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Agenda Item V, 3. April 22, 2021

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC PURPOSE FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York, as follows:

- Section 1. that the expenditure of Public Purpose Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22, upon such terms and conditions substantially similar to those outlined in the Memorandum from John O'Reilly to Shelton J. Haynes/RIOC Board of Directors dated April 11, 2021, attached hereto, is hereby authorized;
- Section 2. that the President/Chief Executive Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such instruments as he deems necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and
- Section 3. that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



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**TO: Shelton J. Haynes, President & CEO/Board of Directors**  
**FROM: John O’ Reilly, Vice-President & CFO**  
**DATE: April 11, 2021**  
**RE: Public Purpose Grants FY 2021-2022**

Attached please find the Roosevelt Island Resident Association (“RIRA”) recommended Public Purpose Grant awards for the fiscal year 2021-22. RIRA conducted evaluations through its Public Purpose Funds Committee (“Committee”). The Committee considered information in the applications, island demographics, as well as information provided by each applicant at a public interview session. The Committee also considered the extent to which the program or project demonstrated benefits to the community, as well as whether the applicant would be able to carry out their proposed project if Public Purpose Funds were awarded. Though the bulk of the analysis of the Public Purpose Fund (PPF) allocation analysis was performed by RIRA, upon a review by RIOC’s Executive Team, some changes were made due to certain information not made available to RIRA prior to their deadline for the PPF analysis.

The table below summarizes the RIOC’s recommendations for the FY21-22 PPF:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
RIDA	25,000	23,000
RISA	30,000	16,000
Carter Burden Network	31,000	16,000
MST&DA	35,000	20,000
Open Spaces – iDig2Learn	21,700	14,000
Island Kids	25,000	16,000
PS/IS 217 PTA	25,000	11,000
RIHS	24,500	11,000
WFF	10,000	10,000
Life Frames	31,850	13,000

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the Board’s approval of Public Purpose Grants along the lines and purposes reflected in the above recommendation.

# FY 21-22 PUBLIC PURPOSE FUND (PPF) COMMITTEE REPORT

## FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (2/18/2021)

**NOTE:** THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF THE OVERALL EFFORTS OF THE BELOW ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE NEMESIS CORONAVIRUS. GREAT SYNERGY, GREAT ENERGY!

### 1. New York Foundation for the Arts- Piazzolla-100

- **Amount Requested:** \$12,348.72 (Prior Yr: \$11,740.00)
- **Recommended:** **\$11,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$10,333.00)
- **Primary Purpose:** Community outreach programs through music and dance.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** This applicant comes to the Committee for a second time. Thus, still relatively new, it has already entertained folks on the Island with their dynamic presentations. As seen during their presentation, COVID has not affected the dynamism of the group. Many residents are awaiting “Argentine Tango” lessons.

### 2. Roosevelt Island Disabled Association (RIDA)

- **Amount Requested:** \$25,000.00 (Prior Yr: \$25,000)
- **Recommended:** **\$18,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$18,667)
- **Primary Purpose:** To promote socialization for the disabled community through a variety of structured events, as permitted under NYS COVID restrictions. If not possible, money can be utilized for on-going pantry costs.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** The leader and supporters do great work, including a food pantry/distribution. Great support of the disabled.

### 3. Roosevelt Island Senior Association (RISA)

- **Amount Requested:** \$30,000.00 (N/A)
- **Recommended:** **\$16,000.00** (N/A)
- **Primary Purpose:** Programming for seniors, primarily on weekends and weekdays after 5pm.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** Many seniors, still working, and retirees, desire access to evening and weekend activities. Post COVID restrictions, once again, RISA will provide evening and weekend access to a place to relax, play games or cards, to dance (or just sway). RISA is back. As such, the Island is blessed to have this applicant.

### 4. Carter Burden Network, Inc. (CBN)

- **Amount Requested:** \$31,000.00 (Prior Yr: \$25,000 )
- **Recommended:** **\$10,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$15,323)
- **Primary Purpose:** Programming for seniors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** The Carter Burden budget should include funding for core services, including Case Management. Therefore the committee’s recommendation

is to utilize funding for the food program. Carter Burden is established now, and connected to many seniors within the community.

#### **5. Main Street Theater Dance Alliance (MST&DA)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$35,000.00 (Prior Yr: \$35,000)
- **Recommended:** **\$16,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$25,667)
- **Primary Purpose:** To support the Teen Theatre initiative, Internship and Mentoring program, and support scholarships for those in need.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** We expect that MST&DA will continue reaching Young Adults through their internship program, and will enhance their outreach efforts, through scholarships, and mentoring, to include more minorities, especially African Americans.

#### **6. Open Spaces – iDig2Learn**

- **Amount Requested:** \$21,700.00 (Prior Yr: \$21,700 )
- **Recommended:** **\$12,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$11,667)
- **Primary Purpose:** To continue educating Island residents about the natural resources available to us, here on Roosevelt Island.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** Energetic and creative. Well established on the Island, with great ideas. Thus, their programs are receptive to both children and adults.

#### **7. Island Kids (IK)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$ 25,000.00 (Prior Yr: \$15,000 )
- **Recommended:** **\$10,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$6,667 )
- **Primary Purpose:** To establish a free Toddler program for local families.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** This money will support Island Kids' desire to offer families with toddlers a free venue for socializing. More outreach is needed to improve the diversity, economically and racially, of the families served. African Americans are typically, and historically, underserved.

#### **8. R.I. Visual Arts Association (RIVAA)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$ 31,500.00 (Prior Yr: \$35,000 )
- **Recommended:** **\$12,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$13,527)
- **Primary Purpose:** To help mitigate the costs of renting their facility as well as utility costs.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** The committee again expresses its disdain for allocating precious Public Purpose funding for rent, which is then returned to RIOC. The Committee recommends that RIOC and the Master Lease Holder work out arrangements for a more favorable rent for "our proud to have" art gallery on the Island.

### **9. PS/IS 217 Parents Teachers Association (PTA)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$25,000.00 (Prior Yr:\$21,200)
- **Recommended:** **\$11,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$9,483)
- **Primary Purpose:** To support the academic development of the middle school's most vulnerable students, with the purchase of Math & ELA kits, materials for assisting with State exam preparations, and for technology resources.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** It is extremely important to help advance our middle school students on Roosevelt Island. PS/IS 217 historically loses its best students to District 1 schools in Manhattan. This funding will strengthen the middle school student's scores and offer better high school opportunities.

### **10. Roosevelt Island Historical Society (RIHS)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$24,500.00 (Prior Yr: \$36,500)
- **Recommended:** **\$11,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$18,333 )
- **Primary Purpose:** To support the funding for RI employees who staff the KIOSK. t
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** The Committee recommends that this limited funding be utilized to pay the RI employees who staff the KIOSK.

### **11. Wildlife Freedom Foundation (WFF)**

- **Amount Requested:** \$10,000.00 (Prior Yr:\$10,000)
- **Recommended:** **\$10,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$10,000)
- **Primary Purpose:** Funds requested to help sustain, protect, and rehabilitate injured animals at risk, and those without shelter/homes.
- **Committee Comments/Decision:** WFF is the only organization on the Island that cares for abandoned cats, injured birds, and other animals in need of rehabilitation. Funds should be utilized as needed.

### **12. Life Frames:**

- **Amount Requested:** \$31,850.00 (Prior Yr: \$31,850)
- **Recommended:** **\$13,000.00** (Prior Yr: \$10,333 )
- **Primary Purpose:** To work with youth, adults, and families in providing education on ecology and organic children's gardening, and associated learning.
- **Committee Comment/Decision:** Funding should be utilized to support the gardening initiatives developed on Roosevelt Island. Overall, gardening is special on our Island and the sponsor of Life Frames is a true champion and cheerleader for the gardens.

END OF REPORT