Community MiniGrants 2019

Project title:

State of the City Address

Collaborating Organizations (if any): Healthy Transportation Coalition and all members

Anticipated project timeline: Planning meeting in May, Marketing Materials for July/August, August/September promotion with the final event on September 15 - International Day of Democracy, or perhaps using Clubs Week at uOttawa campus

I am/my group is a member in good standing of the Healthy Transportation Coalition for the year of 2018. Yes

What neighbourhood is your work focused on? City-wide

Project Description: In 300 words, Give us your best description of what this project is. What will you "do"?

As a play off of the State of The Union (SOTU), this event called the State of The City (name could change) will be a culmination of HTC efforts towards an inclusive city. We hope to host a public-speaking event/showcase in a downtown park across from City Hall educating others on the overlooked issues that face our city (every issue each coalition member represents). The alternative route is to leverage existing coalition-related clubs on uOttawa campus, use campus facilities and tables, and host it at the outdoor pavillion by Morrisset library. The goal is to have a cohesive event highlighting multiple causes each represented by an HTC group, educating the public on the good work being done, the barriers faced, and how we – as a City – can work together. It would also serve as a great opportunity for all HTC members to unite.

Planned Outcomes: What are the deliverables of this project?

Increased membership, increased volunteerism, a people movement launching pad to advocate for inclusive transportation, housing, and healthy city-building

How is your initiative important to healthy transportation in Ottawa or Gatineau?

I think the healthy transportation and inclusive-city movement needs more support. With competing initiatives and fun events all across the city, non-marketable/catchy issues such as the ones we advocate for need a platform to shine. I would like a major event with participation from all coalition members to make this happen.

After funding, what are the steps in your project?

I would like help from all coalition members to help brainstorm for this event, how their specific initiatives can tie in, and more talks around promotional efforts.

What are key needs that must be met in order for your project to be a success.

Major monthly planning meetings from all coalition members

What do you anticipate will be some challenges you will encounter in your project?

Laying out the itinerary for the actual event, getting a really good lineup of speakers

How can coalition members (individuals or groups) get involved in this project?

We need a representative from each coalition member/group to be the organizer for their portion of the event

Anticipated Budget (including existing funding from other sources)

\$1000-1400 - As a graphic designer and social mobilizer, I offer my skills for free. Funds are all going towards the promotional materials and equipment for the event. For marketing materials: a few large signs (\$500), flyers (\$200); Event: AV equipment and rental (\$450), giveaways (Maybe some buttons? \$200)

Expense Item	Type	Notes	Amount Requested / Confirmed
Large signs			\$500
Flyers			\$200
AV Equipment and Rental			\$450
Giveaways			\$200

Total = \$1,350

If you are receiving funding from other sources or anticipate needing to fundraise further, please tell us who and why.

If each coalition member can find funds to print promotional materials of their own, I can help design and create it.

What kind of non-financial support would you look for from the coalition? (Volunteers, publicity, website space, etc?)

Volunteers, publicity, as many coalition members participating and promoting the event!

Will you be able to meet the reporting requirements?

Yes