



Fall/Winter 2013 Grantees

\$50,000 in grants to 19 projects

Sadiki Education: Strengthening the Diaspora one child at a time through exposure to African culture.

Three Part Harmony Farm: Local food production with the goal of distributing the produce as close as possible to the source. Will invest in infrastructure that will be used for two projects: heirloom seed saving and complete nutrition farming.

Premier CDC Farmer's Market: Teaching young people how to start a business and establish retail stores on Rhode Island Avenue. Funds will support the creation of the young peoples' entrepreneurial project at the PCDC Edgewood Farmer's Market.

Curated Community Walking Tours: Columbia Heights: 1) a contemporary Washington, DC history course dedicated to inspiring a broad understanding of our city, its many peoples, and current demographic shifts and 2) a youth-led series of curated community highlights tours with the launch of 'A Curated Community Story: Columbia Heights,' a youth-written anthology of ethnographic findings and artistic expressions.

DreamActivist DC: A multicultural immigrant youth group based in Washington, DC committed to building pro-migrant spaces, enacting pro-migrant legislation, and creating tangible social change for immigrant communities. Funds will support the work to stop deportations and to support a campaign for voting rights for legal permanent residents and undocumented immigrants.

Livity Drink Company: A holistic health and wellness social enterprise dedicated to offering food products and services that honor and enhance the vibrant vitality that we believe is each individual's birthright. Funding will support the Living in Vitality Together Day wellness program.

National Black United Front: A coalition made up of individuals and organizations working together for the benefit of all people of African descent. Funds support the African Centered Education Project.

Mamatoto Village, Inc.: Devoted to empowering women under the age of 25 with the necessary tools to make the most informed decisions and choices in their maternity care, their parenting, and their lives. Funds will support the Community Doula Program scheduled to begin in November 2013.

FRESHH Inc: A burgeoning community based organization of Black women that uses hip-hop focused cultural analysis, intergenerational mentoring, and structured relationship building activities to reveal and resolve social adversities and advocate for policies that support, protect, and advance Black women and girls. Funds will support the pilot of “Griot Girls” creative writing program.

Grassroots DC / Potomac Gardens Youth Radio Production Training Program: Works to provide media production training to low-income and working-class residents of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area and those who advocate on their behalf; and also to provide media coverage of issues that impact the underserved communities of the District of Columbia.

Creative Changes for Social Justice and Empowerment: A DC based TV Talk Show which will be 10 episodes dealing with social justice and empowerment issues, in collaboration with past and current DCF grantees.

International Capoeira Angola Foundation: Bringing the art form of Capoeira Angola to the Washington DC community as a vehicle of social change. Funding will support adult, youth and children’s capoeira classes, maintaining the Capoeira Angola Library Archives, and hosting a lectures series on empowerment and resistance to oppression open to the DC community.

Wanda Alston House: Ensuring LGBTQ youth have access to services that improves their overall quality of life.

Appeal, Inc.: Facilitating economic empowerment and educational enrichment focused on people of African descent, to produce strong, self-sufficient and prosperous communities.

DC Latin@ Queer Bilingual Writing Group: Supporting the work of local Latin@ queer authors by holding literary events that challenge their creativity, explore their writings and, above all, validate their contributions.

Stand Up! For Democracy in DC – Free DC: Committed to help achieve full citizenship rights for DC residents through DC Statehood. Funding will support 1) a stipend for an already dedicated volunteer to help build a database of volunteers and contacts; and 2) a brochure that would answer the question: “DC Statehood – What Will It Do For Me?” presenting facts about how DC Statehood would improve the civic life, economy, justice and other practical conditions of the everyday lives of DC residents.

Nature’s Friends: Training environmental stewards in ecosystem health and cooperative business acumen.

Carver Terrace Tenants and Civic Association Community Photography Project: Allowing youth and seniors to visually document and share the realities of living in Carver/Langston.

ONE DC: Exercising political strength to create and preserve racial and economic equity in Shaw and the District. Funds will support organizing with residents of Lincoln Westmoreland II (LW-II).

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