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RE: Lamond Riggs Citizens Association Grant

The Lamond Riggs Citizens Association has applied to ANC 4B for “maintenance and advancement of its communication systems including its website, database systems, email channels, and community correspondence initiatives”. It further elaborates that the goal of the grant is for “Improvements in the LRCA's online membership system and online voting system; implementation of community relationship systems (online networking, etc.).” This grant does not meet the “public purpose” requirement outlined in the D.C. Official Code as discussed below.

ANC grants must be for “public purposes within the Commission area.”<sup>1</sup> A public purpose is one “that benefits the community as a whole and is not done for the primary purpose of benefitting a private entity.”<sup>2</sup> A private entity may receive a benefit of the grant, but it cannot be the primary purpose of the grant.<sup>3</sup>

The Lamond Riggs Citizen Association is an old, established, and well-respected organization. It is also a membership organization. This grant is not for a public project of the Association but to support the internal operations of the organization, primarily benefitting the organization, not the residents and business of the ANC and it is for that reason not a permissible use of ANC funds.

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<sup>1</sup> D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(l)(1).

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> See *Seasoned Settlers Grant and Grants Generally* available at <https://oag.dc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Letter-to-OANC-Re-Seasoned-Settlers-Grant-and-Grants-Generally-.pdf>