

Project Narrative – anc1D 2008 Small Grants **anc1D** mount pleasant, dc

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

AMP Policing Workgroup and PSA 301 for Improved Policing and Crime Reporting

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

A: Group: All-Ways Mt. Pleasant Policing Workgroup

B: Project.

AMP Policing Workgroup Collaborates with PSA 301 for Improved Policing and Crime Reporting

Our members would like a reinstallation of the Apartment Risk List Program, and a return to patrolling around apartment buildings, in order to deal with the problems of gangs, including tagging buildings with graffiti, drug dealing, and assaults. We have found that in order to enact changes in community policing, we must prepare for a sustained effort with carefully planned meetings, experts, documentation and research. An ANC 1D grant could help pay for space rental, if needed, honorarium, printing, and fees we may need to pay to an independent contractor for research.

The Apartment Risk List program, co-sponsored by AMP and MPD, when under the thoughtful development of Sergeant Steven Gauck, was tremendously effective in terms of driving out the gangs, drug dealers, and other criminal elements. We intend to work with existing and newly formed Building Associations to continually update and prioritize the risk list. We would like to also work with the police to statistically adjust, including update statistics with neighborhood information, to form a more realistic model of crime in the neighborhood. Typically poorer areas of the city tend to under-report crime.

C: Benefits.

Residents reported a greatly increased sense of safety and working channels of communication while the large apartment areas were patrolled. Extensions of this program went towards breaking up hot-spots, such as the crime and drug market in Marconi Park. Residents reported more ease in entering their buildings without confrontations from strangers who attempted to force their way in. AMP already has impacted lives of 10,000 people in apartment buildings, mostly in but some around Mount Pleasant. These new methods could double or triple our impact on this already large population.

D: Leverage.

We have heard interest from ANC Commissioners and activists in Columbia Heights and Shaw about our programs. Our first trial with the Risk List forced DCRA and MPD to collaborate and condemned a drug infested building on Newton Street which has been renovated into the Overlook Condominiums.

CM Mendelson in his work with Policing and Judiciary has challenged MPD to respond to our challenge that MPD is not doing enough to patrol in densely areas of the city where most of the population resides. Some high ranking police officials are now listening and promoting our ideas. If this program could get off the ground, we may be able to make changes in legislation and policing policy that could improve quality of life for hundreds of thousands of the residents of the District of Columbia.