



West Harlem Development Corporation

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2021 COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANT

Approved by the Board on September 22, 2021

	GRANT AMOUNT	NUMBER
ARTS & CULTURE	\$421,500.00	24
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	\$130,000.00	7
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$170,000.00	10
HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & PRESERVATION	\$5,000.00	1
SENIORS	\$81,277.00	5
YOUTH	\$703,500.00	37
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	\$1,511,277.00	84

Summary by Category

*All grantees are based in MCD9 and/or funded activities are substantially based in MCD9

ARTS & CULTURE

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
African Voices Communications, Inc.	To support Reel Sisters Tea & Cinema Series, a series that offers film screenings, industry talks and development workshops targeting independent West Harlem filmmakers and residents.	\$15,000	Carolyn Butts	africanvoicesmag@gmail.com
Blackberry Productions, Inc.	To support the development of a theater piece exploring conflicts around community policing in West Harlem with New Professional Theater (NPT).	\$40,000 (collaborative)	Stephanie Berry	rstephanieberry@gmail.com
Calliope Creative Foundation	To support our student theatre instruction by providing a comprehensive after school program for MCD9 students.	\$10,000	Curt Stewart	kia6531@yahoo.com
Doing Art Together, Inc.	To support Parent/Child art-school programming at MCD9 schools during the school year 2021-22.	\$7,500	Electra Askitopoulos-Friedman	electra.friedman@doingarttogether.org
Friends of Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, Engineering (CSS)	To support musical theater and a choral ensemble at CSS during the school year 2021-22.	\$7,500	Alice Reagan	alicereagan15@gmail.com
Harlem Late Night Jazz, Inc. (HLNJ)	To embark on a new music initiative designed to regenerate a strong live music scene in West Harlem: GO WEST Harlem Music Fest in fall 2021 and spring 2022.	\$20,000	Dakota Pippins	dakota@harlemlatenightjazz.org
Harlem Opera Theater, Inc.	To present “Opera in Harlem” concerts of classical music, opera and in-school performances on the virtual and live stages in MCD9.	\$15,000	Carol Brown	harlemoperatheater@gmail.com

Harlem School of the Arts (HSA)	To support targeting MCD9 students for our Children's Enrichment Program during the school year 2021-22.	\$22,500	Lara McDonnell	lmcdonnell@hsanyc.org
Harlem Stage	To empower students through arts-focused in-school /afterschool workshops and Gatehouse performances with partner, A. Philip Randolph High School/Sound Business Inc. during the school year 2021-22.	\$27,500 (collaborative)	Shante Skyers	sskyers@harlemstage.org
Impact Repertory Theatre/ New Heritage Theatre Group	To support West Harlem Youth ARTS & STEM afterschool training, civic projects/academic enrichment/college prep/career development during school year 2021-22.	\$12,500	Mary Jane Marcasiano	maryjanejustmary@icloud.com
Jazzmobile, Inc.	To support live and virtual programs designed for West Harlem residents and presented in their neighborhood with performances and interactive workshops.	\$22,000	Robin Bell-Stevens	rbellstevens@jazzmobile.org
José Limón Dance Foundation, Inc.	To empower local public schools in West Harlem through Limón4Kids (L4K) to meet the critical need for kinesthetic literacy during the school year 2021-22.	\$12,000	Juan Escalante	jescalante@limon.org
Maysles Institute	To support the 5th annual Made In Harlem documentary series HOME TO HARLEM (Dec 2021–June 2022) at Maysles Cinema and partner venues across West Harlem.	\$17,500	Emily Apter	emilyapter@maysles.org
NoMAA (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance)	To support the 20th Uptown Arts Stroll/Paseo de las Artes (June 2022) showcasing visual and performing arts from West 135th to West 155th Street.	\$25,000	Niria Leyva-Gutierrez, PhD	neleyva@nomaanyc.org
NYC Kidsfest	To support NYC Kidsfest, a two day performing arts festival on the 3rd weekend of June 2022. Its primary audience is elementary school children and West Harlem families.	\$10,000	Jessica Chornesky	jessica@nyckidsfest.org

Opera on Tap	To support Virtual Playground Opera, an innovative, interactive educational web series covering every aspect of the creation, production and performance of an opera for MCD9 students.	\$10,000	Anne Hiatt	anne@operaontap.com
Sisters in Sharqui, Inc.	To support Harlem Hafla, a day of North African Dance Instruction and performance program in West Harlem.	\$5,000	Brandy Heyward	heyward6554@aol.com
Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling, Inc.	To support it is Free Access Initiatives at the Museum and virtually from September 2021–June 2022 for MCD9 children and families.	\$25,000	Sarah Keefe	skeefe@bhc.org
The Children's Art Carnival (CAC)	To support our initiative West Harlem Arts 2021-2022 in partnership with Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano (CCCD) to offer community workshops and professional development opportunities.	\$50,000 (collaborative)	Camille Wanliss	cwanliss@gmail.com
The Gatekeepers Collective, INC. (TGC)	To support “Learning to Love,” a multi-year anti-stigma, community engagement and education project with Public Art & Theater component.	\$17,500	John-Martin Green	johnmartingreen@gmail.com
The Harlem Chamber Players, Inc.	To support our concert series in West Harlem during the 2021-22 season.	\$22,500	Elizabeth Player	lizplayer@gmail.com
The Harlem Swing Dance Society	To support programming in West Harlem showcasing the historical connection of Harlem Renaissance with Harlem's Lindy Hop History.	\$10,000	Allison Jones	theharlemswingdancesociety@gmail.com
The Jazz Drama Program d/b/a Jazz Power Initiative	To support our “Intergenerational Jazz Power Jam” series, free, family-friendly performances for audiences of all ages with, and for, West Harlem residents, artists, and audiences.	\$5,000	Janny Gonzalez	janny@jazzpower.org
While We Are Still Here	To support the 5th Annual Sugar Hill Music Festival, author-interviews—Reading Across Harlem: A Community Read, Dessert with..., Signs of the Times: Harlem Heritage Markers Tour,” Dedication, and Events.	\$12,500	Karen Taylor	karendtaylor@whilewearestillhere.org

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT				
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Arts & Minds	To support Arts & Minds @home Arts & Minds en casa online programs to assist MCD9 residents living with dementia (PWD) and their care partners.	\$12,500	Carolyn Halpin-Healy	chalpinhealy@artsandminds.org
Harlem One Stop, Inc.	To support enhancing the Amsterdam and Broadway commercial corridors by providing assistance to small businesses in West Harlem that integrate the arts, culture, business, and community.	\$20,000	Yuien Chin	yuien@harlemonestop.org
Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline, Inc.	To support the Culturally Responsive & Affirming Social-Emotional Leadership (CRASEL) Pilot program in MCD9 schools.	\$20,000	Ocynthia Williams	ocynthiawill@gmail.com
New York African Chorus Ensemble	To support our BETA project through activities for improved access to high-speed connectivity for families and businesses in MCD9 using the Arts.	\$25,000	Joyce Adewumi	joyce@nyafricanensemble.com
Riverside Park Conservancy (RPC)	To support our Teen Corps program, an 8 week summer internship/hands-on horticultural education program for MCD9 teens.	\$12,500	Nicole Brostoff	nicole@riversideparknyc.org
SoHarlem, Inc.	To support our activities dedicated to economic development and community engagement in the Designer's Studio, located in MCD9.	\$15,000	Janet Rodriguez	janet@soharlem.org
West Harlem Environmental Action	To support MCD9 residents with a 5-week training curriculum for employment in the green jobs industry.	\$25,000	Morgan Fritz	morgan@weact.org

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
Broadway Community	To support the production of nourishing meals, weekly fresh produce and monthly supermarket pantries that give healthy food alternatives to local neighbors.	\$25,000	Stephanie Cooke	admin@bpcnyc.org
Brothers In Recovery, Inc.	To support the creation of more robust recovery support services and increase the number of weekly intervention counseling services for Black and Latinx Men who live in West Harlem.	\$7,500	Reggie James	reggie4150@yahoo.com
City Harvest	To support the delivery of fresh and nutritious food to MCD9 community food programs.	\$12,500	Jasper Gutwillig	jgutwillig@cityharvest.org
Community Impact at Columbia University	To support a West Harlem Food Expansion project at Ford Hall Food Pantry on West 114th Street to increase food distribution and enhance social service activities.	\$22,500	Margaret Goslin	oct4@columbia.edu
IBREA Foundation	To support our weekly holistic brain training sessions focused on physical-mental health of MCD9 youth.	\$15,000	Isabel Pastor Guzman	isabel@ibreafoundation.org
Ladies Of Hope Ministries (LOHM)	To support LOHM's Angel Food Delivery Project (AFP), which addresses the nutritional needs of families most affected by incarceration in West Harlem.	\$22,500	Kenya Welch	kenya@thelohm.org
Lifeforce in Later Years (LiLY)	To support health, safety and connectivity of community elders in Morningside Heights and West Harlem.	\$25,000	Irene Zola	irenezola@l-i-l-y.org

NMIC	To support our ongoing screening, referral, and case management services for MCD9 residents to access mental health treatment, SNAP enrollment services, and food pantries.	\$17,500	Rosanna Montilla-Payano	rosannamontilla@nmic.org
Three and a Half Acres Yoga	To support MMY Harlem Project providing Mindfulness, Meditation, and Yoga classes through a trauma-informed lens to vulnerable populations of West Harlem.	\$7,500	Patricia Jones	patricia@threeandahalfacres.org
We All Really Matter (WARM)	To support high-quality preventive, safety, and independence services for victims of domestic violence (DV) living in MCD9.	\$15,000	Richard Herstein	rlhecs1@gmail.com
		\$170,000.00		

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & PRESERVATION

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
Morningside Heights Historic District Committee	To support a program to connect community history with current realities, unify diverse local populations, and link policy objectives with local engagement to preserve local affordable housing.	\$5,000	Dan McSweeney	mhhistoricdistrict@gmail.com
		\$5,000.00		

SENIORS

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT FULL NAME	EMAIL
Dances for a Variable Population	To support a year-long initiative involving MCD9 residents, especially seniors, in free dance activities in various indoor and outdoor MCD9 venues.	\$25,000	Naomi Goldberg Haas	naomi@dvpnyc.org
Dream Center/FCBC Community Development Corporation	To support Senior Connect (SC), a bi-monthly virtual and in person senior focused technological programming.	\$5,000	Desiree Elder	delder@dreamcenterharlem.org
Harlem Advocates for Seniors, Inc.	To support resources (health, fitness, social, cultural events) and address technology access & education deficiencies highlighted by COVID-19 restrictions.	\$23,777	William Hamer	william_hamer95@yahoo.com
Morningside Retirement and Health Services	To support our Cluster Care project to enable elderly residents of Morningside Gardens to remain living safely in their own homes by providing access to home care.	\$15,000	Ron Bruno	ronb@mrhsny.org
The Fortune Society, Inc.	To support Project GROW, a garden-to-healing-and-learning initiative for seniors at Fortune's Sky Garden in West Harlem.	\$12,500	Brian Robinson	brobinson@fortunesociety.org
		\$81,277.00		

YOUTH

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
America SCORES New York	To support our “Literacy in Action,” a year-round core soccer, literacy, and civic engagement program in MCD9 K-12 schools.	\$25,000	Shannon Schneeman	sschneeman@americascores.org
Artistic Dreams International	To support our Global Citizens Through the Arts Program, a weekly visual arts education class at MCD9 schools.	\$17,500	Lillian Alonzo-Marin	lillian@artisticdreams.org
Atlantic Theater Company	To support our partnership with The Hamilton Grange Middle School on STAGING SUCCESS, an in-school residency.	\$15,000	Nick Luckenbaugh	nluckenbaugh@atlantictheater.org
Bank Street College of Education	To support our Liberty LEADS program providing FAFSA workshops for parents and mitigate learning loss stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$12,500	Maggie Cely	mcely@bankstreet.edu
BioBus, Inc.	To support opportunities to discover, explore, and pursue science through mobile laboratory programs at MCD9 schools as well an internship program at BioBase Harlem at Columbia.	\$20,000	Sasha Chait	sasha.chait@biobus.org
Boys and Girls Club of Harlem	To support our comprehensive year-round Out of School Time (OST) program which promotes academic success, good health & wellness and strong character and leadership skills in MCD9 schools.	\$25,000	Aaron Stern	AStern@harlembgc.org
Broadway Housing Communities (BHC)	To support BHC’s Homework Club during the 2021-22 school year with homework help, one-on-one tutoring, and a safe space during after school hours.	\$20,000	Sarah Keefe	skeefe@bhc.org
Broadway Presbyterian Church Nursery School	To support tuition assistance for MCD9 families for the school year 2021-22.	\$7,000	Amy Webb	amy@greatlittleschool.com

Creative Art Works	To support our In-School visual and multimedia arts programs at A. Philip Randolph Campus HS and other MCD9 elementary and/or middle schools during the school year 2021-21.	\$25,000	Karen Jolicoeur	karen@creativeartworks.org
Every Voice Choirs	To support tuition scholarships for MCD9 youth to participate in EVC's singing programs.	\$15,000	Nicole Becker, PhD	nbecker@everyvoicechoirs.org
Figure Skating in Harlem, Inc.	To support our ICE: I Can Excel After School Program during the school year 2021-22 for MCD9 students.	\$25,000	Clarissa Minchew	clarissa@figureskatinginharlem.org
Friends of Morningside Park	To support our Harlem Youth Gardener (HYG) program (September-June 2022) in partnership with Friends of St Nicholas Park.	\$50,000 (collaborative)	Brad Taylor	btaylor@morningsidepark.org
Future Giants Organization	To support our Art and Academics (AAA), a two prong approach to helping students and combines tutoring, socio emotional counseling with the arts.	\$17,500	RD Snyder	futuregiants@aol.com
Generation Citizen, Inc. (GC)	To support our program on fostering democracy with an emphasis on the education and inclusion of students from communities historically excluded from the political process.	\$7,500	Khin Aung	kaung@generationcitizen.org
Harlem Educational Activities Fund, Inc. (HEAF)	To support our HEAF Continuum, which provides a wide array of college access, college success, youth development, and career development year-round programs to MCD9 youth.	\$20,000	Lauren Girshon	lgirshon@heaf.org
Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program (HJTEP)	To support our academic enrichment and self-development for young tennis enthusiasts for MCD9 youth.	\$15,000	Tammy Smithers	tsmithers@bpc.fund

Hypothekids Inc.	To support our Science Clubs at MCD9 youth-serving organizations with an innovative curriculum, unique teacher training model, and all the supplies needed for every kid to do every project during school year 2021-22.	\$17,500	Christine Kovich	ck@hypothekids.org
Mama Foundation for the Arts, Inc.	To support the Harlem Healing Project, an innovative intergenerational after-school program of “community arts therapy” for MCD9 residents.	\$24,000	Daniel Prizer	dan@rezirp.com
National Dance Institute, Inc. (NDI)	To support our In-School dance and music Program at MCD9 schools during the 2021-22 school year.	\$17,500	Hannah Bailenson	hbailenson@nationaldance.org
New York City Urban Debate League, Inc.	To support debate programs in MCD9 schools, and give students the opportunity to compete against students within and outside of West Harlem.	\$20,000	Stefan Bauschard	stefan@debate.nyc
New York Math Academy and Coaching Services Inc. (NYMACS)	To support MCD9 youth with academic support during the school year 2021-22.	\$17,500	Francois Nzi	francois.nzi@nymacs.org
Police Athletic League (PAL)	To support our Harlem Center Hub focused on creating gains in non and academic achievement to prepare youth for careers through workforce sessions and paid internship placements for MCD9 youth.	\$17,500	Elizabeth Wright	ewright@palnyc.org
Reading Team	To support our After-School Program focused early literacy instruction at Our Lady of Lourdes School as well at Citizens Care Daycare Center 3.	\$20,000	David Marion	david@readingteam.org
Red Balloon	To support financial aid for MCD9 families needed to attend a quality and unique childcare program.	\$17,500	Elizabeth Suqui	redballoonboard@gmail.com

Riverside Hawks Hope Health and Hoops Corporation	To support the expansion of the Leadership Academy to a year-round program with weekday evening athletic activities, tutoring and test prep academic support.	\$25,000	Kevin Steward	KSteward@riversidehawks.org
Roads to Success	To support our Pathways eLearning, a dynamic, youth-empowering program delivering postsecondary access education, career exploration, and financial literacy to MCD9 students.	\$12,500	Davis Connelly	davis@roadstosuccess.org
Science and Arts Engagement New York, Inc.	To support the expansion of our mentoring program that utilizes culturally relevant context to connect MCD9 middle and high school students interested in STEM fields with college student mentors.	\$17,500	Stan Altman, PhD	stan@scienceartsengagementny.org
Tayshana Chicken Murphy Foundation	To support the needs of at-risk youth living in West Harlem, specifically in the Grant and Manhattanville Houses by providing services to diminish, if not eliminate, gun and general violence.	\$7,500	Malik Hosier	contact@tayshanachickenmurphy.org
TechRow Fund Inc.	To support the development of an online professional development strategy that focuses on training teachers in MCD9 on culturally responsive education in technology.	\$17,500	Travis Feldler	tfeldler@techrowfund.org
The Brotherhood Sister Sol, Inc. (BroSis)	To support our round-the-clock support and wraparound programming for MCD9 youth to examine their roots, define their story and awaken their agency.	\$25,000	Lupe Sanchez	ls@brotherhood-sistersol.org
The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine	To support ACT, a safe haven for young people from toddlers to teens to learn, play and grow encompassing pre-school, afterschool, and summer camps as well as provide financial aid to MCD9 families.	\$22,500	Carly Drost	cdrost@stjohndivine.org

The Classical Theatre of Harlem (CTH)	To support our Young Company education program (TYC), working with Columbia's third-year MFA Acting students to produce a Shakespeare play that is designed specifically for young audiences in MCD9.	\$15,000	Alexis Marnel	alexis@cthnyc.org
The Family Annex	To support financial aid for MCD9 families needed to attend a quality and unique early childhood education program.	\$12,500	Nancy Drescher	info@familyannex.org
The Horticultural Society of New York	To support the expansion of our outdoor gardening programming at the Greenhouse Education Center offered to MCD9 residents.	\$17,500	Kevin Sullivan	Ksullivan@thehort.org
The Urban Assembly (UASPA)	To support our dance training as well as our marketing materials of our programs for MCD9 youth.	\$15,000	Kahlil Russell-Starks	k.russellstarks@uaperformingarts.org
Uptown Inner City League, Inc. (UICL)	To support UICL Youth Sports and Healthy Living Initiatives for MCD9 youth.	\$25,000	Kelvin McAllister	kmcallistersr@aol.com
Wendy Hilliard Foundation	To support gymnastics classes and lifestyle workshops for MCD9 youth during the school year 2021-22.	\$22,500	Wendy Hilliard	wendy@wendyhilliardfoundation.org
		\$703,500.00		