



# West Harlem Development Corporation

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## 2021 COMMUNITY BENEFITS GRANT

Approved by the Board on September 22, 2021

	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
<b>ARTS &amp; CULTURE</b>	\$411,500.00	23
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>	\$130,000.00	7
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>	\$170,000.00	10
<b>HOUSING AFFORDABILITY &amp; PRESERVATION</b>	\$5,000.00	1
<b>SENIORS</b>	\$81,277.00	5
<b>YOUTH</b>	\$691,000.00	37
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	<b>\$1,488,777.00</b>	<b>83</b>

Summary by Category

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

Updated on June 6, 2022

**ARTS & CULTURE**

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
<b>African Voices Communications, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Blackberry Productions, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Doing Art Together, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Friends of Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, Engineering (CSS)</b>	To support musical theater and a choral ensemble at CSS during the school year 2021-22.	\$7,500	Alice Reagan	alicereagan15@gmail.com
<b>Harlem Late Night Jazz, Inc. (HLNJ)</b>	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
<b>Harlem Opera Theater, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Harlem School of the Arts (HSA)</b>	To support targeting MCD9 students for our Children’s Enrichment Program during the school year 2021-22.	\$22,500	Terry Frankenger	tfrankenberger@hsanyc.org

<b>Harlem Stage</b>	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
<b>Impact Repertory Theatre/ New Heritage Theatre Group</b>	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
<b>Jazzmobile, Inc.</b>	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
<b>José Limón Dance Foundation, Inc.</b>	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	Juliane Slater	jslater@limon.nyc
<b>Maysles Institute</b>	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
<b>NoMAA (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance)</b>	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
<b>NYC Kidsfest</b>	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
<b>Opera on Tap</b>	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

<b>Sisters in Sharqui, Inc.</b>	To support Harlem Hafla, a day of North African Dance Instruction and performance program in West Harlem.	\$5,000	Brandy Heyward	heyward6554@aol.com
<b>Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art &amp; Storytelling, Inc.</b>	To support it is Free Access Initiatives at the Museum and virtually from September 2021–June 2022 for MCD9 children and families.	\$25,000	Rob Fields	rfields@sugarhillmuseum.org
<b>The Children's Art Carnival (CAC)</b>	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
<b>The Gatekeepers Collective, INC. (TGC)</b>	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
<b>The Harlem Chamber Players, Inc.</b>	To support our concert series in West Harlem during the 2021-22 season.	\$22,500	Elizabeth Player	lizplayer@gmail.com
<b>The Harlem Swing Dance Society</b>	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
<b>The Jazz Drama Program d/b/a Jazz Power Initiative</b>	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
<b>While We Are Still Here</b>	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**

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
<b>Arts &amp; Minds</b>	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
<b>Harlem One Stop, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline, Inc.</b>	To support the Culturally Responsive & Affirming Social-Emotional Leadership (CRASEL) Pilot program in MCD9 schools.	\$20,000	Ocyntia Williams	ocynthiawill@gmail.com
<b>New York African Chorus Ensemble</b>	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
<b>Riverside Park Conservancy (RPC)</b>	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
<b>SoHarlem, Inc.</b>	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
<b>West Harlem Environmental Action</b>	To support MCD9 residents with a 5-week training curriculum for employment in the green jobs industry.	\$25,000	Morgan Fritz	morgan@weact.org
		\$130,000.00		

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

GRANTEE	PROJECT SUMMARY	AMOUNT FUNDED	CONTACT NAME	EMAIL
<b>Broadway Community</b>	To support the production of nourishing meals, weekly fresh produce and monthly supermarket pantries that give healthy food alternatives to local neighbors.	\$25,000	Isaac Adlerstein	isaac@broadwaycommunity.org
<b>Brothers In Recovery, Inc.</b>	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
<b>City Harvest</b>	To support the delivery of fresh and nutritious food to MCD9 community food programs.	\$12,500	Jasper Gutwillig	jgutwillig@cityharvest.org
<b>Community Impact at Columbia University</b>	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
<b>IBREA Foundation</b>	To support our weekly holistic brain training sessions focused on physical-mental health of MCD9 youth.	\$15,000	Isabel Pastor Guzman	isabel@ibreafoundation.org
<b>Ladies Of Hope Ministries (LOHM)</b>	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
<b>Liforce in Later Years (LiLY)</b>	To support health, safety and connectivity of community elders in Morningside Heights and West Harlem.	\$25,000	Irene Zola	irene-zola@lfily.org
<b>NMIC</b>	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

<b>Three and a Half Acres Yoga</b>	To support MMY Harlem Project providing Mindfulness, Meditation, and Yoga classes through a trauma-informed lens to vulnerable populations of West Harlem.	\$7,500	Nickelina Noel	nickelina@threeandahalfacres.org
<b>We All Really Matter (WARM)</b>	To support high-quality preventive, safety, and independence services for victims of domestic violence (DV) living in MCD9.	\$15,000	Stephanie McGraw	weallreallmatter@gmail.com
		\$170,000.00		

<b>HOUSING AFFORDABILITY &amp; PRESERVATION</b>				
<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	<b>AMOUNT FUNDED</b>	<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>Morningside Heights Historic District Committee</b>	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**

<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	<b>AMOUNT FUNDED</b>	<b>CONTACT FULL NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>Dances for a Variable Population</b>	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
<b>Dream Center/FCBC Community Development Corporation</b>	To support Senior Connect (SC), a bi-monthly virtual and in person senior focused technological programming.	\$5,000	Morgan Cuffie	MCuffie@dreamcenterharlem.org
<b>Harlem Advocates for Seniors, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Morningside Retirement and Health Services</b>	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
<b>The Fortune Society, Inc.</b>	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**

<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT SUMMARY</b>	<b>AMOUNT FUNDED</b>	<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>America SCORES New York</b>	To support our “Literacy in Action,” a year-round core soccer, literacy, and civic engagement program in MCD9 K-12 schools.	\$25,000	Charlyn Jordon	cjordon@americascor es.org
<b>Artistic Dreams International</b>	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
<b>Atlantic Theater Company</b>	To support our partnership with The Hamilton Grange Middle School on STAGING SUCCESS, an in-school residency.	\$15,000	Nick Luckenbaugh	nluckenbaugh@atlanti ctheater.org
<b>Bank Street College of Education</b>	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
<b>BioBus, Inc.</b>	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.or g
<b>Boys and Girls Club of Harlem</b>	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	Roberto Serrano	rserrano@harlembgc.o rg
<b>Broadway Housing Communities (BHC)</b>	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	Charlene Melville	cmelville@broadwayh ousing.org
<b>Broadway Presbyterian Church Nursery School</b>	To support tuition assistance for MCD9 families for the school year 2021-22.	\$7,000	Amy Webb	amy@greatlittleschool. com

<b>Creative Art Works</b>	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
<b>Every Voice Choirs</b>	To support tuition scholarships for MCD9 youth to participate in EVC's singing programs.	\$15,000	Nicole Becker, PhD	nbecker@everyvoicechoirs.org
<b>Figure Skating in Harlem, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Friends of Morningside Park</b>	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
<b>Generation Citizen, Inc. (GC)</b>	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
<b>Harlem Educational Activities Fund, Inc. (HEAF)</b>	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	Stefin Woolever	swoolever@heaf.org
<b>Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program (HJTEP)</b>	To support our academic enrichment and self-development for young tennis enthusiasts for MCD9 youth.	\$15,000	Katrina M. Adams	kadams@hjtep.org
<b>Hypothekids Inc.</b>	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

<b>Mama Foundation for the Arts, Inc.</b>	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
<b>National Dance Institute, Inc. (NDI)</b>	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
<b>New York City Urban Debate League, Inc.</b>	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
<b>New York Math Academy and Coaching Services Inc. (NYMACS)</b>	To support MCD9 youth with academic support during the school year 2021-22.	\$17,500	Francois Nzi	francois.nzi@nymacs.org
<b>Police Athletic League (PAL)</b>	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
<b>Reading Team</b>	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
<b>Red Balloon</b>	To support financial aid for MCD9 families needed to attend a quality and unique childcare program.	\$17,500	Elizabeth Suqui	redballoonboard@gmail.com
<b>Riverside Hawks Hope Health and Hoops Corporation</b>	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	Anthony Hargraves	AHargraves@riversidehawks.org

<b>Roads to Success</b>	To support our Pathways eLearning, a dynamic, youth-empowering program delivering postsecondary access education, career exploration, and financial literacy to MCD9 students.	\$12,500	Bonnie Blankenship	bonnie@roadstosuccess.org
<b>Science and Arts Engagement New York, Inc.</b>	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
<b>Tayshana Chicken Murphy Foundation</b>	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
<b>TechRow Fund Inc.</b>	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
<b>The Brotherhood Sister Sol, Inc. (BroSis)</b>	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
<b>The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine</b>	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
<b>The Classical Theatre of Harlem (CTH)</b>	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

<b>The Family Annex</b>	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
<b>The Horticultural Society of New York</b>	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
<b>The Urban Assembly (UASPA)</b>	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
<b>Uptown Inner City League, Inc. (UICL)</b>	To support UICL Youth Sports and Healthy Living Initiatives for MCD9 youth.	\$25,000	Kelvin McAllister, Sr	kmcallistersr@aol.com
<b>Wendy Hilliard Foundation</b>	To support gymnastics classes and lifestyle workshops for MCD9 youth during the school year 2021-22.	\$22,500	Wendy Hilliard	wendy@wendyhilliardfoundation.org
<b>Youth Construct</b>	To support the launch of Youth Construct, a rigorous 9-month development & internship program for youth.	\$5,000	Alexis McSween	alexis@youthconstruct.com
		<b>\$691,000.00</b>		