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Dr. Danielle Laraque-Arena  
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**Re: Support for New York Academy of Medicine's National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities R13 Conference Grant Proposal**

Dear Dr. Laraque-Arena,

Manhattan Community Board 11 is proud to support New York Academy of Medicine's (NYAM) National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities (NIMHHD) R13 Conference Grant Proposal as presented to our Youth & Education Committee on March 10, 2020.

Funds awarded from the grant would be utilized towards a summit titled Building an Intergenerational Child Rights Research Action Agenda for Gun Violence Prevention. The primary goals of this 2-day summit is to build youth and content expert competence to participate as equal partners in the summit and develop a youth informed and action-driven research agenda to address urban gun violence.

As you may know, gun violence is a prevalent issue among youth in our community, particularly related to gangs and crews in public housing. Ongoing turf wars and revenge killings have cost many youth their lives and caused other residents feel unsafe and isolated. That said, we are thrilled that you are bringing this initiative to our community. We ask that you periodically update the Board on the progress of this project.

If you have any further questions, please contact Carly Wine, our Assistant District Manager, at 212-831-8929.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama  
Chair  
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