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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Grant Request Application Form**

Grant 06-FY05
Approved 7/14/05

1. DATE OF APPLICATION

06/07/05

2. DATE OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

08/29/05

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS

SPINGARN PTSA 2500 Benning Road N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

4. CONTACT NAME

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10. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY

The Spingarn Senior High School PTSA would like to request a grant in the amount of \$508.00 to purchase 40 pom-poms (20 pairs) for the cheerleaders. The squad varies in numbers from football season to basketball season due to the fall in their grades. The exact number of cheerleaders can't be determine just yet but we have had as many as 20 on the squad.

11. PROJECTED TOTAL COST

\$508.00

12. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$508.00

13. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BE SPECIFIC, PROVIDE NAMES)

- The PTSA at Spingarn has provided transportation as well as laundering for the young ladies uniforms.
- Ivan Brown Realty has provided the young ladies with a donation to assist on a future trip to a Cheerleading camp.
- GoodBooks Foundation has provided the young ladies with a donation to assist on their future trip to Cheerleading Camp.
- Emanuel Baptist church has provided them girls with a donation for assistance with a future trip to a cheerleading camp.

14. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, WHO WILL BENEFIT AND IN WHAT WAY)

The school will benefit from the cheerleaders being able to have all of their equipment at their designated activities as well being able to perform all of their routines that require pom-poms. Being able to use pom-poms at the games and the competitions will allow the girls to be more creative with their routine. A substantial portion of ANC 6A is in-boundary for Spingarn and many of the cheerleaders live there.

THE PTSA PROPOSAL
FOR
SPINGARN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Spingarn Senior High School is a thriving school with lots of potentials. It has come to my attention as the PTSA President/Cheerleading coach that there was a lot to be done if I wanted to see the children at Spingarn thrive. Having been put into both positions I pride myself on being able to hold down two positions that require lots of attention. I speak of behalf of both the PTSA President and the Cheerleader Coach. Our girls have been lacking for as long as I can remember when it comes to being fully equipped as a Cheerleader. I decided that if there was to be a change I suppose I would be the one to do it. I have watched the young ladies perform for the last three years and I see nothing but improvement on their part. That alone has given me more of an incentive to go out and get whatever I can get for them.

During the past three years, I have been afforded the opportunity to coach the Spingarn Greenwave Cheerleaders. Since I have been the coach the cheerleaders have participated in the DCIAA Citywide Competition each year. The results were as follows:

- 4th Place in 2005
- 5th Place in 2004
- 5th Place in 2003

The Cheerleaders are actively involved in the community. They do outreach for churches and other civic organizations. They were just recently asked to participate in the International Franchise Expo at the Convention Center.

It is the goal of Spingarn Senior High School and the community to see the cheerleaders move to the national level. This summer we will be taking the cheerleaders to Louisiana State University (LSU) Campus to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Cheerleader Camp. It is our belief that their exposure will continue to build their self-esteem while motivating them to build upon what they have already begun. Building character in our youth means encouraging them to reach out for what's already in them, Courage, Concern, Integrity, Curiosity and number one Leadership. This camp is designed to help the Cheerleaders learn how to be proven leaders and teach them the importance of teamwork. Cheerleaders are considered to be leaders in their school. They will learn more about themselves through their challenges at the camp, including taking risks, which will allow them to grow.

State and Federal budget cuts have been drastically reduced to the schools. These cuts have directly affected our schools athletic budget, including our ability to provide proper uniforms. This frustrates the situation even further. The cheerleaders are almost always affected, which means we are forced to work with very limited resources. It is a proven fact that uniformity brings about conformity.

Having said all of that, I can truly say that's why I would like to see if we can purchase some pom-poms for the young ladies to continuing making them feel they are just as important as the next person. I believe that once they have in their possession their pom-poms and are working on a routine that requires the use of the pom poms it will bring about more change in their attitude just knowing that someone cared enough to see to it that they can now complete their routines. Having pom-poms in your routines can allow your performance to take on a unique look which will capture the audience attention. I

find the dedication to the cheerleaders and the school inspiring and I believe that you will find my work as their Coach and PTSA President to be an essential component to building that character development needed in our youth today.

It is my prayer that you will find this request for a grant in the amount of \$508.00 to purchase 40 pom-poms (20 pairs) as important to you all as it is to me. I am sure the young ladies will not take this lightly having had someone interested in them enough to make sure that they are fully equipped. I have found out it's not the big things that people do for others that matters; it's the it'sy bitsy things that touch the heart.

I hope that you will become part of this exciting event for the betterment of our school. It is the generous support of people like you that help our school run more efficiently. We invite you all to our competitions, games and our bi-monthly PTSA meetings. Again, thank you for all that you would like to do and for whatever you have done for us in the past. We look forward to many years of working together with you.

Respectfully submitted by Rosalind Lyle, PTSA President/Cheerleader Coach

BUDGET

Heavy-weight Pom-poms	40 QTY	@11.95 EACH	= \$478.00
Shipping and Handling			30.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$508.00</u>	