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Good afternoon, Ms. Rose.

As Executive Director of the Perry School Community Services Center, you formally submitted a grant proposal and budget to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6E for the project, "Honoring Legacy. Growing Community. Building Futures. Together". This is to note that the proposal and the inspired vision for the event are certainly evidence of a worthy cause. Notwithstanding, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6E -- like all ANCs -- is narrowly restricted by DC Council mandated statutory provisions in its consideration and issuance of grants. See DC Official Code sections 1-207.38 and 1-309.13(m). As such, the OANC is obligated to review the application in accordance therewith. After careful deliberation, the OANC finds that the application does not meet the requirements thereof.

### Grant Requirements

DC Official Code section 1-309.13(m) specifies, among other things, six (6) conditions for ANC grants:

First, the grant must be for "public purposes within the Commissioner area." The public purpose must be one "that benefits the community as a whole and is not done for the primary purpose of benefitting a private entity." In other words, the "public" must be the grant's primary beneficiary.

Second, the grant must "benefit persons who work or reside in the Commission area." In other words, the benefits of the grant must be focused solely on those residents of the affected ANC.

Third, the grant must be for a "proposed project" indicating a specific undertaking.

Fourth, the grant must issue to an organization; it may not issue to an individual or a government entity.

Fifth, the grant must be for services that are not “duplicative of any that are already performed by the District government.”

Sixth, the grant cannot issue when estimated overhead costs would exceed 15% of the entire grant amount or when general ANC expenditure limits are ignored, e.g., a grant may not be used for fundraising, per DC Official Code section 1-309.10(l).

See also *Letter to Schannette Grant, April 14, 2022*, aka "The Seasoned Settlers Opinion," cited above.

### Application Omissions

This grant does not qualify for funding because it fails to present the following:

A public purpose within the Commission area;

The benefit to persons within the Commission area;

Whether or not it is a fundraiser; and,

Estimated overhead costs which would not exceed 15% of the entire grant amount.

### Discussion

The grant must focus on a public purpose in ANC 6E. From the outset, it is obvious from the content of the Application and emails below that the

grant is primarily for the Perry Center and the M Street High School. This is a Perry Center project seeking subsidizing funds from a identifiable partner.

You state, among other things: "We are excited to share our vision for this event, which we believe aligns perfectly with what the OANC and ANC 6E is seeking to support."; "Our proposed project revolves around a celebration event scheduled to take place at the Arena Stage[.]"; "We believe that with your support, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of Ward 6 residents and the broader community."; and, "At least 100 of the 200-400 anticipated audience members will be 6E residents[.]"

There is nothing to suggest in the disclosures above that the grant is primarily for the purposes of the residents of ANC 6E. The "aligned vision," at best, is for less than 50% of ANC 6E residents. The venue is outside of ANC 6E and only about half of ANC 6E residents may be afforded an opportunity to attend if the minimum of 200 persons is actualized. In sum, as declared below, the emphasis is on "Ward 6 residents and the broader community."

It is not clear whether the grant is a fundraiser. My colleague directly queried as to whether the event was a fundraiser. Based upon the reply below, the OANC understands, among other things, that the event will be used "to announce [the] capital campaign to renovate the Perry Center." Yet, there was no direct answer as to whether the "capital campaign" involves any fundraising. FYI, the grant must abide by the limits applicable to ANC expenditures, pursuant to DC Official Code 1-309.10(l) ["No Commission may solicit or receive funds unless specifically authorized to do so by the Council(.)."] Because the OANC did not receive a direct response to the query of whether the grant is for a fundraiser; and, the facts that the grant is part of a "capital campaign" including tickets to an event, the grant appears to be a fundraiser and thus outside of "general ANC expenditure limits."

The overhead costs exceed 15% of the entire grant amount. Pursuant to the Budget below, the requested grant amount to ANC 6E totals

\$10,000.00. Listed thereon for "Staffing and Overhead" is \$2,500.00. That amount equals 25% of the grant request. The \$2,500.00 would exceed the 15% -- \$1500.00 -- allowable for overhead costs in this ANC grant.

## Decision

For the reasons cited, the OANC finds that the grant is not a permissible use of ANC funds.

Sincerely. Kathy.

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**Subject:** Re: Perry School Community Services Center program grant request to ANC 6E

Thanks, Kathy! Please do keep us posted on the OANC's review. We hope to consider the application at the ANC 6E meeting on November 7th, pending the OANC's approval.

Chris

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Thank you for your application and responses to our queries regarding this grant.

Denise Wiktor referred this grant request to me for evaluation and consideration. The OANC intends to provide you and the ANC with a response before the end of the week.

Sincerely. Kathy.

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Dear Denise and ANC 6E Commissioners,

Thank you for your thoughtful questions, and I'm happy to provide you with more information regarding our grant request for the Perry School Community Services Center program.

**How will the tickets for the event be distributed?**

The tickets for the event will be distributed through a combination of methods. We have negotiated a substantial discount with the Arena Stage, and we intend to make these tickets available to the community at a highly reduced rate. At least 100 of the 200-400 anticipated audience members will be 6E residents, including adults and children aged 10-18. Additionally, we plan to secure further donations to provide free tickets for up to 100 residents, ensuring accessibility to as many community members as possible.

**Are tickets free to residents in 6E?**

Yes, we are committed to making a significant number of tickets available to 6E residents for free. We believe in inclusivity and want to ensure that economic constraints do not prevent anyone in our community from participating in this educational and awareness-building event.

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**s this a fundraiser?**

The event is primarily designed for education and awareness

. As it is also a unique opportunity for the Perry Center to raise the visibility of our work and M Street High School, the historic landmark building that we operate and consider ourselves stewards of, At least 100 of the 200-400 anticipated audience members will be 6E residents, including adults and children aged 10-18. As you might imagine a building that opened in 1891 and was renovated in over 100 years later in the 1990's has urgent maintenance needs that need to be addressed and to respond to the changes in our community we feel that creating new, additional community gathering spaces in the building would serve the community well. Our main goal is to share the stories and history of Anna J. Cooper and M Street High School and the trailblazing administrators and faculty who worked there and the students/graduates who attended and went on to become incredible pioneers on behalf of the African American's of their day and to the benefit of all Americans; success will mean that we've sparked an ever-growing interest in their legacy and inspired them to contribute to the community in ways that those M Street pioneers did or might do so today and in the future.

**Who do you expect to be the primary attendees to the event since it is in a different quadrant of the city (SW) than the ANC is located?**

Our outreach strategy is designed to attract a diverse group of attendees, including individuals and families who may be curious about M Street High School and its historical significance. We also anticipate attendees with interests in DC history, black history, and US history. We will engage with leaders from various sectors, including government, the community, business, academia, and the nonprofit sector, to ensure a wide representation of our city's stakeholders.

**How many attendees are you planning for?**

We anticipate an audience of 200 to 400 attendees. This range allows us to accommodate a diverse group of community members while making the event accessible to a wide audience.

**What portion of the budget you submitted are you asking the ANC to underwrite?**

I apologize if the budget in our application was unclear. We are requesting that the ANC underwrite 22% of the total program cost. We have excluded the venue cost and catering from the share requested from the ANC. Here is a breakdown of our budget and the specific amount we are requesting:

| Budget               |          | ANC 6E Share Requested |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Venue Cost:          | \$10,000 |                        |
| Catering:            | \$15,000 |                        |
| Marketing Materials: | \$5,000  | \$2,500                |
|                      |          |                        |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Event Promotion:                                                                                                              | \$5,000         | <b>\$2,500</b>  |
| Miscellaneous: event decoration and supplies, photography and video, AV equipment & tech support, transportation, contingency | \$5,000         | <b>\$2,500</b>  |
| Staffing and Overhead:                                                                                                        | \$5,000         | <b>\$2,500</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total Estimated Expenses:</b>                                                                                        | <b>\$45,000</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |

Thank you for considering our grant request, and we look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how this event will benefit our community.

Sincerely,  
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Ms. Rose,

Thank you for your submission. After reading the application I had a few questions that would be helpful in evaluating the grant request before the ANC decides or has an opportunity to vote on it.

How will the tickets for the event be distributed?

Are tickets free to residents in 6E?

Is this a fundraiser?

Who do you expect the primary attendees to the event since it is in a different quadrant of the city (SW) than the ANC is located.

How many attendees are you planning for.

Finally, what portion of the budget you submitted are you asking the ANC to underwrite?

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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I am writing to you all to formally submit a grant proposal for our project, "Honoring Legacy. Growing Community. Building Futures. Together," on behalf of the Perry School Community Services Center. We are excited to share our vision for this event, which we believe aligns perfectly with what the OANC and ANC 6E is seeking to support. Just a note, I have included our budget and the share we are requesting from ANC 6E on page 11 of the attached grant proposal.

Our proposed project revolves around a celebration event scheduled to take place at the Arena Stage in late February 2024, coinciding with the premiere of the play "Tempestuous Elements." This play delves into an important story of one of the principals, Anna J. Cooper, of M Street High School. The Perry School Community Services Center is proud to be the current occupant and we consider ourselves fortunate to have the opportunity to share the legacy that the historic landmark building that once housed, a significant institution in the context of African American education in the United States.

Our core objectives of our project are twofold:

To share the often-overlooked and powerful stories of M Street High School's faculty, alumni, and administrators while highlighting the transformation of the historic building into the Perry School Community Services Center. Through this, we aim to educate and inspire not only ANC 6E and Ward 6 residents but also the broader community of students, educators, policymakers, business, and community leaders. By doing so, we hope to promote awareness of M Street's rich history, the legacy of its pioneers, and the ongoing work of the Perry School and its nonprofit tenants.

In celebrating these pioneers, we hope to instill a sense of pride and aspiration among residents. Additionally, we aim to raise the visibility of the ongoing and future work of the Perry School Community Services Center and its nonprofit tenants, who are dedicated to serving and enriching the local community within the historic M Street High School building.

In essence, our project represents a unique opportunity to pay tribute to a rich heritage, educate, inspire, and strengthen the sense of community in the ANC. Moreover, it highlights the present and future contributions of the Perry School and its partners within the historic landmark.

We are committed to achieving the best outcomes for our community as we know are the commissioners of ANC 6E. We believe that with your support, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of Ward 6 residents and the broader community. We are open to discussing any questions or providing additional information as needed to ensure a clear understanding of our proposal.

Thank you for considering our grant application. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to bring this important project to life.

Best regards,

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