

Projects Funded in May 2019

Neighbor Up, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and the Cleveland Climate Action Fund, will support 114 grassroots initiatives in Cleveland and East Cleveland with grants totaling \$299,162. The following details each project, the grant amount, 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.

Projects marked with a plus sign (+) are co-funded by the Cleveland Climate Action Fund.

All other projects are funded with the support of the Cleveland Foundation.

Neighborhood	Grant Amount	Project Description
Buckeye	\$2,500	The Action Ambassadors of Morris Black* will work to educate the neighborhood about the history of public art in the Woodhill Estates and to create new art that is more reflective of the current neighborhood residents' history and culture.
Buckeye	\$2,000	Buckeye Self Defense for Girls and Community will provide Saturday self-defense classes coupled with a series of themed workshops that deal with violence against women. These workshops are open to the public.
Buckeye	\$500	Friends of Owens Park was awarded funding to support the creation of a pocket park where CPD Patrol Officer Derek Owens was shot in 2009. This park will be a space that will facilitate community gatherings and environmental stewardship.
Buckeye	\$3,000	My Brother, My Sister is working with youth to build on their understanding of culture and history by exposing them to coding technology.
Buckeye	\$2,500	Papa Grandparents Family Education and Family Day Picnic is designed to be a day of strengthening families. Funding will support this family friendly day with resources and information as well as fun activities.

Buckeye	\$2,000	The Jarvis Gibson Foundation will implement the “Honorable Men of Tomorrow” program to serve as a wrap-around initiative for youth and adolescent students ages 9 to 19 in the Buckeye neighborhood.
Buckeye	\$2500	The Zuri Academy* is a summer program created to empower young women to become confident through self-expression using the arts as an outlet. The “I Create Me” summer program will focus on dance, singing, songwriting, painting, and creative writing.
Buckeye	\$3,000	Woodhill Estates Local Advisory Council is providing summer enrichment activities and field trips for youth in grades 1 through 4 this summer. Youth will travel on five local field trips while also having opportunities for physical fitness, arts activities, and STEM classes.
Central	\$4,000	Environmental Health Watch is hosting “FreshLo One Garden Valley Monday Night Mic.” The One Garden Valley initiative will use food, arts and culture as a lens through which to bring the community together to build power and to create social connections and trust.
Central	\$3,800	The Garden Valley Falcons were awarded funding to teach neighborhood youth the basics of cheerleading and football. Through this work, residents will teach sportsmanship, leadership, build trust to youth in the neighborhood.
Central	\$2,000	Greening the Hood+ initiative will enlighten the community about the benefits of being environmental stewards by teaching children about carbon footprints and the effects of energy consumption.
Central	\$2,000	The Marshall Avenue Safety Group was awarded funding to host a back to school safety fair in August. This annual event brings the neighborhood together to build trust and also to assist families and children in preparing to go back to school.
Central	\$2,000	Trinity Outreach Ministries* is organizing the Urban Neighborhood Ballet Troupe. The Ballet Troupe will introduce youth to ballet as a way to build confidence, discipline, and to learn another art form that they may not have experienced.
Clark Fulton	\$4,757	Advocates for Peace and Change is a neighborhood group that seeks to bridge relationships, information and opportunities with refugees in their community and the “Say Yes to Education” initiative for CMSD students. Advocates for Peace and Change are planning tours to universities as well as exposing them to opportunities with “Say Yes” to create access to higher education.
Clark Fulton	\$1,500	Clark Fulton Fresh Camp+ is organizing a summer camp for a total of 30 students, ages 9 to 18. This camp will explore and promote what’s FRESH in the neighborhood through hip-hop recording and performance.

Clark Fulton	\$4,152	Cleveland Roots ⁺ was awarded funds to share knowledge and skills on composting, gardening, recycling and tree planting. The group will promote cultural exchanges while trying to empower neighbors to combat climate change and food access.
Clark Fulton	\$1,500	Drama Free Ministries was funded to start a free community meal gathering where neighbors and partner organizations can meet and connect.
Clark Fulton	\$5,000	Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival will to continue this longstanding celebration of Latin culture and history in the neighborhood. Funds will also be used for cleanup of Roberto Clemente park and support civic action.
Cudell	\$4,999	Kids of Cleveland Youth Organization will be utilizing basketball as a vehicle to support whole person focusing on healthy eating and leadership education.
Cudell	\$1,500	Peace by Piece will create a fitness space with exercise equipment within our Adult Day Services program space in Cudell, allowing community members with disabilities to learn about and practice healthy, empowering living habits
Cudell	\$3,500	Trinity United Methodist will combat health injustices by equipping families and individuals with recipes and skills to make better choices in meal planning, preparation, shopping and nutrition.
Cudell	\$1,000	Windsong [*] , Cleveland's Feminist Chorus, will create musical free musical programming including sing-a-longs, performances, karaoke, and drumming circles at "A Place for Us" senior apartments.
Detroit Shoreway	\$2,500	Bridge Brigade will be reaching out to build community and create new connections through a series of beautification and social events.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,950	Detroit Shoreway Community Involvement Forum will throw a Holiday Christmas Party with live entertainment, gifts for children, and free photos with Santa to ensure all neighborhood children have the opportunity to celebrate the season.
Detroit Shoreway	\$2,000	Duke Farms ⁺ plans to expand the neighborhood garden to be a true community project and neighborhood hub through new collaborating with two neighborhood groups to plan parties and get together for this summer.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	A Place for Us [*] will throw a concert at Pattison Park, along with food and games for kids in a family-friendly environment.

East Cleveland	\$2,500	The Arts & Culture Coalition will use funds to throw a “Festival of the” Arts highlighting local heroes and sheroes.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	Bethlehem Community Health⁺ will create a native East Cleveland forest with an attached garden for food that the entire neighborhood can enjoy.
East Cleveland	\$5,000	East Cleveland Rise will continue revitalizing the Civic Center through reviving the computer lab with new computers and technology, Internet access, computer and digital literacy trainings. They will also beautify the meeting space so that neighbors can have a communal space.
East Cleveland	\$2,720	Food Strong⁺ promotes urban agriculture and fosters an appreciation for growing foods among a new generation of environmental stewards through creating a food garden, cooking classes and demonstrations, field trips and nutritional education.
East Cleveland	\$1,500	Golden Stepping Stones will be utilizing East Cleveland community hubs, social media, and radio shows, to inform people about issues that are rising in their community and how they can take action.
East Cleveland	\$3,000	Strengthening Our Students will provide home-ownership education for youth.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	Strong Hands United will focus on keeping children connected to their incarcerated parents through video visitation and email.
East Cleveland	\$1,185	The City That Care Forgot Mural Project* will use donated boards to create murals to be displayed on abandoned houses along the routes children take to school.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	East 135th Street Club will install outdoor lighting at homes to beautify the street.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	Village Neighborhood Group will create a pocket garden on their street with benches, flowers and bushes to allow neighbors to gather.
Fairfax	\$700	Antioch Baptist Church⁺ will maintain the Fairfax Community Garden and teach neighbors and students to prepare fresh vegetables.
Fairfax	\$3,000	Masjid Bilal will host a year-long series of events to build bridges and connect residents and businesses in the neighborhood.

Fairfax	\$2,500	Reality Check Dance Team will host a healthy lifestyle showcase for youth to reduce childhood obesity and showcase youth talent. Workshops will be held to prepare youth for the showcase.
Fairfax	\$2,000	Tender Hearts will work with Karamu House to teach students to solve real world problems through art and STEM activities.
Glenville	\$3,320	Ashbury E. 105th-115th Street Block Club will host a youth day with educational activities to prepare children in their neighborhood for school.
Glenville	\$3,000	Discovering Sources of Urban Treasures will do community service clean-up projects with neighborhood high school students and workshops about goal setting, communication and self-esteem.
Glenville	\$5,000	Even Me will assist domestic violence survivors through arts and financial literacy workshops and support groups.
Glenville	\$2,500	Gardening in The District Community Garden will host their annual book bag giveaway and Halloween event. The back-to-school event supplies children with free haircuts, school supplies, fruit and vegetables from the garden. The Halloween event will give children hats, gloves, scarves and hot cocoa.
Glenville	\$4,000	Glenville Community Land Trust Working Group is working to establish a resident-led land trust to acquire and steward land for collective ownership and permanent affordability. The group will do trainings with residents with the goal of establishing a trust.
Glenville	\$2,588	Growing Above My Expectations will host weekly gatherings to boost the morale of young men in their neighborhood.
Glenville	\$4,365	Mommy and Me Too will develop a therapeutic community garden to provide nutrition and foster social connection in the neighborhood.
Glenville	\$1,600	Neighbor to Neighbor* Glenville will host a one-day street festival with musicians on porches, a youth talent show, and other fun activities.
Glenville	\$2,500	Rosa Parks Drive Street Club will organize a clean-up and beautification projects on their street.

Glenville	\$3,000	The Lady Designed by God Leadership Program is hosting a training series that will provide hands on instruction in the areas of drama, music, dance and leadership advocacy. This program is for elementary, middle and high school aged students.
Hough	\$2,120	A Pause 4 the Cause - Career/Job Expose. The group will host a Career/Job Fair and give on-the-spot interviews for employment seekers.
Hough	\$2,900	African American Museum will present “Africa Rising.” The group will conduct three community classes on different aspects of African culture, including drumming, dancing, and history.
Hough	\$1,650	Faith Community Supportive Services received funding to support their work with the 2 nd Chance Youth Program, an initiative that helps youth turn their lives around through education, service, and community.
Hough	\$3,000	New Direction Church will provide over 200 bags of school supplies to area youth and school uniforms. They will also offer health screenings and connect people to resources at this festival.
Hough	\$3,500	Ward 7 RCA’s Environmental Stewardship Project⁺ will raise awareness about environmental issues by hosting activities, workshops, and more to engage children in the neighborhood on climate and sustainability issues.
Kamm’s Corners	\$1,789	The Riverside Park Outreach Committee is hosting a summer camp is designed for children in 2 nd to 5 th grades which will offer a variety of activities that teach healthy social, physical, nutritional and environmental practices.
Kamm’s Corners	\$1,996	West Park Public Art* is creating a mural on the Puritas Bridge and I-71. The goal of this project is to bring neighbors together to put a “stamp” of community, create public art, and to promote a safe, healthy neighborhood that welcomes all people.
Lee Harvard	\$3,500	The Friends of Lee Harvard received funding to support the Lee Road Community Fest. This Festival, to be held at the corner of Lee Road and Stockbridge, will be a fun event that brings community together to connect to one another, to resources and for outdoor activities.
Lee Harvard	\$2,000	Harvard Square Center – Martial Arts Program. Self-defense classes in Kung-Fu will be offered to the community to reduce delinquency and help keep neighbors safe.
Lee Harvard	\$2,200	Henry Johnson Center – will receive funding for GRADS. This project will provide college readiness workshops and supplies to single parents who are returning to school.

Lee Harvard	\$3,900	Neighbors 2 Neighbors will work with young girls and with women mentors from the community to increase awareness of healthy relationships, increase understanding of public policy related to women's health and domestic violence, and to advocate for change in these areas.
Lee Harvard	\$1,145	VK Fitness Studio is hosting a four-week summer program for youth and seniors where participants will do cardio exercises, resistance training, and learn relaxation tools for emotional health.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,000	Avenues to Enrichment and Youth Center Development – funding for a Tutoring and Mentoring Program will offer tutoring services to help students attain higher grades on standardized tests.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Buffer Charity – 2 nd Annual Back to School Bash. Local children will be provided with food and back-to-school supplies, as well as free haircuts for the new school year.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	The First Street Coalition received funding to jumpstart work on their street by adding design elements to prepare residents on their street for major changes. Funding will be used to support the clean-up, planting of flowers, and installing banners on utility poles to improve the streetscape on E. 131 st .
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,850	House of David Worship Center COGBF @ Rockhill – Community Back to School Festival. At this community festival, children will be given school supplies, and there will be music, food and games.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,000	Northeast Ohio Kings Youth Sports Organization is enrolling boys and girls in the Cleveland Muni League Football and Cheerleading programs. They will provide, in addition to the athletic programs, academic assistance through study tables, mentoring and training.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Recipes for a New Life will host hands-on workshops that are designed to educate children and their parents on how to prepare food and implement a healthy lifestyle through a proper diet.
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,500	Unity through Diversity – Building Bridges Across the City, will create neighborliness spirit among neighbors by bringing them together for conversation and tours of other neighborhoods to experience various cultures and landscapes and to then discuss and address challenges in their neighborhood.
North Collinwood	\$4,747	Adjusting Lives Healing Hearts will help ex-offenders reintegrate back into the community through a series of group sessions.

North Collinwood	\$5,000	Collinwood Collective is a group of new North Collinwood residents and future business owners who have come together with the mission to aid in the visioning and development of the Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District. Community planning and area beautification are at the core of this initiative.
North Collinwood	\$1,000	Jamocho Arts* was awarded funding to support their summer camp. Funding will go towards introducing youth to museums and parks like the Great Lakes Science Center, Lake Farm Park, Western Reserve Natural History Museum, and more.
North Collinwood	\$2,500	ShoWorth is organizing the “Butterfly Affect,” a series of classes on money management including budgeting, saving, and establishing good credit.
North Collinwood	\$5,000	Turn It Up Youth Success Club provides a safe environment where youth are mentored. This organization intends to work with at least 100 young men ages 12 to 18 years over the course of the year.
Ohio City	\$970	The 1942-1946 West 47th Street Garden Group* will utilize funding to purchase vegetable plants and to get a water permit for their community garden.
Ohio City	\$630	Angels with Dirty Faces is a group of retired police officers who will do all landscaping and assist with other areas of need at the West Side Catholic Center.
Ohio City	\$537	Car Seat Library will help four to eight mothers per month by lending a car seat so they can both leave the hospital after their baby is born while also providing rides to new mothers and babies. Families will be referred to the Car Seat Library from Neighborhood Family Practice and Refugee Response.
Old Brooklyn	\$1,187	Boosting Families Bounce provides trained for parents around five protective factors for child development – parent resilience, concrete support, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional development. Through this work, this group intends to strengthen families and children in the neighborhood.
Old Brooklyn	\$4,000	Kingdom Connection Outreach⁺ received funding to support their urban farm. The Kingdom Connection Tower Garden Farm provides locally grown, fresh produce to the neighborhood through the use of unique tower gardens that produce fresh produce every three to four weeks.
Old Brooklyn	\$4,000	The Old Brooklyn Families Group seeks to bring families together across Old Brooklyn and to connect them to one another, to good, timely information, and to opportunities around health, recreation and education in their neighborhood. Funding will be used for developing a series of cooking classes, for wellness activities, and for art activities.

Old Brooklyn	\$2,000	Point of Freedom is a recovery home for women. Funding will support training for employment through a nursing assistance program and also for support in improving literacy.
Shaker Square	\$2,500	Afojabe Afrikan Village* is organizing a STEM Roots Summer Camp utilizing song, rap, spoken word, and movement to enhance STEM learning through African arts and culture.
Shaker Square	\$2,150	The Larchmere Porchfest+ received funding to support their annual arts and culture festival. Now in its 11 th year, this remarkable festival will use funding to support food waste collection services as well as to support porch hosts for their work on Porchfest.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	Broadway Christian Church Summer Reading Program , entering its 42 nd year, will provide tutoring and their five-week summer session. The Summer Reading Program employs teenagers to serve as teachers and mentors to younger children in the neighborhood.
Slavic Village	\$4,000	Fruitful Life – also known at the Power of 30 – will support the development of 30 entrepreneurial businesses with skills training, coaching, mutual support circles, and microloans. This group’s mission is to support entrepreneurs in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.
Slavic Village	\$2,250	The Iron Ward Festival Committee produces an outdoor concert series each Monday night in the summer at Dan Kane Park on East 65 th near Broadway Avenue. This initiative, now in its 15 th year, showcases local bands while also brings people together from near and far.
Slavic Village	\$2,250	Junior Ironmen Wrestling will give young people the skills to improve themselves and their community and will offer wrestling training to children in Kindergarten through 8 th grade. In addition to wrestling, there will be mentoring and study tables for participants.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	The Mound Block Club addresses quality of life issues on their street. Funds will be used to bring neighbors together for a block party/back to school event in conjunction with Mound School while also bringing together neighbors to build relationships.
Slavic Village	\$3,500	The Slavic Village Bears is a cheerleading program that now includes 70 youth members from the community. Funding will be used for uniforms, a banquet, and to support members with snacks at practices.
Slavic Village	\$3,145	The Slavic Village Food Group is organizing the Village Feast, a sit-down dinner that will bring together 500 residents for a meal and conversation on an open street in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood.
Slavic Village	\$3,625	The Southside Lady Seahawks is a cheerleading program that works with youth ages 5 to 14 years of age. Funding will go for uniforms and equipment.

Slavic Village	\$4,000	The Southside Seahawks is a youth football program that promotes education, leadership and community for children on their team. Funding will be utilized to purchase new equipment (pads, helmets, mouth pieces) for youth on this team.
Slavic Village	\$1,800	The Women’s Wellness Foundation will use their funding to host their 2 nd Annual Career Fair that highlights non-traditional careers for women, particularly for women with obstacles to employment such as felony convictions, long term unemployment and homelessness.
South Collinwood	\$1,800	ERACE is a group of teenagers who come together to actively work to put a dent in the obesity rates of teens and young adults. ERACE will use funding to support young adults by educating them on how to select healthy food choices and invite them to be part of a group that focuses on eating habits.
South Collinwood	\$2,500	Graffiti Heart* was awarded funding to create the Euclid Green Mural. This mural will revitalize and beautify the wall along Euclid Avenue in the Euclid Green community in South Collinwood.
South Collinwood	\$2,000	Nottingham Methodist Church received funding to host the “Marvellrose Quilting and Sewing Program.” They will host classes on sewing, quilting and wealth development for youth and adults to earn extra income.
St. Clair Superior	\$2,500	The Extended Family* is organizing Sewing Seeds, an eight-week series that is designed to empower and engage young girls to participate in learning to sew, knit, crochet and other creative handicrafts.
St. Clair Superior	\$2,500	Young Imaginations is organizing the Block Watch Grow and Learn initiative, an outdoor community project designed to show educational films in the neighborhood.
Stockyards	\$1,557	Metro West Safety Committee is hosting a series of cook outs across the neighborhood in order to strengthen relationships with the local police officers in the neighborhood.
Tremont	\$2,000	Friends of Walkabout Tremont* were funded to host “Community Engagement Through the Arts”, an experiential art walk throughout Tremont that is for people of all ages.
Tremont	\$2,500	The Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival was awarded funding to support their work in celebrating LGBTQ artists in Greater Cleveland. Funding will be used to pay for artists groups, for equipment, and for printed materials.
Union Miles	\$1,500	A Whole Snack is a new group that will feed youth and the elderly by assisting them in growing their own food in the neighborhood. Funding will be utilized for the necessary equipment to start this program.

Union Miles	\$5,000	The Community Ghost Riders ⁺ is inviting youth to take classes – called Wheels to the Road - to learn more about smart cycling, bike repair, bike safety and to ride responsibly on the road.
Union Miles	\$1,500	East 108th Street Club is organizing their 7 th Annual Intergenerational Community Day. This event provides the community with a day of unity providing activities, fun and educational opportunities for people of all ages.
Union Miles	\$2,500	The Green Miles Street Club ⁺ is organizing eco-friendly career training for residents in the Union Miles neighborhood. Classes include workshops on urban agriculture, market gardening, site beautification, and more.
Union Miles	\$2,000	Ferris Coalition received funding to organize a neighborhood clean-up project with youth and residents on the street. The goal is to create a cleaner and safer environment on their street.
Union Miles	\$2,000	Sanctuary Baptist Church was awarded funding for Safe Play – The Children’s Playground. Designed by the community, this playground will provide a place for neighborhood children to play while also creating a place in the neighborhood where parents and caretakers of children can meet.
University	\$4,000	Little Lumpy’s Center for Educational Initiatives is offering a series of workshops intended to be an annual series for local aspiring African American writers, which they are developing with Literary Cleveland.
University	\$1,500	Restore Cleveland Hope is hosting a Freedom Festival that will celebrate the Underground Railroad Education Center in the Cozad House. This center will be a resource for the community and be a new place to be inspired in University Circle.
University	\$2,000	Summer Camp in the Circle is a 10-week camp focused on arts and culture that includes music, poetry, spoken word, dance, drama, storytelling and arts and crafts for children K – 8 th grade. The goal of the camp is to broaden the horizons of the participants and to inspire life-long appreciation for the arts.
University	\$4,000	VetConnect [*] is hosting a cultural arts festival that intends to connect veterans living in the VA Hospital with the surrounding neighborhood.
Westown	\$2,328	FindingBlank will use their funding to bring teenagers together to look towards career path goals. This event will be held at John Marshall High School and is intended to bridge relationships between teenagers and various professions to expose them to opportunities and information in these professions.

Westown	\$3,000	The West Park Historical Society* is a group of residents from the West Park neighborhood whose purpose is to preserve and promote neighborhood history. Funding will support the development of a media center that will house books, maps, prints and stories of the neighborhood.
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