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TO: Jamila White, Chair ANC 8A
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FR: Denise Wiktor, General Counsel
DT: November 6, 2023
RE: Thanksgiveaway

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The Summons has applied for a grant to support its Thanksgiving based event (Thanksgiveaway). The application was submitted to the OANC. The Summons is a 501(c)(3) organization. The event it is planning involves a turkey and food give away as well as a vaccine clinic that will provide free flu and covid vaccines and vaccine education. It is open to all persons in ANC 8A. The funds are being sought to support the non-food portions of this event.

ANC grants must be for “public purposes within the Commission area.”¹ 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.”² The event is open to to the public and would benefit the community as a whole² through the provision of vaccines and education. The event also brings the community and ANC commissioners together.

A detailed budget was submitted with the application. All the items on the budget are within the public purpose requirement and none of the items are otherwise prohibited.

¹ D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(l)(1).²
Id.

² See also *Seasoned Settlers Grant and Grants Generally* found at [Letter-to-OANC-Re-Seasoned-Settlers-Grant-andGrants-Generally-.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#)