Spring/Summer 2012 Grantees

$45,000 in grants to 22 projects

Sadiki Educational Safari: Safari “Club Africa” project to elevate, celebrate and empower young people through the art and culture of Africa

Washington Jazz Arts Institute: Nurtures young musicians by supporting their efforts to create music and to enter into music related careers.

Three Part Harmony Farm: Local food production with the goal of distributing the produce as close as possible to the source

The Green Scheme: Educates people of diverse cultural backgrounds about their role in the environmental movement

Uplift Inc.: Youth APPLab that teaches elementary, middle, and high school students how to make mobile (Android) apps

Urban Housing Alliance: Fights displacement of low and moderate income residents, improve their quality of life, and to foster economic development

Darfur Women Action: Empowerment of the Darfuri women survivors of the current genocide to enable them to regain their confidence and to overcome the challenges of the 21st century

Black Luv Festival: Support the National Black L.U.V. (Love Unity Vision) Festival that will be held September 20, 2012

Affordable Housing DC: A robust community engagement housing rights awareness campaign based around the compelling story of the Norwood community

Kids and Culture Camp: Four weeks of summer programming in an effort to introduce children to international affairs at an early age

Washington Jazz Arts Institute: Jazz as a model for democratic participation
All African People’s Development & Empowerment Project: Work in Barry Farms (Southeast DC) that includes a community center, Saturday school program, after-school literacy and homework help, a vocational program and community gardening

COOP Incubator DC: Builds economic power by creating cooperative work environments where people feel cherished, challenged and fulfilled

DC Food Justice: Creating a youth-driven media campaign to bring awareness and action to the lack of nutritional services and high rate of junk food access in Wards 7 and 8

GED Awareness Campaign: Building awareness towards changes to the GED test

I Dream A World: Enabling youth to envision their preferred world and begin to talk about how they can actively pursue the development of that world or life for themselves.

WE ACT Radio: Formation of a community garden to foster respect and appreciation for the environment

We Empower I Saw: Middle school students research an African American burial ground’s community members whose lives shaped civil war and pre-civil war existence

Ivy City Civic Association: Providing the community of Ivy City with information regarding advancement in education, neighborhood redevelopment, entrepreneurial and trade opportunities, and engagement in community projects

Childrens Art and Literacy Program: Students create their own books that include their cultural history

Casa Ruby: Drop in Center and support for Latina LGBT immigrants

Undoing Racism: Bringing a 2 ½ day workshop facilitated by The People’s Institute on “Undoing Racism and Community Organizing” to Washington DC

Build A Community Park: Empowers the Latino immigrant community in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood to work together on a community park that will improve the quality of life

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