



Projects Funded in November 2016

Neighborhood Connections, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, will support 120 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland with grants totaling \$288,672. The following details each project, the grant amount awarded, and the neighborhood where the project will take place.

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

Neighborhood	Grant Amount	Project Description
Bellaire Puritas	\$2,280	AmazinnMe was awarded \$2,280 for Amazinn Let’s TALK. A panel discussion forum for young females will be recorded and shared to educate members of the community.
Bellaire Puritas	\$2,000	The Community Quilters Knitting Club* received \$2,000 for their project to create five quilts from the community that will bring old and young residents together.
Bellaire Puritas	\$4,000	Hasani* was awarded \$4,000 for Hasani Garden Camp. Children and families will learn yoga, tai chi, dance, theater, organic gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, and more.
Central	\$1,200	Gem-N-Me was awarded \$1,200 for Project Self. Residents of Garden Valley will learn valuable self-care skills to help prevent violence and become empowered. Sessions will focus on self-care for physical, mental, and emotional health.

Central	\$2,500	Grace Temple COGIC was awarded \$2,500 for Feeding the Community. The project will expand the current program to further meet the needs of those in need of food.
Central	\$2,500	In His Name Community Center was awarded \$2,500 for December Community Breakfast and Outreach. A holiday breakfast for women affected by homelessness, addiction and abuse will receive toiletries and winter apparel.
Central	\$3,500	Restorers of Faith was awarded \$3,500 for Restoration of Faith. The program provides information and care packages to homeless women and women battling drug addiction.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	Da'Snore "Clean-Team" was awarded \$2,500 for Yard Maintenance Ambassadors. Volunteers will clean and maintain public spaces such as parks and playgrounds to beautify the neighborhood and encourage people to use those spaces.
East Cleveland	\$4,000	East Cleveland Fresh Camp* was awarded \$4,000 for East Cleveland Fresh Camp 2017. Community youth will learn the art of hip-hop music and urban gardening, all while building confidence and leadership skills and developing an appreciation for their neighborhood.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library was awarded \$2,500 for The East Cleveland Community Arts and Mentorship Program. The program will provide instrumental and vocal music training, mentorship, and performance opportunities for East Cleveland youth.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	I Gave Back Foundation was awarded \$2,500 for Boys to Men Motivational Workshop. The goal of this program is to mentor and counsel at-risk athletes and prepare them for success in life.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	LifePrep was awarded \$2,500 for LifePrep. Community members will develop self-worth while learning personal and professional development through training, mentorship, support and referral services.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Our Family Home Center was awarded \$2,000 for Youth Club – Basic Computer Skills to provide school aged youth with basic computer training.

East Cleveland	\$3,000	Snickerfritz Cultural Workshop for the Arts, Inc.* was awarded \$3,000 for 2016 Annual Collard Green Cook-Off & Arts Festival. This event brings the community together to promote the arts and welcome diversity.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	The Positive Change Development Association was awarded \$2,000 for PDCA 2016/17 Outreach Youth Safety Program. A 12-week educational program will help to steer community youth away from negative behavior and improve academic achievement.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Thinking Cap was awarded \$2,000 for Thinking CAP / 1st Things 1st. A survey class will create an open dialog to discover the concerns of the community and how to address these issues.
Clark Fulton	\$3,000	Cleveland Roots* was awarded \$3,000 for Cleveland Roots Community Gardens. A community garden will be built on W. 41st Street with raised beds, bringing the community together to grow healthy food.
Clark Fulton	\$1,098	Los Caminadores de Mercedarian was awarded \$1,098 for Dando Pasos Para La Salud. The project will motivate older adults to increase health, socialize, and engage in the community through weekly walks during the summer and meetings in the winter.
Detroit Shoreway	\$2,000	Cleveland West Side Village was awarded \$2,000 for Creating a Village in Detroit Shoreway. The organization will strengthen their network of support for aging persons in the neighborhood, focusing on building connections for their members to much needed resources.
Fairfax	\$3,000	All About Cleveland* was awarded \$3,000 for Rock in the Park "Fairfax Style." Next summer there will be a series of three fun community events to encourage community building and improve the health and well-being of the neighborhood.
Fairfax	\$3,000	Antioch Book Club* was awarded \$3,000 for their Words and More Lecture Series. The series will host public forums on social issues like race, history, and identity.
Fairfax	\$3,000	Cleveland Inner City Ballet was awarded \$3,000 for A Cleveland Inner City Ballet Nutcracker. The program will provide ballet classes resulting in a full production of The Nutcracker.

Fairfax	\$1,790	Fair Guide was awarded \$1,790 for the Life Skills project. The project will educate teens about financial literacy issues that affect them such as student loans, checking accounts, and credit.
Fairfax	\$1,500	Help Other People Excel is a mentorship project designed to guide younger students through academic challenges through tutoring and peer mentorship at the John Hay High School campus. This group of students was awarded \$1,500.
Fairfax	\$5,000	Reality Check Dance Team* was awarded \$5,000 for Reality Check Dance Team. The goal of this project is to help reduce childhood obesity by hosting a healthy lifestyle showcase/competition.
Glenville	\$2,000	Community Prison Ministry was awarded \$2,000 for Welcome Home Basket. This re-entry program will help men and women from the prison system with basic necessities as well as job training and GED classes.
Glenville	\$5,000	Fresh Camp* was awarded \$5,000 for Glenville Summer Fresh Camp 2017. Students at this summer camp will learn urban agriculture and how to express themselves creatively through hip-hop, while developing leadership and teamwork skills.
Hough	\$4,000	Change Makers* was awarded \$4,000 for Invigorate Art Gallery @6500. This outdoor gallery will feature work of both professional and novice artists in the neighborhood. Volunteers will also be trained on how to curate, organize, and market the show.
Hough	\$3,000	Clyde Rahman Community Center* was awarded \$3,000 for their “Seniors are Jewels” program for older adults. This program provides computer literacy training, arts and crafts, and health resources as well as relationships for older adults in the neighborhood.
Hough	\$3,000	Fresh! Bistro and Catering Inc. was awarded \$3,000 for Kiddie Chef. Children will learn how to prepare healthy meals through culinary classes, field trips, and other activities.
Hough	\$3,000	Parents of the Thurgood Marshall Stingrays was awarded \$3,000 for the Thurgood Marshall Stingrays. The award will go towards strengthening the inner city swim team through the purchase of supplies and snacks and other need improvements.

Lee Harvard	\$4,000	Band of Brothers was awarded \$4,000 for Lee-Harvard Breakfast Club. This program will pair up urban males with positive role models to help them deal with emotional trauma, do better in school, and stay out of the criminal justice system.
Lee Harvard	\$1,820	Caring Individuals was awarded \$1,820 for their 2017 Stepping Out Against Breast Cancer Walk. The walk will raise awareness while educating and activating the community about Breast Cancer, treatment, and detection.
Lee Harvard	\$4,000	Love and Care Ministries was awarded \$4,000 for Gifted Hands. Neighborhood youth will learn sign language and engage in educational and fun activities, such as field trips and playing sports.
Lee Harvard	\$1,700	Telfair & Tarkington Team was awarded \$1,700 for A Shop in Our Block. The program will bring together neighbors to build relationships through home improvement and outdoor furniture production.
Lee Harvard	\$3,000	William E. Sanders Beautification Committee* was awarded \$3,000 for William E. Sanders Beautification Project. This project will bring neighbors together to create a mural to represent positive images of the community.
Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000	Gamma Delta Zeta Helping Others Incorporated was awarded \$5,000 for Stork's Nest. This program educates parents to help them raise healthy babies, as well as provide necessities they may otherwise not be able to afford.
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,200	Mt. Pleasant Neighbors was awarded \$1,200 for Mt. Pleasant Neighbors Nights. The project will bring together residents, homeowners and renters alike, and organizations to talk through issues facing the community.
Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000	The Harvard Square Center* was awarded \$5,000 for Martial Arts Class/Tournament. Adults and children will learn self-defense through a series of Kung-Fu classes.
North Collinwood	\$4,000	Restoring Cleveland 4 U was awarded \$4,000 for Step Up to Fix Up – Phase Two. The program will provide youth with practical experience in landscaping, snow blowing, and energy conservation.

North Collinwood	\$2,500	Villa Beach Club Association was awarded \$2,500 for Historic Entrance Gateway Project Restoration – Phase II. The project will restore the historic gateway entrance to Villa Beach.
North Collinwood	\$3,400	North Collinwood Thundercats Youth Organization was awarded \$3,400 for All Star Cheerleading. Girls will learn cheer routines, stunts and choreography while building trust in each other through teamwork.
North Collinwood	\$5,000	Twelve Literary and Performance Arts Incubator* was awarded \$5,000 for One Mic Open Poetry Slam Fellowship. This fellowship program will train community youth in the art of poetry and performance.
North Collinwood	\$2,500	Ward 10 North Collinwood was awarded \$2,500 for Collinwood Health and Wellness Walkers Club. The program will provide its members with different strategies to live healthy lifestyles, including meal prep and exercise plans.
Ohio City	\$2,500	Lake Effect Free Alternative Health Clinic was awarded \$2,500 for Lake Effect Free Alternative Health Clinic. This program aims to expand the clinic to reach more people, and to create opportunities for community members to develop skills in alternative medicine.
Ohio City	\$2,000	The Hummingbird Project was awarded \$2,000 for Cleveland Seed Bank. A series of Seed Saving Workshops will teach the community how to cultivate their own seeds, and encourage participants to start their own seed-saving initiative.
St. Clair Superior	\$3,600	St. Clair Superior Youth Leadership Council* was awarded \$3,600 for Teen Center. The Teen Center at St. Phillip Neri Family Center will continue to host a cooking group, computer classes, gardening classes, and mural projects and will provide leadership training and community service events.
St. Clair Superior	\$2,359	St. Peter Parish was awarded \$2,359 for Fun Days on the Green at St. Peter. A series of events on Sunday afternoons will bring the diverse community together to allow people to see past their differences and have fun together.

Shaker Square	\$1,225	LGBTQ Youth Cooperative Village Alliance* was awarded \$1,225 for Tiny House Village for LGBTQ Leadership Development and Youth Homelessness Prevention. The project will begin the process of identification of a location, and design of homes for an LGBTQ Homeless Youth tiny home village.
Slavic Village	\$1,500	Broadway Public Art* was awarded \$1,500 for Programming Slavic Village. There will be two public events to bring together residents of all types as equals – A winter concert series and a spring parade.
Slavic Village	\$3,000	East 63rd Street Block Club was awarded \$3,000 for the 10th annual Spring Clean-up, Flower Planting, and Halloween Giveaway. The three projects will clean up the block, beautify the area, and provide children and families with necessities and treats.
Slavic Village	\$3,000	Fleet Avenue Stakeholders was awarded \$3,000 for Light Up Fleet. The project will hang winter and holiday lights and ornamentation on Fleet Avenue.
Slavic Village	\$1,737	Green Friends of Mill Creek Falls* was awarded \$1,737 for the Mill Creek Fall Community Garden. They will continue to develop the community garden to be more active and sustainable.
Slavic Village	\$2,000	Neighborhood Summit Planning Committee was awarded \$2,000 for the 2017 Neighborhood Summit. They will host a Neighborhood Summit, celebrating the dedication and hard work of those who work for the preservation and betterment of the community.
Slavic Village	\$1,500	Preps Parent Association was awarded \$1,500 for Everyone is Great, Because Everyone Can Serve. This program will increase education in Black History, as well as focus on the importance of philanthropy and serving the community.
Slavic Village	\$2,600	Rooms to Let Cleveland was awarded \$2,600 for Rooms to Let 2017. The program transforms four vacant homes into temporary art exhibits.
Slavic Village	\$2,565	Slavic Village Representatives was awarded \$2,565 for Slavic Village Resources Guide. The project will create and distribute a Slavic Village specific Street Club Resource Guide.

South Collinwood	\$1,000	Baby Cakes was awarded \$1,000 for Guided Goodies. The program will take teens on field trips to learn Home Economics skills in fun and interesting ways.
South Collinwood	\$4,245	From Me 2 U* , Inc. was awarded \$4,245 for Middle School Business. Girls in middle school will learn to write code and develop apps for business, as well as learn entrepreneurship.
Stockyards	\$2,000	Bike-a-Thon Planning Committee was awarded \$2,000 for the 11th Annual Stockyard Neighborhood Bike-A-Thon to teach participants about bike safety, build community, and enhance safety. There will be two events – the Fix-A-Thon and the Bike-A-Thon.
Stockyards	\$2,500	International Village Block Club was awarded \$2,500 for International Walkway/Greenspace Project. This project aims to expand upon the greenspace already in the community, as well as the neighborhood orchard, to provide fresh fruit and a place for neighbors to gather.
Tremont	\$2,500	Guardian Angels* was awarded \$2,500 for Junior Guardian Angels Martial Arts Program. Neighborhood youth will not only learn martial arts, but also self-discipline, self-worth, communication and safety.
Union Miles	\$1,500	BodyEgo LLC was awarded \$1,500 for BodyEgo Total Fitness Program. This program will provide fitness and nutritional classes to help members of the community live a healthier lifestyle.
Union Miles	\$3,745	Drumwoman Productions* was awarded \$3,745 for Girls and Grandmas Drumming Together. This program brings young and older women together to learn drumming and also build relationships between these two age groups.
Union Miles	\$2,555	Parent Action Team* was awarded \$2,555 for Life Skills Project. Youth and seniors will come together for cooking and sewing classes to create self-sufficiency and build trust between generations.
Union Miles	\$2,500	Raven House was awarded \$2,500 for Mom’s Matter in the Neighborhood to provide single mothers, and their families, with needed services and resources.

University	\$4,200	Health Professions Affinity Community of John Hay High School are hosting bi-weekly zumba classes and cooking sessions inside the John Hay campus. Students were awarded \$4,200.
University	\$5,000	Protecting Our Youth and Our Future was awarded \$5,000 for 2016-2017 Youth Empowerment to provide an environment for teens to express themselves, relieve stress, and are challenged to think outside the box.
University	\$3,000	Tender Hearts Crusades, Inc.* was awarded \$3,000 for Come Together: The Nehemiah Project 2017. This after-school program in the summer uses dance as a social and emotional learning technique to help students build self-esteem and appreciate their differences.
University	\$3,400	Theatre in the Circle* was awarded \$3,400 for <i>Jacque Brel is Alive and Well</i> and <i>Living in Paris</i> . This theatre production will bring cultural enrichment to seniors and students in the community.
Westown	\$2,550	Westown Volunteer Committee* was awarded \$2,550 for the 2016 Winter Frolic. The project will result in a free holiday event consisting of tree lighting, ornament decorating, photos with Santa, and other fun activities.
Westown	\$2,500	Y Music* was awarded \$2,500 for the Young Musicians Mentoring and Educational Alliance Program. The program will build self-esteem and confidence in young performing artists by granting them the opportunity to perform live and gain knowledge and experience.