**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A**

**Grant Request Application Form**

## 1. Date of Application 2. Date of Project or Activity

4/14/14 ongoing

**3. Applicant Organization Name and Address 4. EIN (Tax ID number)++**

Eliot-Hine Parent Teacher Organization 46-3739410

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**5. Contact Name 6. Title**

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**11. Brief Description of Proposed Project/Activity**

Four picnic tables for outdoor classroom at Eliot-Hine Middle School.

# 12. Projected Total Cost 13. Amount Requested

$400 $300

**14. Other Sources of Funding (be specific, provide names)**

Additional funding will be sought from the PTO general fund and other grant making organizations such as the Capitol Hill Community Foundation or three tables instead of the desired four will be purchased.

**15. Statement of Benefit (detailed description of project or activity, who will benefit and in what way)**

Students of Eliot-Hine. Eliot-Hine is located in ANC 6A, is in-boundary to a large portion of ANC 6A. Many ANC 6A children attend already and it is hoped that programs and amenities such as this, even more neighborhood families will be attracted to the school. (Additional detail attached.)

**Project Description:**

Eliot-Hine Middle School is in its candidacy of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP - www.ibo.org/myp). A goal of IBMYP is to teach students the fundamental concept of developing what they see into questions and answers of why and how – why does it work that way and how could we change the outcome, why did the author have that happen, how can we solve this differently? This year has been the pilot of IBMYP and the response from the Eliot-Hine teachers and students has been extremely positive. Education through the IB framework is a skill – a wholly different way of teaching and learning than the District is accustomed to.

Part of the science curriculum brings in Living Classrooms as a teaching partner. Students learn outdoor skills such as map reading and compass navigation, in addition to learning about environmental stewardship, especially pertaining to the Anacostia River. Eliot-Hine has received a grant for an outdoor greening and stormwater runoff mitigation project, working with Living Classrooms and the Anacostia Watershed Society. We would like to bring classroom learning outside with a space for students to sit and write in the outdoor classroom space on the 17th Street side of the school.

You will see in the garden plans that there is a designated space for picnic tables. There are approximately 20 - 24 students in each class, and each table will seat 6 students. Tables will be behind a locked fence when not in use.

**Project Background:**

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**Project Proposal:**

Materials will be purchased locally.

**Project Goals:**

To foster study of life science while being a welcoming and interesting focal point for Eliot-Hine.

**Project Benefits:**

Teachers and students will have access to the outdoor classroom that will allow them to explore a multitude of standards based concepts from physical science concepts or environmental stewardship.

**Timeline:**

Items would be purchased before April 26, when HandsOn DC will be at Eliot-Hine for a large-scale schoolyard greening project. There is already a commitment by them to assemble the tables for immediate use.

**Partner:**

HandsOn DC, DDOE, AWS, and Living Classrooms

**Publicity:**

Eliot-Hine has a website, a Facebook page, and participates monthly in the Hill Rag School Notes. The grant would be publicized, giving credit to the ANC.

**Additional info:**

Inquiry-based learning is taking the forefront of education reform. It is central to 21st century skills and allowing children to learn in ways that interest them and meet them where they are. Children have the opportunity to explore concepts and be guide.

**Grant amount requested**: $300 (total needed, $400)

**Grant Usage**

The funds from ANC6A will be used to purchase the picnic tables. Additional funding will be sought from the PTO general fund and other grant making organizations such as the Capitol Hill Community Foundation. Ongoing maintenance, such as sealing, will periodically be done by parent volunteers.

Eliot-Hine Middle School is a DC Public School within the boundaries of ANC6A. A significant number of students live in ANC 6A and we hope to attract more by improving our offerings and facilities – including bolstering our IBMYP candidacy. Our staff and students will greatly benefit from an outdoor classroom space as another dimension of study, as well as pride in taking care of the fish in what will be a focal point of the school.

An investment in children’s education will not only benefit them but the entire community in which they live, improving our economics, public safety and intangible quality of life issues. Also, having a high-functioning middle-school helps attract families who can contribute in other ways to a vibrant community.

The DCPS budget does not allow for purchase of tables for outdoor classroom space, and therefore is not duplicative of DC Government funding.

**Budget:**

**4 Picnic tables @ approx. $100 each = $400**

28”x 72” picnic tables are available from Home Depot for $98, and no tax as E-H PTO operates as a 501(c)(3). These or similar tables would be purchased.



