need.

Our grants are offered once a year, and range between $500-$3,000. The application for our Neighborhood Grants is made available every fall at www.citizensnyc.org. The deadline for 2014 grants is January 27.

Recent grants have enabled neighbors to undertake tremendous work to improve their neighborhoods. They have transformed vacant lots into community gardens, beautified city blocks, established composting programs, advocated for tenants rights, created arts and cultural programs, and much more.

SKILLS-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

We facilitate free workshops to support your community-building ideas and initiatives. Our Neighborhood Leadership Institute is for resident-led groups and individuals interested in carrying out community improvement projects. Our workshops are structured in an interactive format that draws out the experiences and knowledge of the participants. Share resources, meet other inspiring neighborhood leaders, and learn about

the Basics of Community Organizing, Group Structure, Navigating City Government, Grassroots Fundraising, and more.

In addition to our workshop series, we are able to facilitate workshops in your neighborhood and at a time convenient for your group.

PROJECT-PLANNING ASSISTANCE

We offer personalized project-planning assistance. Working with core members of your group, we can help to design strategies around a particular project or campaign, as well as to develop mission statements, work plans and effective ways to engage new members.

We also have equipment available for you to borrow. Our Resource Center is an equipment library for grassroots community groups. The equipment library makes available for loan items such as digital cameras, video projectors, projection screens, tents and amplifiers.

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