



Projects Co-Funded in December 2021

Neighborhood Connections has approved \$323,000 in grants to support 126 projects in Cuyahoga County. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, the local public funder for arts and culture, will co-fund 22 resident-led arts and culture projects through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections. The following details each co-funded project, the grant amount, and the neighborhood where the project will take place.

Find a full list of grants at www.NeighborUpCLE.org.

Organization	Neighborhood	Amount	Project Description
ArtHub	Downtown	\$2,250.00	ArtHub received funding to create a regular networking showcase event of talent and creativity. Activities will include a DJ, local performers, open mic, sip and paint, local vendors market, and an interactive fashion show.
Barrioboy Community Garden	Clark Fulton	\$2,250.00	Safety & Art is a project to build a fence around the Barrioboy Community Garden, protecting the garden and children's' programming from the busy street. The fence will also be utilized as an art canvas to allow the youth to express themselves.
Black Men Who Excel	Fairfax	\$2,250.00	Piano Lessons is about providing free group piano lessons in person and online. Partnering with Ambitious Artists, Black Men Who Excel will do outreach in the neighborhood to help kids and families get signed up for lessons. Lessons will be for kids starting at ages 4 and up and will take place once a week.

Cerenyte Fried Pies	Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500.00	The Veggie Tails Storytime Literacy Program will provide youth with books, educational toys, learning, arts and crafts supplies, as well as a positive outlet during the summer months their out of school for vacation. Participants will receive hands on training in gardening and urban agriculture, arts, and crafts, and will have their own personal end of the season project in urban farming.
Creative Healing Foundation	Cleveland	\$3,000.00	City Scenes is an artistic photo walk through various neighborhoods and locations around Greater Cleveland. City Scenes is a location specific guided art walk that allows artists to render their own interpretations of the landscape and to introduce people to areas of the city they have yet to explore. Upon completion of the program each participant will submit a work of art to be printed canvas style then be presented in a gallery showing at the end of the program.
Diamond Makerzs	Downtown	\$2,000.00	Who Asked You? Conversations with Youths about Pandemic & Post Pandemic Life is a 12 week program that will provide workshops, journaling activities, dance therapy, art therapy, and behavioral therapy exercises for children to voice their feelings. The program will have in person and virtual options and will help re-acclimate student to being in a structured environment after the pandemic shutdown.
East 89th Street Club	Fairfax	\$500.00	East 89th Karamu Cultural Initiative will work with Karamu House to secure discounted tickets to distribute to residents on the street to partake in the spring performance season at Karamu House.
Eileen Dorsey Studio and Garrett Weider Studio	Old Brooklyn	\$1,090.00	Old Brooklyn Blooms will be a series of three exterior floral murals to beautify the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, based on the community's slogan "A Great Place to Grow!"
Elements Of Internal Movement	Union Miles	\$2,500.00	Reflect. Connect. Protect. is a project designed to help children learn healthy ways to cope and express themselves. In summer 2021 the organization distributed 100 art kits to children in the neighborhood and the plan is to expand the art kits to include a guided journal and be available to all ages and use social media to connect with participants.
Extended Family	Greater Cleveland	\$3,000.00	The Underground Railroad Trailblazer Project will educate the community about the history of The Underground Railroad and it current implications to survival today. The Extended Family in collaboration with The Cleveland Art Museum created a huge quilt wall that tells the stories of their ancestors, and the organization will present lessons about the quilt and

			history using the age-old mediums of storytelling, games, creative arts, and drama.
Food Depot to Health	Glenville	\$3,000.00	The Homesteader Vermicompost Project is about diverting waste from municipal streams and recycling food scraps and use various kinds of containers to create vermicompost, which becomes "black gold" natural fertilizer. Aside from using the compost for our Urban Farms, Community Gardens, and personal home gardening, the organization plans to collect food scraps at farmers markets in Glenville and St. Clair Superior to produce Vermi-compost for sale at each of those markets.
Footpath Foundation	Westlake	\$2,500.00	Discover Your Path is a program designed to get youth outside where they can learn science and SEL content in engaging ways while amplifying their voices with ELA skill reinforcement. Spring DYP is a program for 6th graders (or 5th graders when appropriate).
Furaha Forever Productions	Old Brooklyn	\$2,000.00	Our Family Creative Kits will be shared with families in need and those negatively impacted by COVID-19. Each box will contain a different fun activity with donated art supplies. The organization will also host educational virtual and in-person events with artists and guest speakers.
Gordon Square Classical Concerts	Detroit Shoreway	\$2,000.00	The Quarantine Poems is a cross-medium collaborative project: a gallery exhibition in Collinwood of 13 paintings by artist Christopher L. Richards, and two concerts and artist talks corresponding to the gallery exhibit. The concert will present 13 pieces composed by Cleveland composer, Ryan Charles Ramer. Both pieces are inspired by 13 poems. Funding from the Action Grant will also provide audiences with free CD's of the music and exhibition catalogues of the artwork. Informative talks from the artist and composers, as well as a Q&A with the audience will provide educational content and direct community engagement.
Hasani Management Inc.	Bellaire Puritas	\$2,250.00	Hasani Garden Camps will run from spring through autumn in person and virtually. The camp is designated to educate and entertain the participants with and fun and engaging curriculum around climate action, sustainability, organic gardening, theater, storytelling through art therapy and expression, environmental health, and healthy eating. Within our program's guidelines, we provide social inclusion for special needs children, who are mainstreamed into our activities.

Honey Hive	Hough	\$3,600.00	P.O.E.T Speak will engage neighbors (youth and adults) in settings that give voice to writing, while highlighting and celebrating the community. Neighbors will be encouraged to see themselves as POETS, as they look at the landscape of the community and write about it. The project will conduct two written Poetry Contests and showcase a printed publication at a community wide celebration of Poetry.
LAST SUNDAY MAKERS MARKET	Old Brooklyn	\$1,000.00	Last Sunday Makers Market is an event that brings local entrepreneurs, business owners, artists, and makers together to showcase their businesses and products. The market has evolved into more than just that. It has become a place for the community to come together and enjoy getting outside to listen to music, eat great food and check out local art. The market feels like a block party for everyone.
Oh Sew Powerful, Inc.	Lee Harvard	\$3,000.00	Creativity Rocks is a project to gather glass washed up on the shores of Lake Erie, rocks and stones from recyclers, scrapyards and landscape inventories, and transform materials into jewelry or art objects. This multigenerational program will be free to all participants, have both virtual and in-person activities with the final output being a creative product – jewelry or a painted rock, for the participant’s own use.
Old Brooklyn Historical Society	Old Brooklyn	\$2,500.00	The Old Brooklyn Historical Society intends to digitize information from the Old Brooklyn News the 1978 to 2008. They will scan these documents into their computer so people will be able to see more about the history of Old Brooklyn.
Poetic Movement	East Cleveland	\$2,000.00	The Literary Leaders Program is a 4-week lesson plan to equip the youth of East Cleveland with literary skill for the future that will help them express themselves so that they can become future leaders and use the power of their voice through the written word to change East Cleveland and even the world.
Rhythmic Artistry	East Cleveland	\$3,000.00	The U and I of Euclid Avenue is a community mural series that envisions beautiful murals depicting colorful scenery, African American heritage, and historical themes relating to the City of East Cleveland. Fifteen moveable murals will be painted by more than 25 Cleveland and East Cleveland artists, and installed on city walls along Euclid Avenue.
Sudanese Cultural Center	Cleveland	\$2,500.00	Sudanese Sunday School aims to expose the Sudanese Community to the history and Culture of Cleveland in order to promote healthy integration in their wider civil community as well as promoting cultural exchange within

			the community itself. Field trips will include the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Karamu House, and others.
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