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Citizens Committee for New York City & DSNY Announce Spring 2019 “Green Team” Grant Winners

Awards will Fund Environmentally-Focused Projects in 52 Public Schools across the City

NEW YORK – Citizens Committee for New York City (CCNYC) and the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) are proud to announce that 52 public schools have been awarded Public School Green Team grants of up to \$1,000 during the spring grant cycle. The funding will be used by each school’s Green Team to implement programs aimed at improving the local environment, reducing waste, addressing climate change, and promoting sustainability within the school community. Programs funded during this grant cycle include equipping classrooms with recycling and composting equipment, creating and maintaining community gardens, and providing reusable water bottles to reduce the amount of plastic in landfills.

See below for full list of schools selected for funding and reply to this email for details on any specific school project.

“These grants will allow students in every borough to take an active role in safeguarding the environment and quality of life in their neighborhood. Thanks to our great partnership with the Department of Sanitation, we are giving our future leaders the tools, knowledge and confidence to make a real difference. The time to act is now, and Citizens Committee for New York City is proud to play a role in giving young New Yorkers the chance to make a difference,” said **Peter H. Kostmayer, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Committee for New York City.**

“The New York City Department of Sanitation is excited to continue our partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City. As we enter Earth Month we are seeing the most creative recycling and sustainability projects being led by students and teachers. The future of zero waste is in great hands,” said **Kevin O’Sullivan, Deputy Director, DSNY Bureau of Recycling & Sustainability.**

“The PS/IS 102 Green Team is based on the idea that if we don’t make a difference caring for our planet nobody will. We teach our students to be the change they want to see in the world, and this grant is a great opportunity to put these lessons into action. The Green Team is excited to continue leading the effort to bring environmentally-friendly practices and projects to our school community, including composting food scraps and creating and maintaining a garden. Our thanks to Citizens Committee for New York City and the Department of Sanitation for supporting these initiatives and giving our students a chance to expand their education inside and outside the classroom,” said **Joshua Bein, PS/IS 102 teacher.**

“The Green Team at Sunset Park High School has worked on projects in the past to support classroom recycling, reduction of plastic water bottle usage through installing a bottle filling station, and is now working on developing more green space in the school. With this grant, we will be purchasing materials for a collaboration with our Maker’s Club to design and build planter boxes to create more green space at the school. The hope is to give more students and staff access to plants during the school day, which has been shown to reduce anxiety and improve overall mental wellbeing, plus improve air quality and provide habitat for pollinators,” said **Katie McCarthy, Sustainability Coordinator, Sunset Park High School.**

This year, a total of \$78,800 was awarded to 103 schools over the fall and spring grant cycles, up from 45 grants totaling \$16,350 during the 2017-18 school year. The following public schools have been selected for funding in this round:

- Academy for Software Engineering

- P.S. 020 Anna Silver
- The High School For Language And Diplomacy
- P.S. 003 Charrette School
- Beginning with Children Charter School II
- P.S. X014 Senator John Calandra
- P.S. M721 - Manhattan Occupational Training Center
- I.S. X318 Math, Science & Technology Through Arts
- P368K @ 293
- P.S. 013 Roberto Clemente
- Evergreen Middle School for Urban Exploration
- Sunset Park High School
- P.S. 017 Henry David Thoreau
- Bronx High School of Science
- Union Square Academy for Health Sciences
- P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld
- Corona Arts and Sciences Academy
- The Eagle Academy for Young Men of Staten Island
- World View High School
- P.S. 80 The Thurgood Marshall Magnet School of Multimedia and Communication
- Health Opportunities High School
- P.S. 002 Meyer London
- Origins High School
- The STEAM Bridge School
- Samara Community School
- The Equity Project Charter School (TEP)
- P.S. 075 Mayda Cortiella
- Central Park East II
- The Brooklyn School for Math and Research
- P.S. 183 Dr. Richard R. Green
- Pathways to Graduation
- P.S. 165 Robert E. Simon
- P.S. 036 Unionport
- P.S. 183 Robert L. Stevenson
- School for Tourism and Hospitality
- Queens Metropolitan High School
- P.S. 130 The Parkside
- P.S. 197 - The Kings Highway Academy
- P.S. 031 Samuel F. Dupont
- P.S. 169 Sunset Park
- Achievement First University Prep High School
- P.S. 154 Jonathan D. Hyatt
- P.S. 079 Francis Lewis
- P.S. Q233
- P.S. 56 The Louis Desario School
- The Riverview School
- J.H.S. 223 The Montauk
- Scholars' Academy
- P.S. 102 Bayview
- Theatre Arts Production Company School
- P.S. 024
- P138M

About Citizens Committee for New York City

Citizens Committee for New York City's mission is simple: 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 grassroots efforts by offering grants, skills-building workshops and further technical support in the form of project planning assistance and an equipment share library. In 2018, we provided 523 projects with \$2.1 million in grants and services, mobilizing more than 10,460 residents in 130 different neighborhoods across the five boroughs. Since 1975, we have promoted the spirit of volunteerism, local engagement and social justice that drives our work. Visit us online at citizensnyc.org.

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