



Morningside Heights Community Fund (MHCF)

Summary of Round Three Grants

November 2021

The Morningside Heights Community Fund (MHCF) reviewed thirty-three proposals received in response to our August 4, 2021 Request for Proposals.

Below is a list of the groups that were recommending for funding by the New York Community Trust; the amount of the recommended grant; and a brief description of their funded work.

Arts & Minds

\$5000

Seniors, Arts, Public Health

<https://artsandminds.org/>

Arts & Minds will use its grant to work with dementia patients in Morningside Heights and West Harlem, making use of art to build community and help participants overcome pandemic-related social isolation.

Dances for a Variable Population

\$7500 Seniors, People with Disabilities

<https://www.dvpnyc.org/>

Dances for a Variable Population will use its grant to conduct dance classes for seniors and people with disabilities of all ages in Morningside Heights and West Harlem to improve physical, mental and emotional health during the pandemic.

Friends of the Children NY \$10,000 Reentry, Family Services
<https://friendsnewyork.org/>

Friends of the Children NY will use its grant to provide intensive mentoring to children and support to their families, focusing on families in Morningside Heights and West Harlem affected by the prison and foster care systems.

Harlem Advocates for Seniors \$5000 Seniors, Advocacy
<https://www.facebook.com/HAS-Harlem-Advocates-for-Seniors-417764812000795/>

Harlem Advocates for Seniors will use its grant to work at senior centers in West Harlem, presenting programs, including civic education, improving digital competence and public health education regarding vaccinations.

HYPOTHEKids \$ 7500 Children
<https://www.hypothekids.org/>

HYPOTHEKids will use its grant to expand its STEAM education services to additional young people in Morningside Heights and West Harlem.

Life Force in Later Years (LiLY) \$10,000 Seniors
<https://lifeforce-in-later-years.org/>

LiLY will use its grant serves seniors by assessing and problem-solving around the individual needs of seniors, matching volunteers with seniors, and convening groups of seniors to overcome social isolation.

Morningside Heights Historic District Committee (MHHDC) \$10,000 Historic Preservation
<https://historicmorningsideheights.nyc/>

MHHDC will use its grant to further survey and advocate for expansion of the historic district in Morningside Heights.

Morningside Retirement and Health Services (MRHS) \$5000 Seniors, Health
<https://www.mrhsny.org/>

MRHS will use its grant to provide case management and health services to the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community in Morningside Gardens.

Riverside Language Program
<https://www.riversidelanguage.org/>

\$5000 Immigrant Services

Riverside Language Program will use its grant to provide various services to immigrant essential workers in Morningside Heights, including English language instruction, civic education, emergency rent assistance and digital literacy.

Uptown Inner City League
<https://www.facebook.com/UptownInnerCityLeague/>

\$5000 Youth Services

Uptown Inner City League will use its grant to provide a safe haven to young people through participation in various sports activities.

We Are Not Afraid Community Resource Center (St Mary's Episcopal Church)

\$10,000 Food, Homeless Services

<https://stmarysharlem.org/>

We Are Not Afraid Community Resource Center will use its grant to support its food program and other services for homeless families

WE ACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
<https://www.weact.org/>

\$10,000 Civic Education

WE ACT will use its grant to provide civic education and voter outreach to residents of Grant Houses in Morningside Heights.

West 111th Street People's Garden
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1945498612393720/>

\$10,000 Community Garden

West 111th Street People's Garden will use its grant to build a gazebo for community activities and as a gathering place for neighborhood residents.

Total

\$ 100,000