

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

FY 2019 GRANTS ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from Mayor Muriel Bowser

Dear Washingtonians:

Washington, DC has one of the most diverse populations in the nation, which is why my hometown, our city, is a top destination to live, work, and visit.

Each year, through our community outreach offices, my Administration directs grant funding to community-based organization (CBO's) partners invested in advocating for our most vulnerable residents. Our ambitious goals to create 36,000 new units of housing (with 12,000 of them affordable) by 2025, and to ensure that homelessness in the District is rare, brief, and non-recurring are impossible to accomplish without the support and good work of our CBO's. These grants, which totaled more than \$7.9 million in Fiscal Year 2019, meet the many varying and critical needs of residents across all 8 wards.

We solicit proposals from CBOs closely aligned with my Administration's priorities in the areas of education, employment and economic development, public safety, arts and the creative economy, civic engagement, health and wellness, and youth engagement to all residents. We then award grants to CBOs based on their ability to provide these essential services to Washingtonians.

I hope you will join me in recognizing the hard work being undertaken by community-based organizations in pursuit of our collective vision of a diverse, safer and stronger, and inclusive Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Muriel" and last name "Bowser" clearly legible.

Sincerely,
Muriel Bowser
Mayor

Message from the Director

The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) is the essential connection between District residents and the Executive Office of the Mayor. MOCA plays a vital role in helping to improve the quality of life of all Washingtonians by collaborating with organizations and city agencies to address community issues.

Our thirteen Community Outreach Offices serve as liaisons between residents and the Mayor. Of these thirteen offices, six operate as grant making authorities and commit resources each fiscal year to provide experienced community-based organizations (CBO) with direct funding.

Our Grants Management Specialists and over 100 community peer reviewers read hundreds of grant applications each fiscal year. Once selected, we work with our CBO grantees throughout the fiscal year to amplify their outreach efforts and host workshops that serve as intersectional collaborative spaces. It is important to note that we do all of this outreach with the goal of improving societal outcomes for our residents.

Over the years, our grants have supported Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) youth with educational empowerment and leadership opportunities, provided microloans and financial literacy to low-income, underemployed African and African American entrepreneurs, legal services to immigrant families, emergency care and shelter for LGBTQ youth, and mental health services for Latinx residents in Washington, DC.

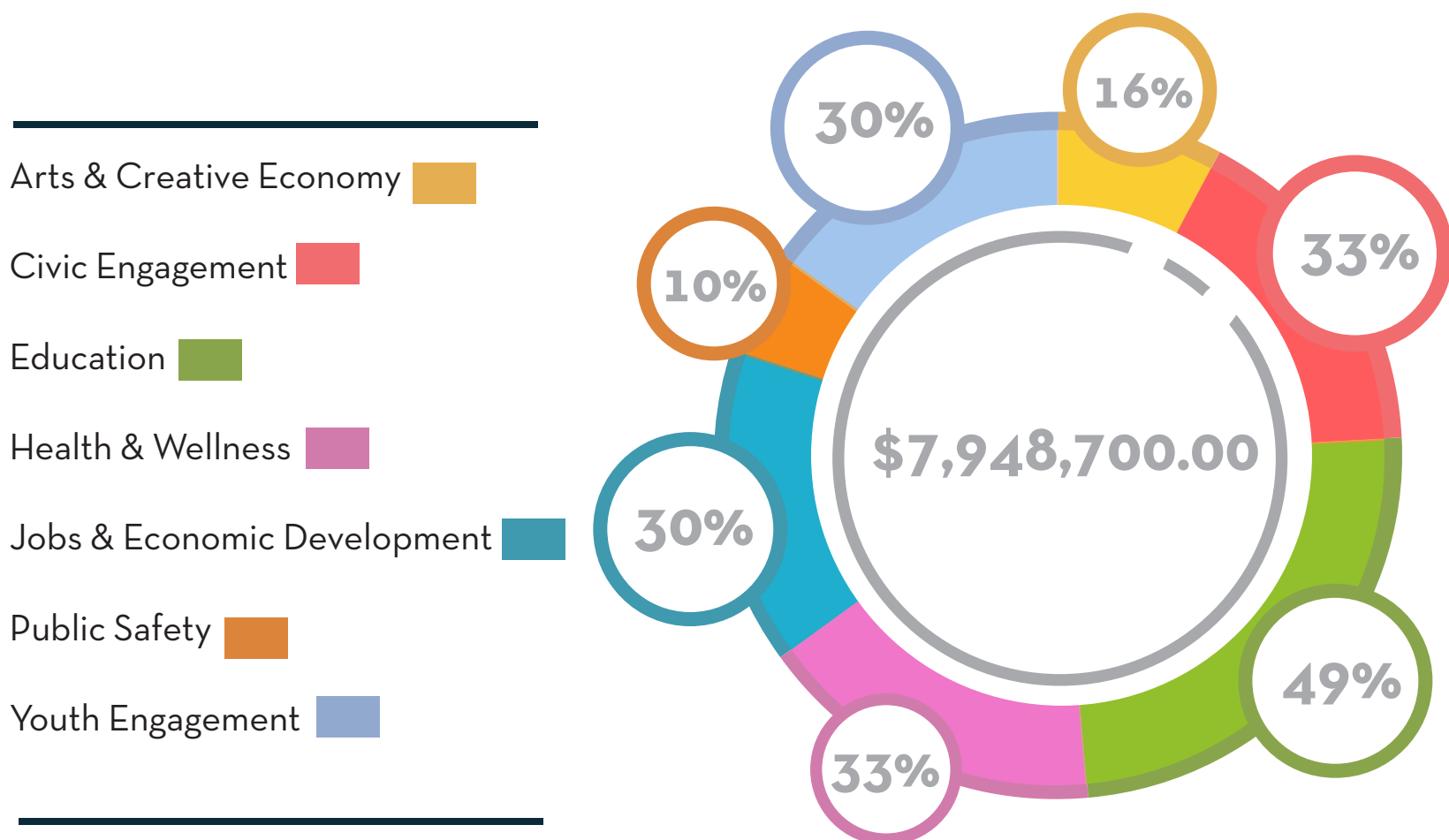
I am proud of the work of our team and CBO partners—without them, we would not be able to inspire, engage, and connect District residents to the great resources that they need to keep moving our city in the right direction.

Lamont Akins
Director
Mayor's Office of Community Affairs

FY2019 Grant Highlights

Each year Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration provides grants to qualified **community-based organizations (CBOs)** in the District of Columbia through the outreach offices of the Mayor's Office on Community Affairs (MOCA).

These outreach offices manage the community grants programs and work with our grantees to implement programs that focus on **Mayor Muriel Bowser's Priorities** for District residents:



In FY2019, MOCA outreach offices awarded **\$7,948,700.00 in grants** to over **100 community-based organizations** in the District. These partnerships led to over **40,000 District residents** receiving the following services: job training, cultural competency training, breast cancer and HIV/AIDS screening, funding for the arts community, violence prevention programs, legal clinics, and after school programs.

Community Grant Awards



- **Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA)**

- Awarded 11 CBOs \$106,000.00 in grants
- 2,500 African residents served



- **Mayor's Office on African American Affairs (MOAAA)**

- Awarded 15 CBOs \$75,000.00 in grants
- 2,500 African American residents served



- **Mayor's Office on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)**

- Awarded 9 CBOs \$327,250.00 in grants
- 4,000 Asian & Pacific Islander residents served



- **Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA)**

- Awarded 60 CBOs \$1,414,000.00 in grants
- 25,000 Latino residents served



- **Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA)**

- Awarded 8 CBOs \$75,000.00 in grants
- 1,500 LGBTQ+ residents served



- **Mayor's Office on Volunteerism & Partnerships (ServeDC)**

- Awarded 3 CBOs \$3,165,944 in grants
- Awarded 17 CBOs \$1,604,717.00 in federal grants

The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs also supported the implementation of two additional grant programs:

- **The Immigrant Justice Legal Services (IJLS) Grant**

- Awarded 16 CBOs \$449,989.00 in grants
- 1,900 District residents served

- **The Census 2020 Grant**

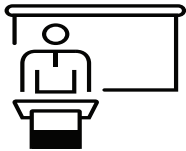
- Awarded 14 CBOs \$815,000.00 in grants
- 2,900 residents served during the fall through outreach and training to ensure every District resident is counted during the 2020 Census

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Washington English Center (WEC) enrolled 146 African residents in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. WEC also served over 342 Asian and Pacific Islander students in their workforce development program.



Renaissance Center for Culture and Education provided 65 African youth tutoring, computer literacy and public safety training.



Education

Mayor Muriel Bowser is focused on supporting residents at every stage of life. This means building a city where Washingtonians of every age have opportunities to live happy, purposeful lives.



Bancroft Elementary PTO’s Saturday Academy reached over 700 Latino parents and students to increase parent participation in Bancroft Elementary School students’ extracurricular activities and education.

100 Black Men of Greater Washington’s STEM The 100 Way Academy program focused on providing 50 middle school students in Ward 8 with a STEM based curriculum that focused on programming, coding and math skills.

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Jobs & Economic Development

Mayor Muriel Bowser is committed to bringing jobs and opportunity to every neighborhood, supporting small and local businesses, diversifying our economy, and connecting more DC residents to DC-sustaining careers.

Community Foodworks

addressed food insecurity issues that Latino residents face in the District by increasing their access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Residents spent \$69,198 utilizing federal and nutrition benefits incentives.



Can I Live, Inc. hosted a business incubator where 18 District African American entrepreneurs obtained business licenses from the DC Regulatory Affairs Division.



Life Asset provided over 40 low-income African residents with microloans and post-loan training. Life Asset also provided over 180 Latino entrepreneurs with post-loan training to help them successfully leverage their small business loans.

Bright Beginnings, Inc. hosted professional development workshops in Ward 8 where 114 residents created education/employment plans, 50 residents created resumes, 15 residents secured employment, 7 received their high school diploma/GED, 2 enrolled in college courses, 16 passed certification exams focused on healthcare and technology, and 50 retained their jobs from the previous year.

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Latino Economic

Development conducted 21 workshops which totaled 360 hours of technical assistance to 126 Latino entrepreneurs in the District.



Trabajadores Unidos de Washington's Laborer Education Service Program supported local workers in the District with 178 wage theft cases.



Civic Engagement

Mayor Muriel Bowser is dedicated to ensuring that residents across all eight wards have access to a government that is working every day to reduce civic issues, boost outreach initiatives, and empower neighborhoods.



Central Community Development

Corporation's Project LEAD to Succeed program provided 30 returning citizens with case managers who worked with them to improve their social, housing, and professional opportunities. This led to all 30 returning citizens gaining job placement.

AARP Legal Counsel's DC Latino Elder Justice Project was able to attain \$1,135,708 in benefits for Latino seniors that led to homes being saved, extensive home health services, and Social Security benefits.

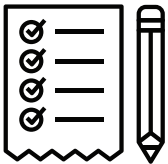
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Public Safety

We build a safer, stronger DC by making investments in our public safety agencies, doubling down on community policing efforts while increasing accountability.



Sasha Bruce Network hosted afterschool workshops and weekend field trips for 50 youth in the Richardson Dwellings/Clay Terrace neighborhood focusing on supporting the continued development of their life skills.



Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project saw a 25% increase in their direct service work and 60% increase in Asian & Pacific Islander community members reached.



Total Family Care Coalition’s Capital City Youth Move Program hosted an event at The ARK of DC Wellness Center for over 40 District residents to spread awareness about teen dating violence and issues District LGBTQ+ youth face.

Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment, Inc. hosted 10 outreach events reaching over 200 Latinx survivors of domestic violence, who needed crisis intervention, court based support, and emergency shelter services.

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African Women's Cancer Awareness Association

served 1,165 African residents with health education, screenings, fitness classes, referrals, and patient navigation to support services.



Latin American Youth Center served 1,727 LGBTQ-identifying youth District and matched them to 46 LGBTQ specific programs.



Health and Wellness

Mayor Muriel Bowser wants every community in the District to understand the health risks our residents face so that we can improve the lives of our family, friends, neighbors, and fellow community members.



The Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington D.C. reached 296 District residents to provide them with hepatitis outreach, service linkages, and referrals.

Asian American LEAD offered 40 education empowerment workshops focused on college readiness, career exploration, and school transition. Furthermore, Asian American LEAD hosted 122 identity development workshops focused on Asian Pacific American history and culture, and 102 leadership development workshops.

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Youth Engagement

The District’s vision is for every student to feel loved, challenged, and prepared to positively influence society and thrive in life.



Latino Student Fund provided post-secondary preparedness and financial aid awareness to over 400 Latino students in the District.



826DC’s After-School Writing Lab provided over 20 students in the District with one-on-one tutoring classes.



Latino GLBT History Project’s Create Your History program aided over 100 homeless LGBTQ+ youth in the District with gaining life and professional skills through one-on-one consulting sessions.

Mary’s Center screened over 900 Latino teenagers in the District for substance use disorder, depression, and physical and emotional abuse. Mary’s Center also ran a college readiness program that served over 70 African youth in the District.

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KanKouran West African Dance Company hosted their 36th Annual Dance Conference for 643 African residents in the District this summer. During this conference KanKouran hosted dance and drum classes where participants could learn from various African artists.

Sitar Arts Center provided over 80 Latino youth (ages 0-5) in the District with multidisciplinary arts courses and employed 5 Latino early childhood teaching artists.

Arts & Creative Economy

Washington, DC is a diverse and inclusive city with a thriving creative economy. Mayor Muriel Bowser is committed to investing in and strengthening our arts and culture scenes.



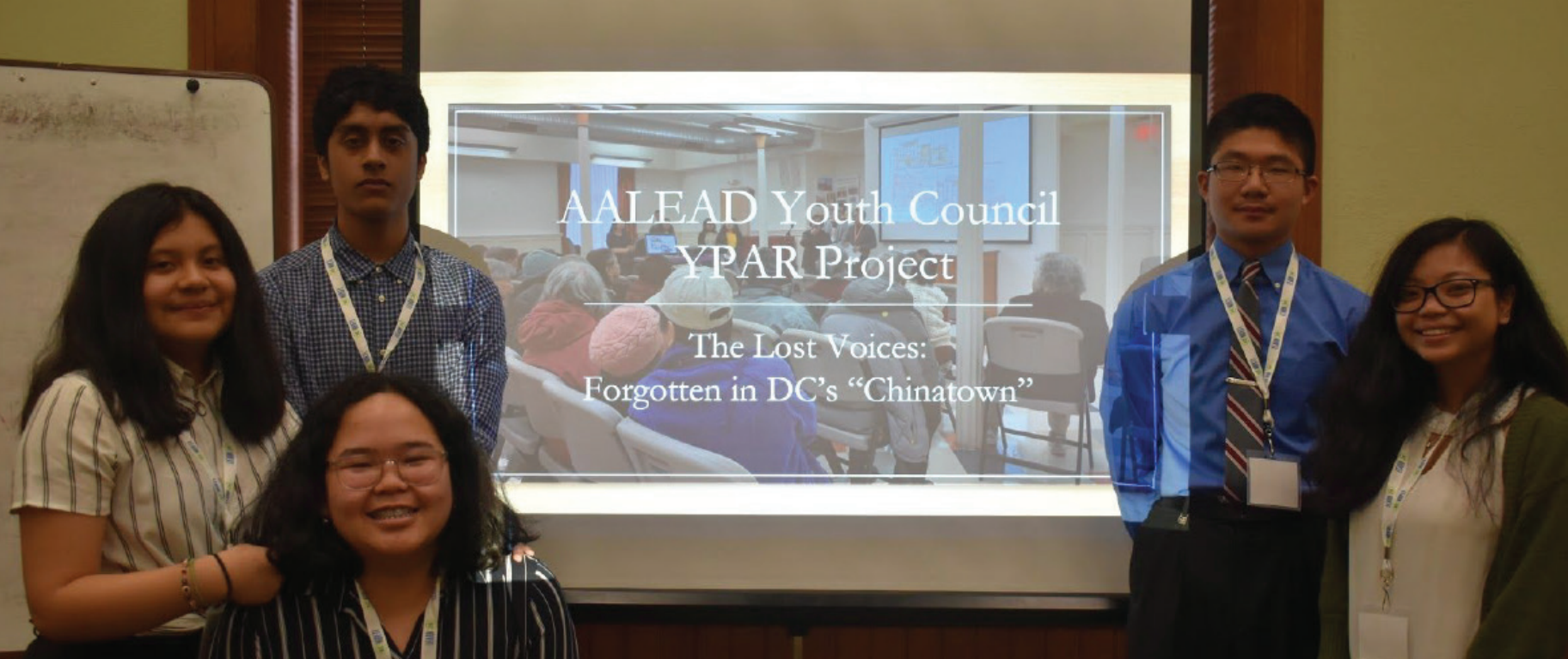
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League's Breaking Ground Theater Program brought 20 LGBTQ+ residents together in the District to create a full-length musical theatre production based on their life stories, and addressing the unique culture and experiences of queer people of color.

Words Beats and Life, Inc. improved access to the creative economy career pipeline for over 200 youth in the District by providing them with access to quality arts education and performance opportunities. The skills developed in the program created an opportunity for students to enter the creative economy of the District as dancers, muralists, poets, and DJs.



The Fiscal Year 2021 Community Grants
will begin accepting applications in July 2020.





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