

Grants & Rebates Committee
Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 – 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Elaine Coorens (Voting Member,) Marcy Huttas (Chair)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Community Grants

Motion 1: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.02 (Special Events)** for WPBCC's Wicker Park Fest to assist in funding marketing expenses. (25-0601)

Discussion: AH confirmed that this Community Grant has recurrently been taken from the Special Events line item, as opposed to the Community Grants line item.

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for Bucktown Community Organization's Garden Walk to assist in funding artist stipends and marketing expenses. (25-0602)

Discussion: MH anticipated that the Commission will question how much of this event takes place within the SSA's boundaries.

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for Round Two's Back to School Drive to assist in funding marketing, supplies, and stipend expenses. (25-0603)

Discussion: AH confirmed that this new applicant will market the event to the entire community.

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Recommendation passes.***

Updates

- EC mentioned a need to build a comprehensive database of all businesses in the community and the owners' contact information. AH and LS discussed Lindsay's new role in collecting that data, and LS will check the bandwidth of the Chamber's website to house that database.

Next Meeting - TBD