

# West Harlem Development Corporation

## - Special Announcement Recap

*A summary of WHDC's special announcement aired via ZOOM on June 1, 2020 at 2:00pm*

WEST HARLEM, NY - On June 1, 2020 West Harlem Development Corporation announced the total amounts of grants for 2020 will be \$1.5 million. In a statement read by WHDC Executive Director Dr. Kofi A. Boateng, WHDC Board Chair Judge Milton Tingling emphasized WHDC's efforts to support the community with updates of grant and programmatic investments in Manhattan Community District 9.

### **Community Benefits Grant - \$1 Million**

WHDC's Board of Directors has approved \$1 million to be awarded in grants to 73 nonprofit organizations to provide services to residents of Manhattan Community District 9, more commonly known as West Harlem. A full list of the awardees and their contact information is available at [www.westharlemdc.org](http://www.westharlemdc.org).

### **Special COVID-19 Impact Grant - \$500,000**

In direct response to the ravages of COVID-19 to individuals, organizations, and the community, the WHDC Board has voted unanimously to create a Special COVID-19 Impact Grant made available exclusively to nonprofits based in Manhattan Community District 9. The Request for Proposal is available at [www.westharlemdc.org](http://www.westharlemdc.org) beginning Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Proposals should be submitted by June 15, 2020, with awards announced on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The priority areas are: Direct Health & Human Services, Workforce Services, Economic Development Services, Housing Services, and Education Services.

### **WHDC's ARISE! Program for Summer 2020 - \$500,000**

WHDC will offer its ARISE! youth development program to MCD9 youth for the summer of 2020 for six weeks starting on July 6, 2020. The Summer 2020 ARISE! program is being modified to only offer virtual educational enrichment activities in July and August. High School students (current 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade) will receive stipends to participate in the 2020 ARISE! program.

### **WHDC's 2020 Summer Senior Employment Program - \$275,000**

For seven years, WHDC's Summer Senior Employment Program (SSEP) has offered living-wage paid summer employment to 100-125 seniors in the West Harlem community aged 55+ years old. WHDC expects to continue the SSEP program in September 2020 to adjust to health and safety concerns.

### About West Harlem Development Corporation

West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) is a New York City-based nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated in 2011 whose mission is to promote increased economic opportunities and quality of life to sustain a vibrant West Harlem community. WHDC's core program areas are education, workforce and economic development, and affordable housing. With its slogan "Solutions Through Collaborations", WHDC partially achieves its mission through grant-making to nonprofit organizations to provide services that benefit the residents of New York City's Manhattan Community District 9 (MCD9), more commonly referred to as West Harlem. The boundaries of MCD9 are defined as: South to North from 110th Street to 155th Street; East to West from Manhattan, Morningside, St. Nicholas, Bradhurst, Edgecombe Avenues to the Hudson River.

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