



Projects Funded in November 2015

Neighborhood Connections, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, will support \$208,052 in grants to 67 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland. The following details each project, grant amount and neighborhood where the project will take place.

Projects marked with an asterisk (*) and shaded are co-funded in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Neighborhood	Grant Amount	Project Description
Bellaire Puritas	\$5,000	RollinBuckeyeZ Foundation was awarded \$5,000 for <i>RBF “Roll into Shape” Program</i> . This program teaches members of the community how to stay physically fit through roller skating. These skating sessions are a fun way to bring families and the community together, and helps promote fitness and well-being.
Buckeye	\$3,000	The Hummingbird Project* was awarded \$3,000 for <i>Cleveland Seed Bank</i> . Through a series of workshops, community gardeners will learn how to cultivate their own seeds, which is a necessary step in building a sustainable, local food movement.
Buckeye	\$2,000	E.M.S Rams Youth Development Group, Inc. , was awarded \$2,000 for <i>The Warriorstyle Games (Youth Wellness and Mentoring Program)</i> . The program consists of a series of tournament-style competitions to help promote health, wellness, and fitness, and includes a mentoring component.
Central	\$4,000	Cleveland Central Rangers was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Boy Scouts of America</i> . This scouting program helps build character, leadership, citizenship and fitness, and also helps to strengthen relationships between children and parents.

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Central	\$1,640	E. 73rd Street Community Club was awarded \$1,640 for <i>Help a Brother Out</i> . After 11 abandoned homes were demolished, the empty lots need to be maintained. This project aims to maintain those lots to keep the neighborhood beautiful.
Central	\$2,500	Godsway Re-entry for Women & the Homeless was awarded \$2,500 for <i>Godsway Re-entry for Women & the Homeless</i> . The goal of this program is to help provide food and shelter for the homeless.
Central	\$4,000	Grace Temple was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Harvest Fest</i> . This program will provide meals to those in need by traveling to homeless shelters, nursing homes, and orphanages. There will also be outdoor facilities set up during warmer months to feed the community.
Central	\$2,200	Marion-Sterling School Community Partnership/Community Meal Committee was awarded \$2,200 for <i>West Central Family Meal</i> . These community meals help community building by bringing neighbors together for a meal and activities in a safe space. The intent is to build and strengthen relationships and increase communication.
Central	\$4,239	Mt. Sinai Youth Basketball & Cheer Program was awarded \$4,239 for <i>Making a Difference</i> . This leadership and sports program will help inspire and motivate youth while giving them an opportunity to be part of a sports team.
Central	\$3,661	Youth Outreach Hotline was awarded \$3,661 for <i>Youth Outreach Hotline</i> . The goal of this project is to help elementary and high school students listen to and challenge their fears, and connect with mentors.
Central	\$3,500	We Care – Together We Can was awarded \$3,500 for <i>Unity in the Community</i> . The goal of this program is to bring residents together through a series of monthly events, where they can participate in family-friendly activities.
Central	\$4,000	We Have a Dream was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Junior Usher Kickball Team</i> . This program brings neighborhood adults and youth together for kickball games. There will also be school supply giveaways, arts and crafts, ice cream, and more.
Cudell	\$2,000	Westside Citizen Circle was awarded \$2,000 for <i>Westside Citizen Circle</i> . This group works to ease the burden for ex-offenders who are returning to the neighborhood, to make the transition easier and help them move forward with their lives, instead of return to prison.

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Detroit Shoreway	\$2,109	Legacy Garden* was awarded \$2,109 for <i>Legacy Garden Bloom Project</i> . This project will add several improvements to the garden, including more beds to engage more participants, and 18 fruit trees. The garden is a safe space where neighbors can come together, beautify the neighborhood, and learn gardening skills.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,000	Metro Catholic School* was awarded \$3,000 for <i>Community Youth Art Show</i> . Students from local schools will display their artwork at this community event, bringing together families and communities that might not otherwise gather.
Detroit Shoreway	\$2,000	Poetree Project Committee* was awarded \$2,000 for <i>The Poetree Project</i> . This project will install Poetree Boxes around the community, promoting the arts and creating strong connections between diverse groups.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,150	Ursuline Piazza was awarded \$3,150 for <i>Lowering the Viral Load of the Detroit-Shoreway Neighborhood of Cleveland</i> . This program helps low-income residents through a support group that meets once per month, and an Annual Retreat. Bus passes are also provided to help HIV-positive adults get to their doctors' appointments so they can get the care they need.
Detroit Shoreway	\$4,720	West Side Little Italy was awarded \$4,720 for <i>Community Holiday Party 2015</i> . This holiday event provides a fun celebration for families in need, and brings the community together. There will be food, entertainment, and a gift bag for every child who attends.
Downtown	\$2,425	Downtown Neighborhood Coalition was awarded \$2,425 for <i>Swingin' on Short Vincent</i> . There will be a three social events to help bring residents together and help create a sense of community in this otherwise corporate area.
East Cleveland	\$5,000	Snickerfritz Cultural Workshop for the Arts, Inc.* was awarded \$5,000 for <i>Annual Collard Green Cook-Off & Arts Festival</i> . Now in its 10 th year, this festival brings people together to share each other's culture and expand social skills, providing a day of fun for the community.
East Cleveland	\$2,400	East Cleveland Farmers' Market Preservations Society was awarded \$2,400 for <i>Coit Market Community Transportation Engagement</i> . This program provides transportation for residents of East Cleveland to Coit Road Farmers' Market so they have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Cooking demonstrations are also part of the program.

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East Cleveland	\$2,500	East Cleveland Thinking CAP was awarded \$2,500 for <i>EC Awareness Day</i> . This event will help to uplift the community and includes discussion on health and wellness, as well as providing resource tables and lunch.
East Cleveland	\$4,000	Our Family Home Center was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Youth Tutoring/Mentoring and Expanded Free Meal/Snack Program</i> . This program provides tutoring, healthy snacks, and a hot meal to at-risk youth in the community.
East Cleveland	\$3,000	Temple Baptist Church was awarded \$3,000 for <i>Mastering My Destiny Enrichment Hour Prep Out - School Time Program</i> . This afterschool program will provide academic, recreational, and social activities for community children, which will help keep them from avoid engaging in negative behavior.
Fairfax	\$4,300	Cleveland Inner City Ballet was awarded \$4,300 for <i>A Cleveland Inner City Ballet Nutcracker</i> . Since 2004, this annual production has provided community members with a professionally-taught ballet presentation.
Forest Hills	\$1,200	Rotland, Hazeldell, and Silmor Neighborhood Club was awarded \$1,200 for <i>Senior Snow Removal</i> . The goal is to keep the streets clear of snow all winter for seniors and children to have safe access to the sidewalks.
Glenville	\$3,000	Notre Dame Tenant Council* was awarded \$3,000 for <i>Resident Enrichment Program Continuation</i> . This program will provide bi-weekly arts and cultural performances for residents to help encourage friendship and enrich lives.
Glenville	\$600	University Tower Residents* was awarded \$600 for <i>Step Up to Health</i> . This program brings residents together for an hour of line dance instruction each week, for socialization and physical fitness.
Glenville	\$4,238	Birthing Beautiful Communities was awarded \$4,238 for <i>Baby Belly Clinics – Community Doula Pop-up Clinics</i> . These clinics will serve expecting mothers and work towards lowering the rate of infant mortality. The clinics will hold workshops on a variety of topics such as nutrition, parenting skills, and financial literacy.

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Glenville	\$2,125	Rockefeller West Beautification Group* was awarded \$2,125 for <i>Community Building through Beautification</i> . The purpose of this project is to bring neighbors together through a series of gatherings that focus on leadership training and landscape design.
Hough	\$3,500	New Impressions was awarded \$3,500 for <i>Project Skillz</i> . This project teaches social skills and leadership training to girls through workshops on a variety of topics such as manners, public speaking, teamwork and creativity.
Hough	\$5,000	Pierre Nappier Jr. Foundation was awarded \$5,000 for <i>Cleveland Patriots Youth Football</i> . The football program provides not only physical fitness, but also helps youth learn valuable life skills such as how to resist peer pressure, develop interpersonal skills, and set goals.
Lee Harvard	\$2,200	Harvard Square Center was awarded \$2,200 for <i>Computer Training</i> . The aim of this program is to create a computer lab for the community, as well as provide computer training classes.
Lee Harvard	\$2,735	Love and Care Ministries was awarded \$2,735 for <i>Gifted Hands</i> . This program teaches sign language to community youth and engages them in healthy socialization activities.
Mt. Pleasant	\$4,000	Refugee Ministries Development* was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Rising Stars: Learning with Music & Technology</i> . This program teaches youth the science of music and its integration with math, language, science, culture, and help them develop performance skills. Tutoring and other social services are part of the program.
Mt. Pleasant	\$4,171	Cleveland Rise was awarded \$4,171 for <i>Community Organizing</i> , which is a campaign in support of street clubs. There will be a series of workshops and training available for those interested in organizing street clubs to keep neighbors connected and help reduce crime.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,000	Southeast Residents for Community Change was awarded \$2,000 for <i>Community Meet and Greet</i> . This day of activities, food, fun, and fellowship will bring the community together.
North Collinwood	\$4,992	Praxis Fiber Workshop* was awarded \$4,992 for <i>Patrick Henry Partnership</i> . Students from Patrick Henry can attend fiber arts classes to learn weaving and felting. There will also be classes for faculty and administration, which help team building, collaborative art making, and creative problem solving.

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North Collinwood	\$3,500	I Am Not Forgotten was awarded \$3,500 for <i>I Am Not Forgotten</i> . The goal of this mentorship program is to help teenage girls just coming out of foster care, to help them deal with life's issues and to prevent teen pregnancy and homelessness.
Ohio City	\$4,996	Lake Effect Free Alternative Health Clinic was awarded \$4,996 for <i>Lake Effect Free Alternative Health Clinic</i> . These clinics provide holistic and alternative therapies to the community. There will also be workshops and other health and wellness activities.
Shaker Square	\$3,000	Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival was awarded \$3,000 for <i>Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival</i> . This annual film festival brings many people to the area, benefitting local merchants, while showcasing films by and for minorities.
Slavic Village	\$2,000	Mound Caring Community "Building the Beloved Community" * was awarded \$2,000 for <i>Connecting at the Next Level Forward</i> . This project aims to build community through a series of activities and programs, such as an art and essay contest, community meal, and journal project.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	3MD-Men Mentoring Men & Boys was awarded \$2,500 for <i>3MD-Men Mentoring Men & Boys</i> . This mentoring program provides men and boys with a sense of brotherhood and discourages them from engaging in negative behavior.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	Broadway Christian Church was awarded \$2,500 for <i>Summer Reading Program</i> . The aim of this project is to tutor academically at-risk students over the summer, and also to train the tutors on how to better teach and mentor the students.
Slavic Village	\$2,740	The Couples Club was awarded \$2,740 for <i>RESCU-Relationship Enhancement Support Class for YOU</i> . This program helps couples stay together by teaching communication skills, thus helping the community be strengthening the family unit.
Slavic Village	\$2,889	E. 63rd Street Block Club was awarded \$2,889 for <i>9th Annual Spring Clean-Up/Flower Planting/Halloween Giveaway</i> . There are three projects in this program: a trash clean-up, flower planting in the street planters, and a Halloween bag giveaway for community children that includes school supplies and snacks.

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Slavic Village	\$3,000	Neighborhood Summit Planning Committee was awarded \$3,000 for <i>2016 Neighborhood Summit</i> . These annual summits are a time to bring neighbors together and celebrate the community. Every year a different topic is covered.
Slavic Village	\$1,199	Rose House was awarded \$1,199 for <i>Slavic Village Women and Girls Empowerment Summit</i> . This day-long networking event brings together creative and inspiring women to give females in the community the opportunity to explore avenues they might otherwise not have known existed.
Slavic Village	\$3,650	Willow Caring Communities was awarded \$3,650 for <i>Caring Communities</i> , a program to build a stronger community through various programs, including an etiquette club for girls and a service/leadership program focused on the work of Martin Luther King Jr.
South Collinwood	\$5,000	C-Life and the Leaders of Tomorrow* was awarded \$5,000 for <i>Operation: Strive High</i> . The program will consist of a series of workshops on skills training, mentoring, performing arts, and exercise. These workshops will help build character, provide support, and empower members of the community.
South Collinwood	\$2,000	Nottingham Youth Center* was awarded \$2,000 for <i>Reading Comprehension & Learning with ART</i> . This program for children will start off with reading a book, followed by book discussion, and then an art project relating to the book.
South Collinwood	\$4,000	CAMHP Foundation – Where Independence Grows was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Families' Early Years Healthy Parenting Project</i> . This series of classes will provide information on a variety of topics which address the physical and mental health needs of children and families.
St. Clair Superior	\$1,250	St. Peter Parish* was awarded \$1,250 for <i>Fun Day on the Green at St. Peter</i> . The event will include food, music, movies and games to bring this diverse community together to share their talents and experiences, and help see past stereotypes.
St. Clair Superior	\$5,000	Opera Circle, Inc. was awarded \$5,000 for <i>Slavic Village Attracts People with Free Opera "Zanetto."</i> This free opera performance will provide art and culture to residents, as well as attract new people to the area.

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St. Clair Superior	\$1,500	ARA Developmental Support was awarded \$1,500 for <i>ARA Developmental Support Project</i> , which will create a support and self-help group for women by educating and empowering them. The women who would benefit from this project are those who are at risk of becoming homeless, incarcerated, or abused.
St. Clair Superior	\$3,925	Community Gardening in the District* was awarded \$3,925 for <i>Odell Foster Garden of Tranquility</i> . The garden has been a place where community youths have learned how to grow and harvest. Improvements will be made, such as a fence to deter theft, and there will be food demonstrations to learn how to make healthy snacks.
Tremont	\$4,320	Tremont Community Artist in Residence Program* was awarded \$4,320 for <i>Community Ceramic Tile Mural Project</i> . In this program, community members will create a ceramic tile mural, building bridges between diverse populations and cultivating creativity in the community.
Union Miles	\$3,500	The Levite Academy of Performing Arts* was awarded \$3,500 for <i>Musicology and Fine Arts</i> . Studies have shown that taking music lessons can help improve students' grades. This program will provide free music lessons for youths between 12 and 18 years old.
Union Miles	\$4,300	Esther International was awarded \$4,300 for <i>Inside Out</i> . This program will provide workshops to develop skills in style and fashion. After participants complete the workshops, there will be a community fashion show to show off their work.
Union Miles	\$2,178	EYEJ: Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice was awarded \$2,178 for <i>Miles Park School Year: 2015-2016</i> . This program focuses on helping to increase students' self-confidence through a discussion series that includes speakers and role-playing games.
University	\$2,500	Sankofa Cultural Heritage Institute was awarded \$2,500 for <i>Stageplay: "Created in God's Image."</i> This teen theater production with strong spiritual themes aims to help reduce crime, break negative stereotypes, inspire teens to adopt a higher set of ideals, and motivate them to engage in positive behaviors.
University	\$2,000	Tender Hearts Crusades* was awarded \$2,000 for <i>The Nehemiah Project</i> . This afterschool summer program uses dance to teach SEL skills and promotes a bully-free environment for at-risk youth. Students will learn to appreciate others and their differences, while building self-esteem.

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University	\$3,500	Duffy Liturgical Dance Studio was awarded \$3,500 for <i>Homework Helpers and More</i> . This educational program provides homework assistance and tutoring for community children, as well as performing arts activities in music and dance.
University	\$3,500	EVOL MOOR Health Solutions was awarded \$3,500 for <i>Holistic Health Day & EVOL MOOR Ball</i> , a social gathering with vendors and speakers to promote healthy living, nutrition, etymology, constitutional law, and finance.
University	\$4,000	University Circle United Methodist Church was awarded \$4,000 for <i>Neighborhood Basketball</i> . This program gives low-income residents a safe place to play basketball, bringing both kids and adults together for friendly competition to help create a sense of community.
Westown	\$2,000	Westown Volunteer Committee was awarded \$2,000 for <i>Westown Winter Frolic</i> . This community event will include a tree lighting ceremony, ornament decorating, arts and crafts, entertainment, photos with Santa, food and beverages, and a raffle.
Westown	\$1,500	Young Men of Integrity was awarded \$1,500 for <i>Mentoring Boys in Work, Education, Finance</i> . The goal of this project is to provide constructive job experience to young men to keep them away from street gangs and negative influence.