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RESOLUTION: #1E-202605-02
INTRODUCED: MAY 20, 2026
SPONSOR(S): JACOBSON (1E06)
LATEST ACTION: **ADOPTED** (05/27/2026)

RESOLUTION

*To approve the grant application for Lower Georgia Avenue
Main Street's Chili Cook-off*

On May 20, 2026, Commissioner Josh Jacobson (1E06) introduced the following administrative resolution for consideration by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E:

WHEREAS, Lower Georgia Ave Main Street has submitted a sponsorship application for the Chili Cook-off Event to take place later in 2026; and

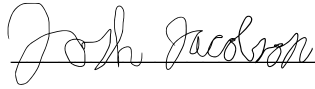
WHEREAS, The Office of the ANC (OANC) reviewed the application and budget, and on March 26, 2026 found that the \$2,500 allocated is a permissible expenditure of ANC monies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E approves Lower Georgia Ave Main Street application and authorizes \$2,500 for a grant for the Chili Cook-off event; further

RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioner Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

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CERTIFIED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E, on May 27, 2026, at a properly noticed regular meeting of the Commission, with a quorum present, adopted this resolution by unanimous consent.



COMMISSIONER JOSH JACOBSON
CHAIR, ANC 1E



COMMISSIONER BRAD HOWARD
SECRETARY, ANC 1E

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1E
#1E-202605-04 GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOWER GEORGIA AVE MAIN STREETS CHILI COOK-OFF

RECORD MATERIALS

#1E-202605-04 GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOWER GEORGIA AVE MAIN
STREETS CHILI COOK-OFF



Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions

Primary source of advice for Commissioners

Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Instructions and Application Form

ANC Grants Overview

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) are hyperlocal bodies composed of elected officials whose primary role is to consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting their neighborhoods. These include traffic, parking, recreation, street improvements, liquor licenses, zoning, economic development, police protection, sanitation and trash collection and the District's annual budget.

Each Commission receives an annual allocation of funds which they may expend “for public purposes within the Commission area or for the functioning of the Commission office, including staff salaries, Commissioner training, property liability insurance, legal expenses for Commission representation by an attorney licensed in the District before an agency, board, or commission of the District government, and nominal refreshments at Commission meetings.”¹ Commissions may expend their funds both directly and indirectly through a community organization, and some have chosen to do so through sponsorships and grants. Regardless of the method or terminology used, the permissible use requirements for ANC funds remain the same.

While the primary function of ANCs is not the issuance of grants, their “expenditures may be in the form of grants . . . for public purposes within the[ir] Commission area.”² Whether through a grant, sponsorship, or any other process, ANC expenditures are limited to the two areas defined in the D.C. Code and the same basic tenets applicable to the more traditional grant process.

While ANCs are not required to give community grants, the D.C. Official Code states that ANC “expenditures may be in the form of grants . . . for public purposes within the[ir] Commission area.”³ The basic rule that applies is that such grants cannot be used for the general support of organizations requesting grants. Most importantly, the funds must promote a **public purpose** “benefit[ing] persons who reside or work within the Commission area.”⁴ The law defines public

¹ See: D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(l)(1)

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(m)(1)

purpose as one “that benefits the community⁵ as a whole and is not done for the primary purpose of benefitting a private entity.”⁶

Please review OANC General Guidance No. 2023-006 “Advisory Neighborhood Commission Guidance on Grants, Sponsorships, & Spending for Public Purposes” on the OANC Website for additional information related to permissible uses of ANC Grant funding.

Instructions & Guidelines

- Fill out the application form beginning on page 4 in its entirety. The absence of information will delay review and processing of an application and may result in a rejection of the application.
- Only organizations may make grant requests. The organization must propose to provide services, public in nature, that will primarily benefit persons who reside or work within the granting ANC area. However, the services may not duplicate those already performed by the District government or within the authority of the District government to perform.
- The completed application must be submitted to the ANC and to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) at oancs@dc.gov.⁷ Failure to submit a copy of the application to the OANC will delay review of the application and may result in disapproval of the application.
- The completed application must include the following information by law:
 1. A description of the proposed project for which the grant is requested;
 2. A statement of expected public benefits (please clearly communicate how the funding will primarily benefit the people who live and work in the ANC area issuing the grant);
 3. The total cost of the proposed project, including other sources of funding, if any, with a description of what the expenditures the ANC money will be used for; and,
 4. An accounting by the grantees of the expected overhead costs the grantees will incur in carrying out the grant. No ANC shall provide a grant for which the grantee estimates that the overhead costs would exceed 15% of the entire grant amount.
- Applicants must provide a detailed budget of their project or program clearly identifying how ANC funding will be used.
- The ANC may not award a grant except pursuant to a majority vote of the ANC at a public meeting following a public presentation of the grant request.

⁵ "Community" means those residents who reside within a Commission area. D.C. Official Code § 1-309.01(2)(c)(2B)

⁶ D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(m)(2)

⁷ See: D.C. Official Code § 1-309.13(m)(2)

- Payment of grant awards must be supported by documentation, including vouchers, grant request letter or proposal, paid receipts, and minutes of the meeting in which the Commission approved the grant.
- All funds granted must be used in a manner consistent with the grant application approved by the Commission. Within 60 days after a grantee receives the grant award, and every 90 days thereafter during the life of the grant, the grantee must forward to the Commission a statement as to the use of the funds.

NOTE: The OANC is required to maintain a list of prohibited grantees and may disallow grant expenditures by ANC's which provide grants to any past grant recipient on the list that used grant funds contrary to the associated grant agreement!

Examples of Grants That Are Allowed

To Neighborhood civic associations or non-profit organizations, for projects or activities of a public nature that primarily benefit the Commission area.

To Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), Charter Schools, or private institutions for community events.

Examples of Grants That Are Prohibited

Awards for non-public purposes or where services are provided for personal gain.

Awards to an agency or program funded by the District government or duplicative of a government service.

Awards where funds will be used to purchase food or entertainment.

Awards directly to DC Public Schools.

Awards supporting fundraisers. ANC's are not permitted to solicit funds. Additionally, the primary beneficiary of fundraisers are the organizations or causes identified as the beneficiary of the fundraiser and not the people who live and work in a Commission area.

Awards to an individual. Such an award does not have to be to a specific individual, but where the beneficiary is a specific individual or group. This includes awards for cash prizes, stipends, or equipment not available for use by the general public.

OANC Form 100 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Application

1. Date of Application

3/20/2026

2. Date of Project or Activity

9/20/2026

3. Which ANC is the recipient of this application? Choose an item.

4. Title of Grant or Name of Event/Project

Lower Georgia Avenue Chili Cook-Off

5. Project start date?

9/20/2026

Project end date?

9/20/2026

6. Applicant Organization Name and Address, and current source of funding

District Bridges, Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street Program, Billing Address: 3400 11th St. NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20010. Funding Source for Main Street Program: The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD).

7. Is the organization or group a 501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

(If yes, please answer the following questions)

• When was the incorporation date?

7/17/2007

• Is the incorporation for profit or not for profit?

Not for profit

• EIN#: 26-0325241

Please provide a list of board members:

Michelle Boquiren Urban, Chair; David Desantis, Vice Chair; Matt Lapin, Treasurer; Chelsea Coffin, Secretary; Ché Ruddell-Tabisola, Member; Starsha Valentine, Member; Tracy Loh, Member

8. Primary Project Contact Name

Alice Burt

9. Title

Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street
Manager

10. Address (if different from above)

Click or tap here to enter text.

11. Telephone

202-929-8121

12. Fax

Click or tap here to enter text.

13. E-mail Address

alice@districtbridges.org

14. Please list prior experience of primary project contact with similar projects.

Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street program has a long history of producing successful events in the neighborhood such as Art All Night, Africa on the Avenue, and Chili Cook Off that all received city-wide attention and attendance.

15. Description of Proposed Project/Activity (continue on separate sheet of paper if needed)

The Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street Chili Cook-Off is a free, community event that promotes local businesses and brings together neighbors along the corridor. Businesses within the Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street are invited to participate in a chili making competition, vying for the People's Choice Award. By competing in a public, community-driven event, these small businesses gain direct visibility among residents and visitors, helping them build new customer relationships and strengthen their presence on the corridor. Community members who attend can sample all competing chilis, cast their vote for a favorite, and participate in a raffle for prizes.

16. Projected Total Cost

2,750.00

17. Amount Requested

\$2,500.00

18. Amount of Overhead Costs

0

19. How are Overhead⁸ Costs calculated?

Overhead costs are calculated based on the organizational expenses that are not 100% programmatic grant funds such as administrative costs.

20. Other Sources of Funding (be specific, provide names/continue on separate sheet)

The Department of Small and Local Business Development, individual donations and contributions.

⁸ Project Overhead refers to the costs of a project that an organization incurs indirectly – also called indirect costs. These expenses cannot be directly attributed to one project, but instead are costs related to running the organization and therefore apply to all projects the organization completes.

21. Applicants must submit a detailed budget of their proposed project or event. Does your budget clearly identify the purposes for which you are seeking ANC funding?

☒ Yes

☐ No

21. Statement of Community Benefit (detailed description of project or activity and how it primarily benefits the people who live and work in the ANC area (continue on separate sheet)

The Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street Chili Cook-Off directly benefits the community by promoting local businesses and bringing together neighbors to celebrate a fun, family-friendly event at no cost. Local restaurants compete for the People's Choice Award, giving small businesses along the corridor valuable exposure to the broader community and the opportunity to attract new customers. Community-focused events like this are an important tool for activating the Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street corridor by building community identity, fostering connections between business owners and residents, and driving foot traffic to the area in ways that support the long-term economic and social vitality of the neighborhood.

22. Please explain how this project does not duplicate services provided by the DC Government

The Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street Chili Cook-Off does not duplicate activities or benefits provided by the DC government. While this event is implemented in partnership with the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), it is organized and executed by the Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street. Rather than duplicating government services, this event extends the reach of DSLBD's mission by delivering on-the-ground programming that a government agency is not positioned to provide directly. The Cook-Off leverages our local relationships, community trust, and neighborhood expertise to activate the corridor and engage residents and small businesses in a way that is organic, community-driven, and tailored to the specific needs of the Pleasant Plains, Park View and Petworth neighborhoods of Lower Georgia Avenue.

23. How will success of this project/event be measured and documented (i.e. number of participants, outcomes)?

The Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street program measures success through a combination of quantitative and qualitative metrics collected before, during, and after the event. Participant attendance is tracked to gauge community reach and growth year over year. Volunteer support is recorded to reflect the level of community investment and organizational capacity built through the event. Individual donations are monitored to assess the event's ability to generate community financial support for the Main Street program. Following the event, the program collects post-event feedback from attendees, and participating businesses to evaluate satisfaction, identify areas for improvement, and capture the event's impact on the local business community. Together, these measures allow us to assess not only the immediate success of the event but also its long-term contribution to the vitality and cohesion of the Lower Georgia Avenue corridor.

24. Are any permits or consents required for this project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

25. If permits or consents are required, have they been obtained?

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. Have you requested an ANC Grant before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

(If yes, please answer the following questions)

- When was the previous request?
- Did the ANC grant or deny the request?
- How much money or in-kind services was requested?

27. Statement of Good Faith

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand and agree that I have a continuing obligation to advise the OANC and ANC if there is any change in circumstances. I also understand that use of funds for non-permissible uses may result in the loss of funds to the ANC and that grant funds unused at the end of the project or used contrary to the grant request, must be returned to the ANC.

Signature

Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap to enter a date.
(Print Name)	Title	Date

(For OANC/ANC use only)

Date received: 05/26/2026

Date approved: 05/27/2026

ANC Vote: Unanimous Consent

Amount Granted: \$2,500

Comments: ANC 1E Resolution #1E-202605-04



Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Application Checklist

Please review this list to ensure that your Grant Application is complete.

- ☐ Did you provide all information requested on the application form?
- ☐ Did you include a description of your proposed project?
- ☐ Did you include a detailed and itemized budget showing all projected expenses?
- ☐ Have you **clearly stated the public purpose** -- how the use of ANC funds will primarily benefit the people who live and work in the ANC area?
- ☐ If a recurring event, have you provided supporting documents, including financial statements, newspaper clippings, brochures, etc., in support of the grant application?
- ☐ Have you submitted the application to both the **OANC** (oancs@dc.gov) and the ANC for review?
- ☐ Have you scheduled a presentation before the ANC during a public meeting to review and vote on the application?

Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Closeout Form

GRANT INFORMATION	
Grantee:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Grant Title	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date Awarded	Click or tap to enter a date.
Date Completed	Click or tap to enter a date.
Check #	Click or tap here to enter text.
Statement of Public Purpose	Click or tap here to enter text.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission Grant Closeout Form Continued

CHECKLIST		
☐	Completed invoice statement	Complete a list of final expenditures and details about how the grant funds were spent in support of the community
☐	Receipts	Include all receipts for purchases made with grant funds
☐	Photos or other publicity (optional)	Please share materials for promotional purposes with the ANC if you would like them to share your work in the community
☐	Refund	Return any unspent grant funds to the ANC
☐	Copy of all materials to the OANC	Please submit copies of all materials to the OANC in addition to the ANC

Signature

Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap to enter a date.
(Print Name)	Title	Date