

## 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	<b>The Action Ambassadors of Morris Black*</b> 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	<b>Buckeye Self Defense for Girls and Community</b> 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	<b>Friends of Owens Park</b> 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	<b>My Brother, My Sister</b> is working with youth to build on their understanding of culture and history by exposing them to coding technology.
Buckeye	\$2,500	<b>Papa Grandparents Family Education and Family Day Picnic</b> 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	<b>The Jarvis Gibson Foundation</b> 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	<b>The Zuri Academy*</b> 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	<b>Woodhill Estates Local Advisory Council</b> 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	<b>Environmental Health Watch</b> 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	<b>The Garden Valley Falcons</b> 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	<b>Greening the Hood<sup>+</sup></b> 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	<b>The Marshall Avenue Safety Group</b> 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	<b>Trinity Outreach Ministries*</b> 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	<b>Advocates for Peace and Change</b> 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	<b>Clark Fulton Fresh Camp<sup>+</sup></b> 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	<b>Cleveland Roots</b> <sup>+</sup> 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	<b>Drama Free Ministries</b> was funded to start a free community meal gathering where neighbors and partner organizations can meet and connect.
Clark Fulton	\$5,000	<b>Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival</b> 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	<b>Kids of Cleveland Youth Organization</b> will be utilizing basketball as a vehicle to support whole person focusing on healthy eating and leadership education.
Cudell	\$1,500	<b>Peace by Piece</b> 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	<b>Trinity United Methodist</b> 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	<b>Windsong</b> <sup>*</sup> , 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	<b>Bridge Brigade</b> will be reaching out to build community and create new connections through a series of beautification and social events.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,950	<b>Detroit Shoreway Community Involvement Forum</b> 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	<b>Duke Farms</b> <sup>+</sup> 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	<b>A Place for Us</b> <sup>*</sup> will throw a concert at Pattison Park, along with food and games for kids in a family-friendly environment.

East Cleveland	\$2,500	<b>The Arts &amp; Culture Coalition</b> will use funds to throw a “Festival of the” Arts highlighting local heroes and sheroes.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	<b>Bethlehem Community Health<sup>+</sup></b> will create a native East Cleveland forest with an attached garden for food that the entire neighborhood can enjoy.
East Cleveland	\$5,000	<b>East Cleveland Rise</b> 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	<b>Food Strong<sup>+</sup></b> 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	<b>Golden Stepping Stones</b> 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	<b>Strengthening Our Students</b> will provide home-ownership education for youth.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	<b>Strong Hands United</b> will focus on keeping children connected to their incarcerated parents through video visitation and email.
East Cleveland	\$1,185	<b>The City That Care Forgot Mural Project*</b> will use donated boards to create murals to be displayed on abandoned houses along the routes children take to school.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	<b>East 135<sup>th</sup> Street Club</b> will install outdoor lighting at homes to beautify the street.
East Cleveland	\$3,500	<b>Village Neighborhood Group</b> will create a pocket garden on their street with benches, flowers and bushes to allow neighbors to gather.
Fairfax	\$700	<b>Antioch Baptist Church<sup>+</sup></b> will maintain the Fairfax Community Garden and teach neighbors and students to prepare fresh vegetables.
Fairfax	\$3,000	<b>Masjid Bilal</b> will host a year-long series of events to build bridges and connect residents and businesses in the neighborhood.

Fairfax	\$2,500	<b>Reality Check Dance Team</b> 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	<b>Tender Hearts</b> will work with Karamu House to teach students to solve real world problems through art and STEM activities.
Glenville	\$3,320	<b>Ashbury E. 105<sup>th</sup>-115<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club</b> will host a youth day with educational activities to prepare children in their neighborhood for school.
Glenville	\$3,000	<b>Discovering Sources of Urban Treasures</b> will do community service clean-up projects with neighborhood high school students and workshops about goal setting, communication and self-esteem.
Glenville	\$5,000	<b>Even Me</b> will assist domestic violence survivors through arts and financial literacy workshops and support groups.
Glenville	\$2,500	<b>Gardening in The District Community Garden</b> 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	<b>Glenville Community Land Trust Working Group</b> 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	<b>Growing Above My Expectations</b> will host weekly gatherings to boost the morale of young men in their neighborhood.
Glenville	\$4,365	<b>Mommy and Me Too</b> will develop a therapeutic community garden to provide nutrition and foster social connection in the neighborhood.
Glenville	\$1,600	<b>Neighbor to Neighbor*</b> Glenville will host a one-day street festival with musicians on porches, a youth talent show, and other fun activities.
Glenville	\$2,500	<b>Rosa Parks Drive Street Club</b> will organize a clean-up and beautification projects on their street.

Glenville	\$3,000	<b>The Lady Designed by God Leadership Program</b> 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	<b>A Pause 4 the Cause - Career/Job Expose.</b> The group will host a Career/Job Fair and give on-the-spot interviews for employment seekers.
Hough	\$2,900	<b>African American Museum</b> 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	<b>Faith Community Supportive Services</b> received funding to support their work with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Youth Program, an initiative that helps youth turn their lives around through education, service, and community.
Hough	\$3,000	<b>New Direction Church</b> 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	<b>Ward 7 RCA’s Environmental Stewardship Project<sup>+</sup></b> 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	<b>The Riverside Park Outreach Committee</b> is hosting a summer camp is designed for children in 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> grades which will offer a variety of activities that teach healthy social, physical, nutritional and environmental practices.
Kamm’s Corners	\$1,996	<b>West Park Public Art*</b> 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	<b>The Friends of Lee Harvard</b> 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	<b>Harvard Square Center – Martial Arts Program.</b> Self-defense classes in Kung-Fu will be offered to the community to reduce delinquency and help keep neighbors safe.
Lee Harvard	\$2,200	<b>Henry Johnson Center –</b> 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	<b>Neighbors 2 Neighbors</b> 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	<b>VK Fitness Studio</b> 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	<b>Avenues to Enrichment and Youth Center Development</b> – funding for a Tutoring and Mentoring Program will offer tutoring services to help students attain higher grades on standardized tests.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	<b>Buffer Charity</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>The First Street Coalition</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> .
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,850	<b>House of David Worship Center COGBF @ Rockhill</b> – 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	<b>Northeast Ohio Kings Youth Sports Organization</b> 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	<b>Recipes for a New Life</b> 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	<b>Unity through Diversity</b> – 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	<b>Adjusting Lives Healing Hearts</b> will help ex-offenders reintegrate back into the community through a series of group sessions.

North Collinwood	\$5,000	<b>Collinwood Collective</b> 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	<b>Jamocho Arts*</b> 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	<b>ShoWorth</b> is organizing the “Butterfly Affect,” a series of classes on money management including budgeting, saving, and establishing good credit.
North Collinwood	\$5,000	<b>Turn It Up Youth Success Club</b> 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	<b>The 1942-1946 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street Garden Group*</b> will utilize funding to purchase vegetable plants and to get a water permit for their community garden.
Ohio City	\$630	<b>Angels with Dirty Faces</b> 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	<b>Car Seat Library</b> 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	<b>Boosting Families Bounce</b> 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	<b>Kingdom Connection Outreach<sup>+</sup></b> 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	<b>The Old Brooklyn Families Group</b> 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	<b>Point of Freedom</b> 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	<b>Afojabe Afrikan Village*</b> 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	<b>The Larchmere Porchfest+</b> received funding to support their annual arts and culture festival. Now in its 11 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Broadway Christian Church Summer Reading Program</b> , entering its 42 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>Fruitful Life – also known at the Power of 30</b> – 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	<b>The Iron Ward Festival Committee</b> produces an outdoor concert series each Monday night in the summer at Dan Kane Park on East 65 <sup>th</sup> near Broadway Avenue. This initiative, now in its 15 <sup>th</sup> year, showcases local bands while also brings people together from near and far.
Slavic Village	\$2,250	<b>Junior Ironmen Wrestling</b> will give young people the skills to improve themselves and their community and will offer wrestling training to children in Kindergarten through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade. In addition to wrestling, there will be mentoring and study tables for participants.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	<b>The Mound Block Club</b> 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	<b>The Slavic Village Bears</b> 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	<b>The Slavic Village Food Group</b> 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	<b>The Southside Lady Seahawks</b> 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	<b>The Southside Seahawks</b> 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	<b>The Women's Wellness Foundation</b> will use their funding to host their 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>ERACE</b> 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	<b>Graffiti Heart*</b> 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	<b>Nottingham Methodist Church</b> 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	<b>The Extended Family*</b> 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	<b>Young Imaginations</b> is organizing the Block Watch Grow and Learn initiative, an outdoor community project designed to show educational films in the neighborhood.
Stockyards	\$1,557	<b>Metro West Safety Committee</b> 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	<b>Friends of Walkabout Tremont*</b> 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	<b>The Tremont Arts &amp; Cultural Festival</b> 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	<b>A Whole Snack</b> 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	<b>The Community Ghost Riders</b> <sup>+</sup> 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	<b>East 108<sup>th</sup> Street Club</b> is organizing their 7 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>The Green Miles Street Club</b> <sup>+</sup> 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	<b>Ferris Coalition</b> 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	<b>Sanctuary Baptist Church</b> 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	<b>Little Lumpy’s Center for Educational Initiatives</b> 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	<b>Restore Cleveland Hope</b> 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	<b>Summer Camp in the Circle</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>VetConnect</b> <sup>*</sup> is hosting a cultural arts festival that intends to connect veterans living in the VA Hospital with the surrounding neighborhood.
Westown	\$2,328	<b>FindingBlank</b> 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	<b>The West Park Historical Society*</b> 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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