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RESOLUTION #4B-25-XXXX
Grant Award for Heartbeat, Inc. – Manor Park Community Celebration
Adopted September 22, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) takes note of the following:

WHEREAS, The Commission has the authority to provide grants to community organizations that are public in nature and for projects that benefit people who live and work within the Commission's boundaries. DC Code § 1-309.13 (m). Recent change to the law requires that Commission grants have a "purpose that includes significant benefit for the community." Id. § 1-309.13(l)(1). The previous requirement that a grant had to "benefit the community as a whole" was a more difficult standard to meet.

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia Council passed legislation naming Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park in recognition of Ronald Austin's longstanding contributions to the District of Columbia as well as Ward 4, ANC 4B, and the Manor Park community; the Mayor signed this legislation into law; and the legislation was subsequently transmitted to and approved by Congress, completing the statutory process for designating the park.

WHEREAS, The Commission has previously supported recognition of and support for the Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park. See Resolution 4B-XX-XXX, TITLE, which affirmed the Commission's support for the park naming and related community initiatives. This past action indicates the present grant request for the Manor Park Community Celebration at Ron Austin Park aligns with the Commission's ongoing commitment to community recognition and engagement in this public park space.

WHEREAS, Heartbeat, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has applied for funding assistance to support the Manor Park Community Celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 1pm to 4pm at the Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park (Quackenbos St., NW; 2nd St., NW; and North Dakota Ave.).

WHEREAS, The Manor Park Community Celebration will welcome neighbors of ANC 4B to come together for an afternoon of connection and community building. The event program will include opening remarks, acknowledgements, family entertainment, food, music, and a dedication ceremony for the Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park.

WHEREAS, The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has reviewed Heartbeat, Inc.'s grant application and determined that the proposed grant is a permissible expenditure of ANC monies. See attached memo.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission grants Heartbeat, Inc. two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) to support the Manor Park Community Celebration at Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park, including food supplies, non-alcoholic beverages, craft supplies, and a plaque to be installed in the park, as outlined by the attached grant budget.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the Commission requires Heartbeat, Inc. to provide all required grant reporting, receipts, and related documentation outlined in the application package.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Commissioner Michael Cohen (4B07) is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event that the Commissioner is unavailable, the Commission authorizes the Chair to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this Resolution.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4B, at a properly noticed public meeting of the Commission on September 22, 2025, with a quorum of XX of 10 commissioners present, voted with XX yeas, XX nays, and XX abstentions to approve this resolution.

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