

Agenda  
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC)  
Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 pm  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**Call-in Number: - +1 301 715 8592**  
**Meeting number (access code): 969 1052 0902**  
**For those attending via Zoom: use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/96910520902>**

- 7:00 pm Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
- 7:02 pm Welcome/Introductions
- 7:05 pm Hannah Jacobson Blumenfeld, Serve Your City on behalf of Ward 6 Mutual Aid
- 7:20 pm HIPS Presentation by Cyndee Clay, Shakita Chapman, and Tamika Spellman
- 7:35 pm Community Comments
- 8:00 pm Adjourn

This meeting is open to the public and all are invited and welcome.

For more information about the COC and the grant application process, please contact Veronica Hollmon at [roni2865@aol.com](mailto:roni2865@aol.com) or at 202-607-9106.

The next regular meeting of the Community Outreach Committee is  
March 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm.



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

1. Date of Application Activity	2. Date of Project or Activity
February/ 19/ 2021	Now – August 2021

3. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS ++	4. EIN (TAX ID NUMBER)
Serve Your City 732 15th Street SE Washington DC 20003	80-0753615

5. CONTACT NAME	6. TITLE
Maurice Cook	Executive Director

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(202 ) 341-1732	( ) -

10. E-mail Address
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<b>11. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY – DETAILED INFORMATION ON SEPARATE PAGE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b>
SYC is respectfully requesting funding for the Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network. This network is a grassroots, collaborative effort that was created during the COVID-19 public health crisis to safely support our most vulnerable neighbors, who are disproportionately African Americans, People of Color, and those who have recently immigrated to the United States. Funding will be used to: 1. provide mutual aid to residents through food and supply distribution, 2. print culturally-sensitive public health materials, 3. purchase disposable masks and cloth mask making supplies, 4. purchase and distribute educational materials to students.

12. Projected Total Cost	13. Amount Requested
\$ 208,180	\$3,000

<b>14. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING (BRIEF) – DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIRED ON SEPARATE PAGE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b>
Capitol Hill Community Foundation, \$30,000 Individual Donations, \$30,000 In-Kind Contributions (volunteers) \$94,680

Other In-Kind Donations (devices, supplies, food) \$21,000 ANC6C- \$3,000 ANC6B - \$15,000
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**15. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT (BRIEF DESCRIPTION) – DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIRED ON SEPARATE PAGE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

Through the #DCMutualAidNetwork, SYC is providing trauma-informed community care to meet residents' most basic needs for food and supplies; has created a public health campaign to educate residents about COVID-19, with the theme of "We Keep Us Safe;" and is providing mentoring and devices for students who are now engaging with school through distance learning. The immediate goal of the #DCMutualAidNetwork is to serve at least 80% of Ward 6's families below the poverty line through mutual aid, to provide health education to at least 60 percent of these families, and to match at least 75 middle and high school students with mentors.

**Project Description and Goals**

**About the Mutual Aid Network:**

The Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network is a grassroots, collaborative effort that was created during the COVID-19 public health crisis to safely support our most vulnerable neighbors, who are disproportionately African Americans, People of Color, and those who have recently immigrated to the United States.

We know that in addition to health concerns, many of our neighbors, especially People of Color, the elderly, and people living in public housing, face additional challenges due to historic and structural oppression. Many of our neighbors have limited to no access to basic supplies such as food, water, PPE and other necessities. Students do not have the devices or internet service required for their learning, which is both an education and safety concern. The City government has offered what it can for these issues, but it is clear that a community level response is needed for as many community members as possible to be able to survive this crisis.

To help mitigate the devastating impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Serve Your City (SYC) has created Mutual Aid Network in partnership with over 78 grassroots, community organizations led by marginalized people, including [Momma's Safe Haven](#), the [TraRon Center](#), [Brothas Huddle](#), and [Capitol Hill Arts Workshop](#). You can find our full list of partners on our [website](#).

**Why The Mutual Aid Network is Unique:**

The Mutual Aid Network model is unique in its trauma-informed approach that is responsive to the needs of communities of color. This program, created by SYC's Executive Director, Maurice Cook, is being implemented in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. The processes set in place ensures that only known community members distribute supplies within a community.

We believe that the Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network provides a unique service to our community because we are not driven to drop in to Ward 6 and “solve a problem” like many non-profit charities; we are driven to adapt and holistically respond to the needs of the community we work with and are a part of, and we intend to do so as long as we are needed.

### **What We Do:**

Serve Your City is requesting funding for the Ward 6 Hub of the #DCMutualAidNetwork to support residents of the ANC6A Neighborhoods. Through the #DCMutualAidNetwork, SYC is providing trauma-informed community care to meet residents’ most basic needs for food and supplies; has created a public health campaign to educate residents about COVID-19, with the theme of “We Keep Us Safe;” and is providing mentoring, devices, and hotspots with internet access for students who are still engaging with school through distance learning.

The Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network proposes to:

1. Continue to stock our pod in ANC 6A at Mount Moriah Baptist Church. This pod storage location is a central distribution point for food, masks (disposable and cloth), and public health information to support the elderly, unhoused, and other vulnerable populations living in ANC 6A. We will use these funds to purchase inventory of groceries and supplies at this location.
2. Purchase and distribute educational materials, hotspot devices and Chromebook to DC Public School students to ensure that students are able to maintain their studies as distance learning continues. Citywide, SYC has distributed over 900 devices, and still receives requests for devices and hotspots daily. Not all students in DC are able to access technology and Wi-Fi to maintain their studies. Ensuring that all students can be connected to their schools is essential to mitigate the rising opportunity gap seen in the DC school system. Furthermore, schools are critical socio-emotional resource hubs for students and families, which will be even more essential given the trauma associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Many Ward 6 students will be required to engage in summer school over the coming weeks.
3. Support the training and placement of tutors for students in ANC6A.
4. Print an additional 1,000 culturally informed public health flyers providing important information to members of the population vulnerable to COVID-19, including culturally-sensitive information about the vaccine.

### **Statement of Benefit**

#### **Key Statistics / Metrics of Success:**

- The Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network is 100% volunteer created, led, and organized.
  - ~ 20 volunteers are considered Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network Admin
  - 180 volunteers have been on-boarded and are involved with the network
- The Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network has a request/needs hotline (9:00am-7:00pm daily).
  - W6 Mutual Aid Network is receiving over 100 calls per week
  - 90% of hotline hours are covered by volunteers from the Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network



- The Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network has distributed food and supplies to community members throughout our Ward 6 community. To date we have:
  - Collected and Distributed over **\$75,000** in groceries and supplies
  - Provided health education to over **5,000 community members including** masks and instruction on their use, and safe handling of supply instruction. We have printed and distributed over **10,000 fliers** relaying crucial public health information to vulnerable populations through our We Keep Us Safe Public Health Campaign. Created by volunteer public health experts, these fliers help to keep vulnerable neighbors in Ward 6 safe by providing them with resources on how to avoid COVID-19 and what to do if they contract COVID-19. We have also spoken with media partners (podcast, radio, print) to spread awareness.
  - Established multiple “pod” locations throughout Ward-6 including one at Faith Tabernacle Church which serves as donation collection hub.
- The Ward-6 Mutual Aid Network has worked to close the digital divide by providing digital devices to students in DC.
  - Collected, refurbished and distributed over **900 and hotspots laptops** to students.
  - Connected **180 college or recently graduated students** with **130 students/families** to provide academic tutoring support.

The immediate goal of the #DCMutualAidNetwork is to serve at least 80% of Ward 6's families below the poverty line through mutual aid, to provide health education to at least 75 percent of these families, and to match at least 200 middle and high school students with mentors.

### **Timeline**

**March 1 – April 15:** Replenish our inventory of groceries, sanitization supplies, and other household supplies such as diapers. Purchase mask making materials to create masks for vulnerable members of ANC 6A. Purchase disposable masks for those experiencing homelessness who may not be able to maintain a clean reusable mask. Print Public health flyers.

**March 15 – as long as needed:** Purchase and distribute educational materials, hotspot devices and Chromebooks to DC Public School students to ensure that students are able to maintain their studies. Even 1 year into this pandemic, not all students in DC are able to access technology and Wi-Fi to maintain their studies, many homes do not have enough devices per student, causing students to have to share devices and lengthen the school day for a family unit. Many Ward 6 students will also be required to engage in summer school. Continue to match students with mentors and provide co-curricular programs to students.

**March 1 - as long as needed:** Provide mutual aid to residents through food and supply drop off, community tables, public health education, and by providing support for students.

### **Description of the Requesting Organization:**

Serve Your City's mission is to provide life-changing experiences and opportunities for under-resourced Washington, D.C. students. When not faced with a global pandemic, it aims to ensure Black and Brown students receive the same opportunities their White

counterparts receive, addressing health and economic disparities. Now in its eighth year, SYC has served more than 600 students. The organization's programs include: 1) tutoring and college preparatory workshops; 2) the only majority Black youth rowing crew in Washington D.C.; 3) yoga developed for youth of color; 4) water sports, including swimming lessons, snorkeling, and SCUBA diving instruction; and 5) financial literacy workshops.

SYC has suspended our spring classes; instead, we are serving our city by acting as lead organizer for the #DCMutualAidNetwork and as the Ward 6 hub for #DCMutualAid.

Serve Your City's Executive Director is Maurice Cook, [mcook.serveyourcity@gmail.com](mailto:mcook.serveyourcity@gmail.com), 202-341-1732.

### **ANC6 Budget (Narrative and Table)**

Item	Cost
Pod Supplies (groceries, sanitization supplies, masks, and other household supplies to re-stock inventory )	~\$750
Student Supports for Distance Learning (physical materials, hotspot devices, Chromebooks)	~ \$1,000
Train and onboard tutors for tutoring program, support vans for co-curricular activities for 6A students.	~\$750
Public Health Flyer/Info Printing (2000 Copies)	~ \$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3000</b>
<b>#DCMUTUALAID WARD 6 BUDGET</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Space</b>	Ward 6 hub space donation Valued @ 1,000 dollars per month for 6 months <b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	Valued at 39.45 per hour. 400 volunteer hours per month in Ward 6, for 6 months. <b>\$ 94,680.00</b>
<b>Supply Donations</b>	1,000 dollars of donations per month in Ward 6 for 6 months <b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Donations of Educational Devices</b>	Donations of laptops and tablets for students who do not have access to such devices. Valued at 400 dollars per device. <b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
<b>Individual Donations</b>	Donations collected to-date <b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>	Grants collected to-date <b>\$45,300</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 196,980.00</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ 208,180.00</b>
<b>Amount to Be Raised</b>	<b>11,200</b>

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Executive Director	Provides oversight and management. 50% of 60,000 salary	\$ 30,000.00
Fringe Benefits	Health insurance and benefits, 25% of salary	\$ 7,500.00
Student Educational Devices	Laptops and tablets for students who do not have access to such devices. 400 dollars per student will serve 100 students.	\$ 40,000.00
Mentor Coordinator	Stipend for individual coordinating and matching mentors	\$ 3,000.00
Training Coordinator	Stipend for individual organizing volunteer training	\$ 3,000.00
Volunteer Development and Appreciation	Ongoing development for volunteers (books, additional training sessions) as well as budget for appreciation such as cards or gifts.	\$ 2,000.00
Space	Ward 6 Hub space donation valued @ 1,000 dollars per month for 6 months	\$ 6,000.00
Supplies	Food/cleaning and household supplies not covered by donations	\$ 10,000.00
Office supplies and technology	printing, pens, paper, Zoom account	\$ 2,500.00
Program Evaluation	Program evaluation development. Data collection and analysis.	\$ 2,500.00
Volunteers	Valued at 39.45 per hour. 400 volunteer hours per month in Ward 6, for 6 months.	\$ 94,680.00
<b>EXPENSE SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 198,180.00</b>
Overhead	Insurance, website management, grant writing, communications	\$ 10,000.00
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 208,180.00</b>