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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F

**Grant Application**

Return complete application to:

Attention: Grant Application  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F  
4401-A Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Box 244  
Washington, D.C. 20008-2322  
or  
E-mail: commissioners@anc3f.us

(Please type or print)

Date: 10/25/2015

Amount Requested: **\$3,000.00**

Applicant: **Friends of Peirce Mill Inc.**

Address: 2930 Brandywine St. NW, Washington, DC 20008-2138

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Community Benefit (check all that apply):

- X Arts/Cultural Education  Neighborhood Beautification  
X Educational Activities X Parks and Recreation  
X Historic Preservation  Public Safety

Senior Citizen Programs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Identify)

1. Is the applicant a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization? **YES** If yes, please attach a copy of the exemption.

If no, please describe the legal structure of the organization. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the applicant ever received a grant from ANC 3F? **NO**

If yes, in what amount? \_\_\_\_\_ In what year? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Does the applicant receive funding from the D.C. government? **NO**

4. Does the applicant receive funding from the D.C. Council? **NO** (one-time grant, 2007, for \$100,000)

5. Does the applicant have other sources of funding for the activity/project/program for which the applicant seeks a grant from ANC 3F? **NO**

If no, does the applicant plan to secure additional funding?  Yes   
No

6. Please provide the following: (a separate sheet of paper may be used)

▪ Describe the purpose of the grant and how the grant funds will be used.

The Friends of Peirce Mill, a non-profit partner of the National Park Service, was created in 1997 to return the mill to operating condition, maintain the restored equipment and building, and manage educational and outreach programs at this Rock Creek Park landmark.

The Friends group raised \$1 million, leveraging another \$2 million from the government's stimulus program to complete the renovation in 2011 and start the millstones grinding again. The past year has seen the Friends take a new step in the restoration of the mill's technological showpiece, known as the "Evans system." Named for Delaware inventor Oliver Evans (1755 – 1819), the four-floor system of continuous production automated the labor-intensive milling process using only water power, and foreshadowed the Industrial Revolution.

We are requesting \$3,000 from ANC 3F to support the new project. The restoration completed in 2011 focused mainly on getting the millwheel, mill stones and water power system working again. We've now started to repair the barrel hoist system that also used water power to lift and

lower containers with grain and flour through trap-door openings on the floors. It's a relatively low-cost improvement that demonstrates very visibly the labor-saving innovations of Evans, who was awarded one of the first US patents for his mill automation system.

The project has three phases. The first involved removing a non-historical wooden cage on the first floor surrounding the hoist shaft area, and installing a load bearing trap door. That phase has been completed. The second phase, to be finished later this year, will remove the large corn sifting apparatus, also known as a bolter, and related equipment, to make room for the restored hoist system

The final phase, for which we are requesting support from ANC3F, will reconfigure the winch in the attic to make the system fully operational. (Please see cross-section drawing of mill below; the barrel hoist system is outlined in yellow) Visitors will be able to watch as the system lifts barrels and bags between the floors.

Completion of the barrel hoist project will strengthen the multi-tiered educational program co-managed by the Friends of Peirce Mill since the mill's re-opening. We've hosted almost 2,000 school children in seven seasons of programming. (Park Service figures show that overall public visitation has grown steadily and now is about 13,000 annually). Students from Murch and Sheridan Elementary and other schools across the city have made class trips for curriculum-related lessons related to math and science, as well as local history. Teachers are uniformly pleased with the mill trips, as shown by this comment:

***"Definitely in the top five best organized field trips in my 12 years of teaching. Everyone should go."*** -- Maureen Capillo, Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School

We also partnered with Casey Trees to plant a demonstration fruit orchard to educate visitors about the large Peirce nursery business. Our annual "Heritage Day" events in the fall are popular with families in 3F neighborhoods as well as residents from throughout the city. In 2013 the District of Columbia honored the Friends of Peirce Mill with an Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

- ■ A timeline for the project.

Phase 1: Completed

Phase 2: To be completed by Dec. 31, 2015

Phase 3: To be completed by March 31, 2016

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- ■ Project cost(s) breakdown.

Expenditure	\$
Phase 1: Remove cage around hoist shaft; install load bearing trap door (completed)	\$3,850
Phase 2: Remove modern corn bolter, shafts, pulleys and bracing	\$3,150
Phase 3: Reconfigure attic winch to fully operational condition. Materials (\$500): re-fabrication of wood bearing block with lead lining; heavy rope for hoist; replacement of leather belt on shaft. Labor (\$2,500) work by restoration specialist Steve Ortado, 25 hours @ \$100/hr.	\$3,000

The undersigned, either as the applicant or representing the applicant, affirms that the information provided in this Grant Application is accurate and true to the best of his/her knowledge.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**ANC 3F INTERNAL USE**

Applicant Presentation Date: 11/17/15

Application Voted on Date: 12/15/15  Approved  Not Approved

Amount Awarded: \$3,000 -

Date Check Issued: 12/21/15 Check Number: 3756

Statement of Use of Funds Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipts: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friends of Peirce Mill Inc.  
Operating Budget 2015**

**Planned income**

<b>Grants/Donations</b>	
<b>Foundations</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Membership fees</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Sales of Peirce Mill book</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>

**Expenses**

<b>Staff, administrative</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b>Mill improvements (barrel hoist repair)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Mill maintenance</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Bus Transport for Schools (\$400/bus x 8 trips)</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
<b>Mobile FOPM website online fee</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$61,400</b>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENSE OVER INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,900</b>



