



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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**EASTERN MARKET
MAIN STREET**



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A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in partnership with DC Main Streets, Eastern Market Main Street is preserving our historic corridor, supporting small businesses, and fostering a vibrant, neighborhood serving corridor through public and private space improvements, capacity-building resources, and community events and campaigns.

We use the Main Street America Four Points Strategy of Community Revitalization: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization.

The use of this strategy is to promote our neighborhood's pillars of **Community**, **Collaboration**, and **Sustainability**.



The Eastern Market neighborhood has a long history of market commerce and community.

Our goal is to foster **well-planned** and **consistent** recurring events and promotions to elevate our corridor and serve community needs.

This year, EMMS was awarded funds from the **Ward 6 Support Grant** from DSLBD and Councilmember Charles Allen for community engagement activities. We used these generous funds to hold free-to-the-public family activities after the Capitol Hill **Independence Day** parade.

The grant also enabled us to hold our first **Dog Days of August Jazz Series** on Friday evenings at Eastern Market. With free jazz and bistro tables to relax at, it was a wildly popular new addition to our event schedule.





Eastern Market Main Street has a defined boundary, but our larger community does not. While we dedicate resources to the businesses within our corridor, we also work in collaboration with other great neighborhood and city-wide organizations.

In November of 2024, Board member Kathleen Donahue spearheaded the growth of the **Better Together** Initiative. By working in tandem with the Capitol Hill BID, CHAMPS, and Barracks Row Main Street, participation in the initiative doubled from seventeen businesses in 2023 to over thirty in 2024. 2025 saw that growth maintained.

Better Together lets Capitol Hill businesses partner together in a gift card exchange that gives customers a fun reward for shopping local. It begins on Small Business Saturday and allows customers to learn of and try out other businesses they may not have heard of before, increasing traffic throughout the neighborhood to the benefit of all.

EMMS also collaborated this year with another Ward 6 Support Grant awardee, **DC Collaborative**, on Art All Night programming. DC Collaborative is a member service organization that supports cultural institutions, individual practitioners, and other related professionals in advancing equitable access to learning opportunities in the arts and humanities.



SUSTAINABILITY

In 2025, Eastern Market Main Street awarded **\$40,000** in Business Improvement Grants to small businesses within our corridor. These grants are made possible by our Main Street grant from DC's **Department of Small and Local Business Development**.

In 2025, we received an additional **\$33,333** to award from DSLBD via legislation by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen for LGBTQ+ business support.

As part of our sustainability mission, EMMS worked with DSLBD's **We Aspire** program in partnership with **LEDC** (Latino Economic Development Center) and **CHCTDC** (Congress Heights Community Training and Development Center). Building a **pipeline of entrepreneurs** ready to take over vacant property is as important as sustaining existing legacy businesses.

Business Improvement Grant Recipients

Antiochia USA LLC
Avner Ofer Photography
Barrel
Bravado Hair Design, LLC
Breathing Space LLC
Cam's Kettle LLC
Capitol Hill Books
Châteaux Cocoa
D. Prince Designs
Deco Jewelry
Eastern Market Nails Inc
Eastern Market Pottery
Efua's Baby, LLC
Ivy's Flaming Mamasita Peppa Sauce LLC
JudyMakesJuices
Julie Gross Artist
La Casina DC
Labyrinth Games & Puzzles
Lou's Buns LLC
Malika Rachelle Designs LLC
Mirasa Design Inc
Mr. Henry's
MV Architects, LLC
Peregrine Espresso LLC
Randolph Cree LLC
Ruta
Sarah Rugs LLC
Spin Time Records
Sunah Blu Enterprise, Inc
Sunken Moon Studios
The Eastern Wine Bar
Tiger Flight
Tracys Tumblers
Ujamaart
Washington Injury and Sports Performance Clinic
WoW Lash Studio LLC



Statement of Financial Position
EASTERN MARKET MAIN STREET
As of September 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT		TOTAL
Assets		
Current Assets		\$29,555.99
Fixed Assets		\$4,294.31
Total for Assets		\$33,850.30
Liabilities and Equity		\$33,850.30

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