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Newton Community Pride to Distribute Micro Grants

Newton Community Pride (NCP) will open applications on September 1st for their second round of 2021 Community Micro Grants. Grants must align with the mission of NCP to support arts and culture, service and beautification in the Newton community. Newton Community Pride has doubled their commitment to their micro grant program for fiscal year 2021-22 and will open applications September 1 for a fall grant cycle and again on March 1, 2022 for a spring grant cycle. Prior NCP grant recipients include Newton Theatre Company, Cappella Clausura Inc., Juneteenth Celebration Committee, Pan Asian Cultural Festival Committee, Indigenous People's Day Committee, Bristol Park/Commonwealth Avenue Beautification Project, 4C Covid Remembrance Project and Service Stars' African Library Book Drive. The average grant amount was \$1,071.00.

"It is a pleasure to bring financial support to artists, area councils, neighborhood groups and art's nonprofits wishing to build community through arts and culture programming, beautification or service projects" said Gloria Gavris, Board Chair. "In reviewing the 2019 CreateNewton Arts & Culture Strategic Plan, our Board of Directors was eager to embrace its recommendation to develop a micro grant fund to give seed money for more community programming to artists, arts and culture nonprofits and other groups whose programming is consistent with our mission", added Gavris.

"With the support of Newton Community Pride, FORJ-NNHS was able to host the first ever city-wide Juneteenth Celebration in the city of Newton. The event held space for joy, education, and activism and the funding provided by NCP helped cover the cost of the entertainment which was led by their willingness to be allies in bringing diversity to the city of Newton." Renande Loayza, Juneteenth Celebration Co-Chair

Newton Community Pride is a 501c3 organization building community for all to enjoy through arts and culture programming, supporting beautification projects and promoting volunteerism. All micro grant applications are due October 1, 2021. For more information about Newton Community Pride's Community Micro Grant program visit <https://newtoncommunitypride.org/application-for-support/>.