



Spring/Summer 2013 Grantees

\$50,000 in grants to 18 projects

11th Annual DC Poetry Festival: a presentation of poetry and music in a free public venue with the objective to continue to provide a foundation for the next emerging generation of social change artists by providing public, professional venues for their performances.

Anacostia Yogi Health Ambassador Program: a health and wellness outreach program dedicated to decreasing the health disparities for Black women living east of the Anacostia River through peer education.

Black Mens Xchange DC: a human rights, educational, anti-oppression and advocacy organization, dedicated to the prevention of health threats to same gender-loving (SGL), gay-identifying, non-gay identifying and bisexual men of African descent while dismantling barriers to the well-being; dignity; self-respect, and protection.

Collective Action for Safe Spaces: a grassroots organization that works to empower DC-area residents to build a community free from public sexual harassment and assault.

Coloring DC: a collective oral history and multimedia documentation that highlights black-owned businesses in the District of Columbia.

Crafting for Consciousness: a collective of black and brown women using shared skills and experiences to ensure that artists stay in the forefront of the social change movement by staying involved in the what affects their communities and discussing different topics at craft circles.

Cultivating Intergenerational Leaders: a summer inter-generational program that will create a more sustainable food system in DC by empowering youth to work toward environmental sustainability, linking food justice and community-building.

DC Interpreter Collective: an all-volunteer group of interpreters and translators of several different languages who are committed to language justice and to using their interpretation and translation skills to support local community organizing and social justice groups.

DC Poetry Project: a diverse membership whose current social change project is designed to raise awareness and reduce the stigma and shame associated with mental illness.

DMV Trans Circulator: a newsletter by and for transgender individuals incarcerated in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area, seeking to create a world in which all of us are free from imprisonment, police violence, racism, and poverty.

Empower DC Public Housing Campaign: a citywide, membership based community organization whose current affordable housing work is preserving and improving public housing and preventing the displacement of public housing residents in at-risk properties, that are proposed to be "redeveloped." This grant will support work in the Barry Farm community, through the Barry Farm Maintenance Task Force.

Science on the Go! – Fort Stanton Community Learning Garden: a project where seniors and children work together to feed their neighbors in the area, as well as gain a better understanding of food and why people need to eat more green vegetables.

HD Cooke Elementary School Parent & Teachers Association (Cooke PTA): a project to greatly increase the inventory of the school's library, in both English and Spanish language offerings.

I SAW! DC: an interactive newsletter, produced by DC teens using multimedia to highlight their field research and historical findings during I SAW! DC's upcoming 2013 summer youth led research project, "A History Beneath Us-Remembering Sacred Ground Across The River Creek."

Maracuyeah: a cultural project that aims to create a vibrant cultural space with intentionality, where people feel welcome to discover new sounds from Latin America and the Caribbean.

People for Fairness Coalition: an organization that consists of currently homeless and formerly homeless individuals who continue to empower others to end homelessness in the Washington Metro Area, through a series of dialogues and discussions pertaining to advocacy, outreach, and peer mentoring.

Raising Expectations, Inc. – Green the Block: a youth environmental sculpture project that engages young people in their communities by organizing them in neighborhood clean-up activities and designing large mosaic sculpture figures.

Ward 8 Farmers' Market Cooperative – Double Bucks Program: providing matching dollars to all customers who use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Electronic Benefits Transfer (SNAP/EBT), WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) at the market.

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