



Projects Funded in May 2017

Neighborhood Connections, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, will support 100 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland with grants totaling \$250,745. 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.

Neighborhood	Grant Amount	Project Description
Bellaire Puritas	\$2,000.00	Global Parenting Network was awarded \$2,000 for their Parenting Community Conversations project. The project is designed to provide parenting classes through a learning, sharing agenda. The emphasis will be placed on the important value of parenting, both historically and in today's environment.
Bellaire Puritas	\$3,000.00	Green Lorain Group* received \$3,000 for their Friendship Through Flowers program. Funds will be used to purchase fertilizer, soil and mulch along with a variety of annuals and perennials to add a continuous splash of color down Lorain Avenue during the spring and fall season.
Bellaire Puritas	\$3,500.00	RollinBuckeyeZ Foundation was awarded \$3,500 for the Turning Wheels program design to provide educational awareness on the art of roller skating and how it can reduce illnesses associated with the heart and obesity through demonstrations. The goal of the program is to build a healthier community by being more physically active.
Bellaire Puritas	\$3,000.00	St. Paul AME Community Collaboration will receive \$3,000 to facilitate the Learning To Love Cleveland project, an after school summer camp program designed to provide law enforcement education. Youth will also take field trips around their community and the city giving them opportunities to express verbally and through photos ways in which communities can be improved.

Bellaire Puritas	\$3,000.00	West 130th Street Tri-League Inc. received an award of \$3,000 will be used to cover baseball/softball registration fees for youth allowing them the opportunity to participate in the park activities.
Buckeye	\$2,762.00	HTC Urban Outreach Committee will use their award of \$2,762 to create a fun energized safe space to draw residents and stakeholders together. The Hope Community Festival will provide opportunities for residents to connect with resource agents and centers that they are unaware of.
Buckeye	\$2,500.00	Morning Star Grand Chapter was awarded \$2,500 to provide an awareness campaign designed to address the long term health problems associated with obesity, including heart disease and diabetes. The program is provide a series of nutrition and physical activities.
Buckeye	\$2,500.00	The HopeNation Enrichment Summer Day Camp* program was awarded \$2,500 to provide instruction in age appropriate reading, writing and arithmetic, computer basics. The project will also teach basics on how to grow and cultivate produce.
Central	\$2,500.00	Central Area Youth Sports organization received \$2,500 towards their Helping Youth project. The project is designed to draw youth in the community to engage in conversations around positive behavior. Youth and parents will have an opportunity to participate in a workshop with community activist and other key officials to discuss issues around gun activity.
Central	\$1,000.00	Central Promise Neighborhood Ambassadors* was awarded \$1,000 for their Central Celebration: Past, present and future. The goal of the event is to educate families on the rich history and culture of the Central neighborhood. Through on-stage performances, neighborhood youth will deliver biographical accounts of community leaders of past and present.
Central	\$2,500.00	Cleveland Basketball was given \$2,500 towards their AAV Tournament project designed to provide youth with opportunities centered on competitions in basketball. The funds will be used for travel cost, housing and food.
Central	\$3,500.00	League Park Chargers was awarded \$2,500 for their Youth Athletics project which includes football, cheerleading, festival walks and arts and crafts. The project is designed to promote unity, reduce violence and instill self-worth in the children.
Central	\$2,000.00	Marshall Avenue Safety Group was awarded \$2,000 for their Back To School Safety Fair program. The program is intended to increase safety awareness in the neighborhood and bring the community together in a fun and informative way.
Central	\$1,105.00	Moms On The Move was awarded \$1,105 for their On-Line and On Time support group project. Groups will meet to discuss on-line topics selected by the group such as stress, reinforcing mental health and parenting skills.

Central	\$3,500.00	Untapped Potential Productions* was awarded \$3,500 for their program designed to educate the community on breaking the cycle of incarceration. A series of plays will be performed as a way to deliver the message.
Central	\$2,000.00	We Have A Dream was awarded \$2,000 for their Junior Usher Kickball Team event designed to improve the neighborhood by providing school supplies to youth. The event will include face painting, cartoon characters, arts and crafts along with recreational kickball.
Central	\$3,200.00	Yoga Girls on the Mat CLE was given \$3,200 for this project designed to encourage self-empowerment through yoga and self-reflection by journaling. The project will provide mats, healthy snacks, journals, writing instruments and t-shirts.
Clark Fulton	\$2,346.00	La Villa Hispana Merchants Group* was awarded \$2,346 for their Flores En El Barrio (Flowers in the Neighborhood) to install mosaic decorated planters throughout the La Villa Hispana's commercial corridors.
Clark Fulton	\$3,000.00	Old Angle Boxing Club was awarded \$3,000 for their after-school weekend program designed to provide a safe environment for children. A training center will be made available for the sport of boxing.
Clark Fulton	\$2,500.00	Stop To Love received \$2,500 for their yearly Children's Festival designed to raise awareness of hit/run proper response while providing an atmosphere of fun for the whole family.
Cudell	\$2,500.00	West Edge Block Club was awarded \$2500 for Welcome to West Edge: A Neighborhood Block Party! This event will bring neighbors together for music, food, and fun activities for all ages, followed by a neighborhood beautification event.
Detroit Shoreway	\$1,500.00	Ecovillage Neighboring* was awarded \$1500 for Ecovillage Neighborhood Block Party. This annual event celebrates diversity and brings the community together for food, fun, music, dancing, and more.
Downtown	\$2,500.00	Arts for the Homeless* was awarded \$2500 for Arts with the Homeless. Through a series of bi-monthly workshops, artists will teach different art techniques, while instilling a sense of value and self-worth in the participants.
Downtown	\$1,000.00	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival was awarded \$1000 for Taming of the Shrew. This performance will bring culture to an underused space, attracting downtown residents and hopefully inspire others to use the space.
Downtown	\$3,500.00	Cleveland Treatment Center* was awarded \$3500 for Let it Ride. This music education program aims to stimulate creative imagination and self-expression, and teaches valuable life skills.
Downtown	\$2,000.00	EACH Outreach was awarded \$2000 for Walk in my Shoes. At this event, 100 homeless children will receive shoes and school supplies, while enjoying food, activities, and entertainment.

East Cleveland (city of)	\$2,827.00	East 142nd Street Club* was awarded \$2827 for Block Party/Community Garden. This project will bring neighbors together to meet one another and to stay involved in community projects.
East Cleveland (city of)	\$4,166.00	Gifts to the Body was awarded \$4166 for Gifts to the Body Support Group. Through a series of self-esteem building workshops and support groups, local women will be able to connect, and enjoy food and activities with one another, and their children.
East Cleveland (city of)	\$4,040.00	Metamorphosis Movement was awarded \$4040 for I Will Rise. Women who have faced difficult life situations will have the opportunity to attend workshops where they will find encouragement and support.
Fairfax	\$3,000.00	Fit 4 You was awarded \$3000 for Fit 4 You. The goal of this project is to promote health awareness through diet and exercise, and includes trips to local gardens and food markets.
Fairfax	\$4,000.00	Good Hope Boy Scouts of America was awarded \$4000 for Troop 5719 Men of Tomorrow. This program helps boys develop character, citizenship, fitness, and valuable life skills through field trips and other activities.
Fairfax	\$5,000.00	Jordan Community Resource Center was awarded \$5000 for Heart2Heart Mentoring & Life Management Program. In this re-entry program, women mentor each other and help them become an asset to the community.
Fairfax	\$2,000.00	Unity was awarded \$2000 for Unity. This program provides care packages for senior and needy families in the community. These packages provide basic necessities to those in need.
Forest Hills (Cleveland)	\$1,500.00	Project HEAL was awarded \$1500 for Project HEAL. The goal of this project is to create mini peace gardens throughout the neighborhood, getting community youth involved.
Glenville	\$1,828.00	All the King's Men was awarded \$1828 for All the King's Children. At this community block party, children with good grades are rewarded with prizes, and gives them a chance to socialize with each other.
Glenville	\$3,100.00	Ashbury East 108th - East 115th Block Club was awarded \$3100 for The Eighth Annual Healthy Living Through Fun and Education Youth Program. This program provides students with educational and healthy activities throughout the summer.
Glenville	\$1,927.00	CLA Library Diversity Campaign was awarded \$1927 for Library Diversity Initiative. The goal of this project is to collect books on diversity so that children can read books that reflect them and expose them to other cultures.
Glenville	\$2,000.00	Gardening in the District Community Garden was awarded \$2000 for Gardening in the District School Supply Giveaway. The community will come together for two events, where there will be speakers, activities, and children will receive school supplies.

Glenville	\$2,000.00	Glenville Growers* was awarded \$2000 for Community Garden. This garden will grow organic food for the community, helping promote healthier lifestyles.
Glenville	\$2,000.00	Motherhood Club* was awarded \$2000 for Hampden Community Garden. The goal is to turn an abandoned lot into a community garden with a little free library, where neighbors can grow fresh produce and adults can read to children.
Glenville	\$4,500.00	Ohio Cardinals was awarded \$4500 for Ohio Cardinals (TakeCh9rge). This community football team helps to empower young members of the community, and to build up the area of 105th and Superior.
Glenville	\$3,500.00	Re-Inspired was awarded \$3500 for 50 Days of Summer with Recess Cleveland. A series of recess events will be hosted to allow kids a chance to play and connect with community.
Glenville	\$3,000.00	The Khnemu Lighthouse* was awarded \$3000 for The Beautification Project. Youths and artists will help to beautify the community through art projects, flowers, and a garden. A pizza oven will also be built to bring community together.
Hough	\$3,000.00	Encourage Church was awarded \$3,000 to work with young African American men and their families to play basketball and have discussions to get encourage them to get more connected to their community. This program is seeking to develop young male African American leaders in the neighborhood.
Hough	\$3,000.00	New Direction Church will receive \$3,000 to support the "It Takes A Village to Raise a Child Festival", an annual event to support youth returning to school in the neighborhood. Over 300 bags of supplies, as well as school uniforms, will be provided to neighborhood youth.
Hough	\$4,000.00	Park Village Residents are organizing to support their children through the "A Community That Cares" initiative. This resident group will utilize funding to support children going back to school in their neighborhood by providing school supplies, uniforms, and more.
Hough	\$3,500.00	Starmakers is hosting a two day event for survivors of violence. This event creates a forum for youth to discuss the topic of violence and how music plays into violence. There will also be a basketball tournament at East High, a conference, and concert.
Hough	\$4,000.00	The Addison Lawnview Garden* group will use the grant funds to work with youth in the community on gardening projects. The ALG group is steward one or two community gardens.
Kamm's Corners	\$2,000.00	Kamm's Cat Guardians will work improve the neighborhood by educating residents and advocating for responsible management of the feral cat population. Funds will be used to spay or neuter each feral cat that is trapped and will also provide them with rabies and FVRCP vaccines.

Kamm's Corners	\$2,400.00	Riverside Park residents are organizing a summer camp for youth - "Strong Minds, Strong Bodies". They will offer activities that will get students moving and using their minds and bodies to explore, play and create.
Kamm's Corners	\$1,500.00	West Park City Fresh will receive \$1,500 to promote the City Fresh stop through the designing and purchasing of marketing materials as well as purchasing equipment to improve the City Fresh Stop. City Fresh provides locally grown produce at a very affordable price to residents in West Park.
Kamm's Corners	\$2,500.00	West Park Historical Society* was awarded \$2,500 to educate youth and adults on neighborhood history. Walking tours, coloring books, and events are supported through this grant along with some funds being used to design and create "Welcome to West Park" signs.
Lee Harvard	\$2,500.00	Going Godward Ministries works with children in the Lee Harvard neighborhood to improve literacy skills through tutoring, organize a summer camp for children that provides enrichment in math, reading, and the arts, and provide support to the families of the children in terms of connecting them to resources and opportunities.
Lee Harvard	\$5,000.00	Love Soldiers* will receive \$5,000 for a "Community Art for All" gathering that invites neighborhood residents to come together to paint on canvas while getting to know one another. These community building gatherings will be held over the spring and summer.
Lee Harvard	\$2,500.00	The Heart Feeders was awarded \$2,500 to train and mentor individuals between the ages of 13 and 25 in leadership development and community engagement. Through the use of workshops, hands on learning opportunities, and technical support, the Heart Feeds hopes to catalyze youth led projects in their neighborhood.
Lee Harvard	\$2,750.00	The Henry Johnson Center was awarded \$2,750 to tutor 25 high school aged students in reading, math, and science to improve their academic performance. Neighborhood Connections funds will be used to provide stipends for tutors, to provide educational field trips for children, and for purchase supplies for the program.
Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000.00	NEO Kings Youth Sports received funding to support their mentoring and sports program for neighborhood youth. This program is for youth ages 5 to 13 years of age.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,000.00	Ruby Dean Huckaby Cancer Memorial Health Festival received \$2,000 to host a minority health fair that will include health screenings, basic health knowledge, connection to resources, and along with food and entertainment.
Mt. Pleasant	\$3,000.00	The First Street Coalition will use Neighborhood Connections funds to expand their beautification project in their neighborhood. Landscaping across the East 131st Street corridor, hanging baskets, and improving bus stops and benches along street are all ways this group intends to beautify East 131st Street.

Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500.00	The Harvard Clean-Green Community Garden will plant flowers, build twelve raised beds, and install fencing and signage at their lot. This garden is an important gathering spot for community members.
North Collinwood	\$2,500.00	By Leaps and Bounds was awarded \$2,500 for Techs-R-Us. The group will conduct workshops for 16-24 years olds to increase awareness and participation in the digital age.
North Collinwood	\$1,120.00	Chain Breakers was awarded \$1,120 for the Life Changing Women's Support Group. The group will be a resource for women who have experienced trauma-related events.
North Collinwood	\$2,500.00	Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project* was awarded \$2,500 for Creative Arts Summer Social. The project will bring together youth from a neighborhood summer camp and seniors from the Rose Center for weekly socializing through art classes.
North Collinwood	\$4,000.00	Giving Life was awarded \$4,000 for Young Achievers Choice. The project will work with neighborhood youth to teach them how to make in-the-moment decisions when emotions run high -- before they do or say something that could be dangerous for themselves or others.
North Collinwood	\$2,000.00	Got Knack* was awarded \$2,000 for a Talent and Fashion Show. The project will allow neighborhood youth to showcase their talent, meet others and receive giveaway bags with toiletries.
North Collinwood	\$5,000.00	Literary Innovations was awarded \$5,000 for the Family Literacy Game Nights. The project will allow families to use supplied materials to make their own games to improve literacy and math skills.
Ohio City	\$1,005.00	1942/1946 W. 47th St. Community Garden Group* was awarded \$1,005 for 1942/1946 W. 47th St. Community Garden. Grant funds will be used to buy vegetable plants for the garden.
Ohio City	\$3,000.00	St. Paul's Community Church was awarded \$3,000 for the Ohio City Youth Leadership Project. The project will host small gatherings for youth where they can share ideas and put them into action. The intent is to develop youth leaders to understand and spread the values of community and nonviolence.
Old Brooklyn	\$3,500.00	Old Brooklyn Families Group was awarded \$3,500 for Old Brooklyn Summer Education Series. The group will organize community activities before neighborhood summer movie nights. The activities will showcase different groups and organizations in Old Brooklyn.
Old Brooklyn	\$3,000.00	Pearl Road Merchants* was awarded \$3,000 for Pearl Road Beautification. The group will mulch hundreds of yards of planting area, and water hundreds of plants and trees in the district.
Slavic Village	\$2,500.00	Broadway Reese's Pieces were awarded \$2,500 for Cheerleading. Grant funds will be used to buy uniforms, travel to competitions, and provide an end-of-the-year banquet for more than 50 cheerleaders.

Slavic Village	\$2,073.00	Forest City Park Civic Association was awarded \$2,073 for community park enhancement and gatherings. The group will acquire vacant land for community parks and enhance the land with planters and benches. Once complete, the group will host a gatherings at the parks.
Slavic Village	\$3,500.00	Jones Road Family Development was awarded \$3,500 for Artists2Kids project. The project will bring neighborhood artists together weekly with students. Each artist will tell their story, introduce students to their art and then create art with the students.
Slavic Village	\$500.00	Play was awarded \$500 for Field Day. There will be games (potato sack race, tug-of-war, etc.) plus inflatables, food and an end-of-the-day outdoor movie night for families.
Slavic Village	\$4,000.00	Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center was awarded \$4,000 for YES Cleveland. The project is a youth summit to engage, educate and enlighten youth ages 13-19. The mission is to develop the next generation of community leaders.
Slavic Village	\$2,500.00	Stella Walsh Recreation* was awarded \$2,500 for Dancing in the Village. The project will bring new life to the recreation center by bringing in a highly-trained, high-energy choreographer to teach dance classes to neighborhood youth.
Slavic Village	\$1,720.00	Village Food Group was awarded \$1,720 for The Village Feast. The feast will bring together 300 neighbors for a sit-down dinner with food provided by neighborhood businesses including fresh salads from local gardens. Cards on the tables will help spark conversation around favorite home-cooked meals.
Slavic Village	\$1,600.00	Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization was awarded \$1,600 for Summer Activities. The group will host activities in the neighborhood including an ice cream social and a party in the park to bring together neighbors to socialize and have fun.
South Collinwood	\$4,125.00	Black On Black Crime Inc. was awarded \$4,125 for their neighborhood Bike Fix-a-Thon project. This project supports and encourages youth to develop their quality living in terms of health, education/training, employment and safety through the conversations with mature male guide speakers.
South Collinwood	\$2,000.00	DKMNOW , a group of 8 business men, was awarded \$2,000 for their neighborhood youth empowerment project. The project targets teens 13-17 and develops their self-esteem and social skills by organizing and joining community sports events and creating their own sports show which will air on ESPN radio station.
South Collinwood	\$2,500.00	MUSERA* was awarded \$2,500 for their neighborhood youth development. The project targets teens 14-19 aged who can sing and rap and provides them with the opportunities to learn to sing professionally and develop their self-confidence, teamwork, and leadership through music.

South Collinwood	\$1,000.00	North Collinwood Summer Guide Project* was awarded \$1,000 for their neighborhood summertime project. This summer project events provide the neighborhood of the opportunities to recognize their community assets and attractiveness by sharing talents such as arts, athletics, faith, nature, and music.
South Collinwood	\$2,500.00	Restore Our Cities Foundation was awarded \$2,500 for their community activities. Their project activities include fixing buildings, painting, and landscaping in collaboration with community institutions and volunteers.
St. Clair Superior	\$4,000.00	Godsway was awarded \$4,000 for supporting women including the homeless, teenagers with a single parent and women with children. The group supports and empowers women to get back out into society, stay out of troubles by involving them community activities.
St. Clair Superior	\$2,000.00	Shiloh Temple House of God was awarded \$2,000 for supporting their neighborhood families. The project gives youth and family in low-income neighborhoods health screening, necessary school supplies, haircut/braiding services, fun activities for families in collaboration with community retailers.
St. Clair Superior	\$1,703.00	St. Peter Parish was awarded \$1,703 for their neighborhood Fix-a-Thon project. The project covers the improvement of transportation by bike inspection and social events to interact and share their talents and experiences among the residents.
St. Clair Superior	\$4,000.00	Visionary Development was awarded \$4,000 to empower women in their neighborhood. The project supports women who are at risk of becoming homeless, incarcerated, abused and excluded by educating and empowering them to develop their self-esteem and confidence.
Stockyards	\$862.00	L & R Operation After School Program was awarded \$862 for their after school program. The program provides kids, including kids who are not in school, of homework support, tutoring, and opportunities to play games together.
Stockyards	\$1,513.00	Metro West Safety Committee was awarded \$1,513 for their neighborhood Cookouts with Cops program. The program connects the residents and police officers and provides them with the opportunities to have conversations at events to cookout together for building a better relationship safer community.
Tremont	\$2,500.00	Friends of Lincoln Park* was awarded \$2,500 for their neighborhood project at Lincoln Park Gazebo. The project uses the park as a hub of the residents and connects them through various activities and enjoyment in the park such as live music, performances, and sports.
Tremont	\$1,000.00	Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival was awarded \$1,000 for their neighborhood project for children and youth. The project provides children and youth of an opportunity to participate in dance performance/workshops and experience diverse historical cultures in an occasion of

		community cultural festival in collaboration with many cultural groups and residents volunteers in the community.
Union Miles	\$3,273.00	East 108th Street Club was awarded \$3,273 for their community event, Community Day with Night Out Against Crime Movie Night. The event supports the residents to access the necessary resources and educational experiences and interact with safety forces.
University	\$3,500.00	Papa Grandfather Resource and Education Picnic was awarded \$3,500 for their neighborhood project to empower grandfathers who raise their grandchildren. The project empowers grandfathers by connecting them to necessary educational and entrepreneurial resources and providing them with the relaxing and fun time with their grandchildren.
Westown	\$2,300.00	West Park Community Coalition was awarded \$2,300 for their community event, West Park Community Festival. The event is an important opportunity for the community to get reacquainted with one another and welcome new residents.