

Project Narrative - anc1D 2008 Small Grants



Title: In 15 words or less, give a title that describes the project's main beneficial result.

This project will be a mechanism to inform and expand outreach around an important civic project – the renovation of the acclaimed Mount Pleasant Library.

Narrative: 500 words or less, all on this page. Label paragraphs - A: Group. B: Project. C: Benefits. D: Leverage.

A. Group

The Mount Pleasant Library Study Group (MtPLSG) will bring together a diverse group of Mount Pleasant residents affected by the transformation of the Mount Pleasant Library.

The mission of the MtPLSG is to promote the public interest in the Mount Pleasant Public Library and ensure adequate community oversight of the proposed transformation of the Mount Pleasant Public Library, located in Ward 1.

The Library Study Group will research and disseminate information, as well as convene meetings to foster community consultation, discuss findings, identify concerns, and take action as participants so direct. It will act as a complement to the apolitical Mount Pleasant Library Friends.

B. Project

This project, The Mount Pleasant Library Transformation & Information Teach-Ins, will act as another mechanism to inform and expand outreach around the renovation and transformation of the acclaimed Mount Pleasant Library.

This grant will help the MtPLSG utilize local Mount Pleasant organizations and businesses as learning centers. The project calls for at least two and up to four teach-ins. Teach-ins are public meetings and discussion circles facilitated by the MtPLSG about the Mount Pleasant Library transformation process.

Organizations such as Neighbors Consejo, local churches, and local restaurants can serve as the forums to transparently explore the Mount Pleasant library transformation facilitated with the help of Mount Pleasant Library advocates.

C. Benefits

Currently DCPL leadership is working inside an executive vacuum making insular decisions with little direction and suggestion from the Greater Mount Pleasant residents – even tenants living in adjacent buildings have not been notified about the transformation plans or meetings. It's time to open the process to invite and receive valuable suggestions and energy from valuable Mount Pleasant residents.

Plus local organizations, such as Neighbors Consejo, can include this project in their list of partnerships and, if requested, receive a monetary donation, albeit small, for their services. Local restaurants will appreciate the crowd that these meetings will draw and residents who join the cause will get the chance to learn some new skills such as public meeting preparation, facilitation, and speaking.

D. Leverage

The volunteer hours put into this project will ultimately help us build the best library possible and thus help bring about better life outcomes for Mount Pleasant residents. On a quicker note, Mount Pleasant residents will undoubtedly network with more people and organizations -- bringing more people together for a worthy civic project, the transformation of the Mount Pleasant Library.