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Rising Fund ...

2021 FUNDERS REPORT
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COMMUNITY
CAPITAL FUND





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The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a unique funding collaborative that annually provides grants for community-driven and neighborhood-led revitalization projects and initiatives in low- to moderate-income areas throughout the Greater Kansas City region.

The NRF, formerly the Neighborhood Self Help Fund, was created with the simple goal of seeding dreams and aspirations and building capacity in Kansas City neighborhoods. By supporting small neighborhood-led initiatives that demonstrate the ability to have a lasting impact, the NRF has brought together hundreds of residents and helped to build their collective capacity to live more productive, healthy, and interconnected lives.

Since 2015, NRF has awarded 244 grants to neighborhood organizations in both Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS, totaling \$677,380. These projects have leveraged 59,269 combined volunteer hours, and have engaged 111,460 residents and other stakeholders during this time. The continued local impact of the NRF in 2021 is made possible by the following funders: H&R Block, US Bank Foundation, Google Fiber Kansas City, Hallmark Corporate Foundation, H&R Block Foundation, AT&T, Health Forward Foundation, Sosland Foundation, and Commerce Bancshares Foundation (Commerce Bank).

The NRF is managed by the Community Capital Fund, a community development 501(c)(3) that builds the capacity of neighborhoods in divested areas throughout Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas.

This report highlights projects that were completed in 2021, where the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic were still impacting project scopes and the cost of supplies. This was NRF's seventh year awarding grants and the program was expanded in two key ways. The stories and data you see in this report show the critical role this grant program plays in supporting our community's goals to build lasting change.



COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND

What is the Community Capital Fund?

Since 2012, the Community Capital Fund (CCF) has invested in innovative and measurable community development that aligns with and strengthens the financial, human, and social capital of under-resourced neighborhoods in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. CCF is an affiliate organization of AltCap, a Kansas City-based Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), and equity2, an impact investment firm.

CCF has deployed more than \$3,000,000 to neighborhoods and grassroots organizations, as well as entrepreneurs and small businesses, organized nine Community Development Workshops that have collectively drawn more than 2,100 community leaders, and fiscally sponsored ten social ventures

Why is the Neighborhoods Rising Fund Important?

Every community desires to improve the quality of life of its residents, but many also face adversity on the road to creating change. Our communities are creative and skilled in solving problems and mobilizing volunteers. Yet too often, a lack of access to funding sources prevents them from bringing their ideas to fruition. Over the years we have learned that neighborhoods are at the heart of community success and improvement. Our Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area relies heavily on our neighborhood leaders and the interdependency of our communities to survive.

CCF provide grants and technical support to organizations through NRF by providing funding directly to the stakeholders of our distressed communities to impact multiple priorities like:

- Celebration of Arts + Culture
- Homes + Property Maintenance
- Membership Development + Social Cohesion
- Public Safety
- Neighborhood Clean-Ups
- Digital Inclusion and
- Creating or Maintaining Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens

These high-impact priorities build capacity within communities to take ownership of their shared spaces to provide a brighter future for themselves and their neighbors. Successful projects are scored based on their ability to build capacity, bring people together, promote membership and engagement, and through neighborhoods learning new skills. By supporting neighborhood-led priorities, NRF is able to create a rippling impact and create space for new ideas to come forward.

The NRF is grateful for the community partners that provided funding to make the 2021 NRF as successful as possible:



What is Capacity Building?

Capacity Building is a term we use at CCF to indicate a neighborhood or organization is creating lasting impact that creates a foundation or builds upon work already completed. It is work that grows individual and community skills that allow the group to take on more and create greater positive impacts in the future.

In 2021...

In 2021, CCF expanded the NRF's geographic boundaries and increased its award cap. The newly expanded geographic area includes Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Cass counties in Missouri, as well as Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties in Kansas. CCF continued its specific focus on historically underinvested neighborhoods in these seven counties.

The award cap for this year's one-year grants increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000, giving neighborhoods with additional capacity an opportunity to expand their programming. CCF also included a two-year award option of up to \$10,000 split into two payments for applicants that have satisfactorily completed and reported on any prior NRF-funded projects.

To be eligible for NRF funding, grantees needed to provide a long-term vision and plan for their neighborhood, engage with local partners, as well as show how residents in the neighborhood were involved to identify the need for the project and how they will participate. Selected projects and initiatives were created by the community and vetted through inclusive, neighborhood-wide decision-making and resident-involvement processes.

37 Total # of Projects Funded

10 Total # of Two-Year Grants

\$186,495 Funded

1,460 # Project Participants

12,269 # Project Hours

Project Categories:



Celebration of
Arts + Culture



Home +
Property



Membership
Development
+ Social Cohesion



Public
Safety



Neighborhood
Clean-Ups



Digital
Inclusion



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens



Message from Phyllis Hardwick, CCF's Executive Director:

2021 proved to be a difficult year. Maybe because the optimistic start of the year quickly crashed into the reality of the prolonged pandemic. Maybe it was because the burden on neighborhoods has never been greater. Regardless of the reason, our neighborhoods stepped up, once again, in support of their residents, communities, and our city. This 2021 Neighborhood Rising Fund report captures some of the ingenuity, resilience, and sheer grit of our neighborhoods and their leadership. We cannot support these efforts without the contributions of our funders, who ensure that NRF remains a resource to the parts of our city that needs it the most. We are grateful to share this great work and for your partnership in years to come.

Neighborhoods Rising Fund

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Neighborhoods Rising Fund ●●●

2-Year Projects



COMMUNITY
CAPITAL FUND

PROJECT NAME

“What Do You Want To Be” Summer Youth Arts Camp

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

First Baptist Church of Kansas

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The First Baptist Church (FBC), founded in 1859, has been serving it’s community for over 160 years. In 2021, with a two-year grant from the NRF and additional funding sourced throughout the community, FBC hosted a “What Do You Want To Be” Summer Youth Camp that brought local government and private sector leaders to enjoy lunch with Kansas City youth. The leaders took time to answer questions and give presentations on their industries allowing the K-12th graders an opportunity to select careers they may have not considered before. During this time, the participants created a board game that could be shared within the community highlighting Kansas City, KS minority leaders. Seven career categories were presented to the youth participants including, Arts + Entertainment, Business + Finance, Engineering + Housing, Education + Technology, Government, Law + Public Service, Medicine, Science + Research, and

Tourism + Transportation. This project explored historic and current Kansas City, Kansas Minority business owners and community leaders for the period of 1945-2021 in Kansas City, Kansas and allowed the youth participants time to learn about what education and skills they would need to pursue a career in one of the presented fields.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

2



ORGANIZER HOURS

150



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

38



VOLUNTEER HOURS

150

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[Website](#)



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PROJECT NAME

Global One's 2020 Year of Plans Postponed by Covid.

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

**Global One Urban Farming –
Finishing in 2021**

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO



GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Global One Urban Farming has been expanding their community garden for the last five years. Through a two-year grant from the NRF, with additional funding sourced within the community, Global One has finished projects that were slowed or stopped due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This included adding more raised beds and growing areas to increase overall production volume to meet the growing needs of families in food deserts throughout the city, primarily in the Vineyard Neighborhood Association boundaries. This work also includes teaching families about how to move into producing their own food rather than strictly consuming it. Their plans for this year include clearing 10,000 square feet that will allow them to produce an additional 30,000 pounds of vegetables and expanding their youth volunteer program that teaches urban farming techniques.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

12



ORGANIZER
HOURS

768



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

75



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

144

[Facebook](#)

[Website](#)



4409 Cypress Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri 64130

PROJECT NAME

Educational Empowerment for Health and Safety

PROJECT CATEGORY



Membership Development + Social Cohesion



Public Safety

ORGANIZATION NAME

Grateful Education Foundation

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Grateful Education Foundation received a two-year grant of \$10,000 to fund three themed workshops that were held on multiple dates and offered in-person and with virtual options to accommodate the community's schedule and respond quickly to COVID-19 changes. The workshops educated the community on Mental Health, Anger Management and Gun Safety. The foundation operates within the Foxtown West Neighborhood but all were welcome to attend any of the events. Additionally, the grant funded the annual Education Fair where COVID-19 testing and vaccinations were available along with other health screenings, job opportunities, tutoring, training and a variety of community resources. The foundation exceeded their original plan by adding a digital literacy course to their available workshops and they forged 4 new partnerships during the Education Fair.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER HOURS

1000



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

7



VOLUNTEER HOURS

25

Facebook

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PROJECT NAME

Frisbee Disk Golf Course

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

**Historic Westheight
Neighborhood Association**

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



In 2020, **The Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association** received a grant to cover their park's concrete areas with murals to increase the public's appreciation of the space. To continue building upon the beauty and functionality of the park, the association received a grant to construct a disc golf course that would be open to the public throughout the year. The neighborhood has been growing and has seen more families with children moving into the area. Having a public space that is both beautiful and exciting to use has become a major priority for the residents. The project will take up to two years to complete and the association looks forward to more progress in 2022.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER
HOURS

10



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

8



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

14

Facebook

Website

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PROJECT NAME

JF Code Violation Program Independence Plaza

PROJECT CATEGORY



Home +
Property

ORGANIZATION NAME

Jerusalem Farm

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Jerusalem Farm is a community that dedicates itself to inclusive work for the betterment of the surrounding neighborhoods. Their work over the last ten years has been in assisting homeowners address code violations.

Code violations can be cumbersome for all homeowners, this is especially true for low-to-moderate income homeowners. Jerusalem Farm leverages volunteers to work to keep neighborhoods beautiful and make homeownership more attainable. In 2021, Jerusalem Farm took special interest in the Independence Plaza Neighborhood, as they had not completed any projects for this area before. During the project period, they painted four homes. The project was very successful, met it's goals and increased the community engagement. The 501(c)(3) organization is continuing their work in 2022 and is dreaming bigger.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER
HOURS

200



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

90



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1500

Facebook

Website

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PROJECT NAME

Longfellow Community Resilience

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens



Membership Development + Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

Longfellow Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Longfellow Neighborhood Association

has been organizing community events and engagement for over 75 years! The group has Longfellow Farm, which grows fruits and vegetables that are shared with neighbors. With a two-year grant from NRF, the 501(c)(3) organization has begun a community resilience project that encompasses many different types of events and workshops aimed to connect the community, bring in new members and teach the neighbors new skills. Beekeeping was added to the farm and a workshop was held to teach others how to harvest honey. The honey was shared with participants and neighbors and then bottled and sold. Solar powered security lights were installed at their community tool shed and a community clean-up day with coffee and snacks was held. A second workshop which taught participants about building soil. This has been a big part of the work on the Longfellow Farm this year too, as they work to make their harvest more bountiful. Additional funds were spent to create a new website so that the organization can share its work and engage more easily.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER HOURS

70



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

30



VOLUNTEER HOURS

300

Facebook

Website

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PROJECT NAME

Phase One: Rosedale Community Center

PROJECT CATEGORY



Membership Development
+ Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

Rosedale Development Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Rosedale Development Association (RDA) has been working within their community in some form for the last 77 years. Their work includes Adult Learning Classes such as resume writing, Yoga In The Park and Coffee and Conversation. RDA is also committed to providing the youth of their community safe and educational opportunities year-round. The neighborhood has

long wanted to have a community center that offered health, wellness and enriching community programming. Rosedale has completed the first portion of this massive undertaking by collecting information from the community, identifying stakeholders and getting them engaged and locating a site for the future community center. The work continues in 2022.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER HOURS

280



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

193



VOLUNTEER HOURS

0

Facebook

Website



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PROJECT NAME

Spring + Fall Neighborhood Clean-Ups

GRANT

\$620

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood
Clean-Ups

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association regularly hosts neighborhood clean-up events as they find them to always be very successful in their community. They believe the success comes from the multifaceted approach to their outreach and execution of the events. They use email, word-of-mouth and hand delivery of flyers which starts the project off strong by connecting neighbors from the beginning. Their community can occasionally lack the ability or motivation to begin their individual large-scale cleaning projects but doing it as a community energizes folks to get out and get together. The association is building their membership through the outreach completed during these events and each one grows a little bit more with residents always asking when the next opportunity to connect will be.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER
HOURS

8



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

20



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

80

PROJECT NAME

Community Outreach + Block Leaders Project

PROJECT CATEGORY



Membership Development
+ Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

Town Fork Creek
Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association has found over the years that their neighborhood leadership is aging and that they do not have adequate participation from the younger neighbors to take over leadership positions as the long standing volunteers are choosing to step down. This is a common problem neighborhood groups are experiencing and Town Fork Creek has decided to address the challenge head on through a Block Captain Project. This work includes identifying persons throughout the community interested in addressing more specific neighborhood issues and recruiting new members through canvassing. So far, the project has exceeded the set goals and increased the overall membership including newly elected President, Vice President, Secretary and Vice Treasurer. The increased participation from the younger homeowners has already successfully addressed an illegal dumping site through coordination with the existing association members.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

10



ORGANIZER HOURS

400



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

10



VOLUNTEER HOURS

500

Facebook

Website



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PROJECT NAME

Community Orchard

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens



Public Safety

ORGANIZATION NAME

Westside CAN Center

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$10,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Westside Community Action Network (CAN) Orchard was planted in 2014 to give the community a safe space to interact with one-another while learning how to grow their own food. The orchard now supplies its harvest to the community, creating a free and healthy food source for families to rely on. The orchard has been expanded over the years and now boasts an incredible 130 fruit trees, a butterfly garden, chicken coops, a medicinal garden, beehives, vegetable gardens, and a greenhouse. The NRF made a two-year grant of \$10,000 for the Westside CAN organization to create and implement an educational program that families could participate in together. The grant is also funding new maintenance equipment and training for the orchard's volunteers.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER HOURS

1248



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

160



VOLUNTEER HOURS

880

Facebook

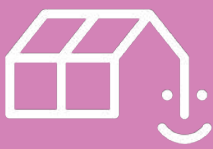
Website

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**1-Year
Kansas
Projects**



COMMUNITY
CAPITAL FUND

PROJECT NAME

A Better Community (ABC) Project

GRANT

\$3,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Membership Development
+ Social Cohesion

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Argentine Betterment Corporation

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

The Argentine Betterment Corporation (ABC) has been dedicated to the preservation of the Argentine Neighborhood for 12 years. With this year's one-year, \$3,000 grant the group sought to address its community's lack of social engagement opportunities. During the research conducted to plan the 2021 project, ABC found that its neighbor's mental health was affected by the continuing pandemic through a lack of safe social opportunities. The funding allowed ABC to plan five community events in their park and two clean-up days that served over 150 residents. Highways, parks, and vacant lots were cleared during these clean-ups. ABC held summer concerts and movie nights to allow for safe, outdoor fun. They look forward to making this project annually recurring.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

6



ORGANIZER HOURS

25



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

10



VOLUNTEER HOURS

20

PROJECT NAME

Community Garden

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

**Blooms and Brooms Neighborhood
Beautification and Preservation**

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$2,500

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Blooms and Brooms has been wholly focused on the beautification and preservation of the Columbus Park Neighborhood since 2004. Over those 22 years, they have provided opportunities to residents to cultivate and encourage the cultural diversity and improve the neighborhood's aesthetic through clean-up projects, a community garden, an Art Walk, and a gathering space with a fire pit. This year's NRF funding provided the organization with the capital to make improvements to the community garden located on the southside of East Missouri Avenue between Gillis and Harrison. Improvements included safety upgrades like replacing a rusted fence, installing a retaining wall, and extending the walk way through the garden with pavers. The organizers were able to engage 15 existing volunteers and recruit new youth volunteers,

which was a major goal for the organization in 2021. This was the first year that Blooms and Brooms received a grant from the NRF. The neighborhood is ethnically and economically diverse and the garden encourages everyone to interact together as one community.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER
HOURS

n/a



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

25



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

n/a

PROJECT NAME

Community Arts Placement

PROJECT CATEGORY



Celebration of Arts + Culture

ORGANIZATION NAME

Community Housing of Wyandotte County

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS



GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



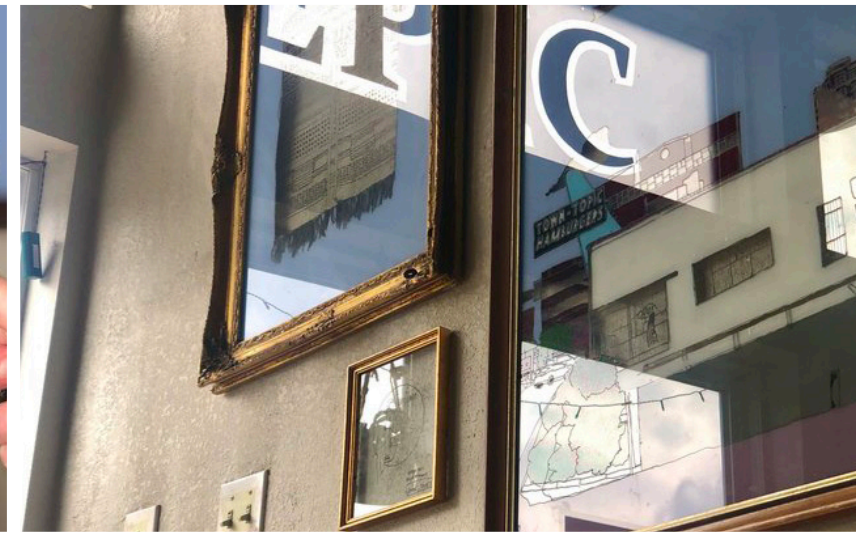
LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Community Housing of Wyandotte County (CHWC) began operations in 1998. Since then, they have worked diligently to accomplish their vision of fostering a diverse and vibrant community through improved housing and life initiatives. Throughout this work, community members and the KCK artist community have expressed a need for places to connect, teach and share art. With a grant from NRF, CHCW was able to create new programming to provide community events, youth and adult classes, and an art camp. CHCW is working to create space for a thriving art community in downtown KCK and is continuing to provide opportunities for residents to learn artist technique, appreciate art, and explore arts, culture and food.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER HOURS

17



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

4



VOLUNTEER HOURS

17

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PROJECT NAME

HUB Community Garden

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

The HUB Argentine

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

GRANT

\$3,900

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The HUB Argentine provides the HUB Community Garden to the Argentine community. The garden provides access to free, healthy produce in the neighborhood, garden education, and the opportunity for neighbors to build relationships with each other. Many of the leadership team members are young parents who want to provide opportunities for their children in our neighborhood to grow, learn, and care for the world around them. The garden has met and exceeded these goals to become an important part of the life of the neighborhood. The KC Farm School at Gibbs Rd provided the plant starters needed for the vegetables. People of all ages shared in the planting process from the several 2-3 year olds helping to plant seeds by digging holes and teenagers who loved using the wheelbarrows to bring over dirt and first-time adult gardeners who spaced out the plants evenly through the beds, they saw the gifts of all different types of people and ages come to life and the start of a new community.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

9



ORGANIZER HOURS

270



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

55



VOLUNTEER HOURS

23

Facebook

Website

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PROJECT NAME

Pocket Park in Turtle Hill

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Turtle Hill Community Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, KS

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Turtle Hill Community Association partnered with Groundwork NRG's Green Team to build a pocket park on a prominent corner lot in the community, in order to address the group's desire for quality parks that feature benches and other essential park amenities. The Green Team provided labor for the project and paid for most of the 18 arborvitae trees that were planted in the park to landscape the backdrop of the park. The group also installed sidewalk-adjacent benches and elected to hire professional installation for these benches due to challenges stemming from the size and weight of all components involved.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER
HOURS

30



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

18



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

297

Facebook

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1-Year Missouri Projects



COMMUNITY
CAPITAL FUND

PROJECT NAME

The Putterer's Place

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Blue Hills Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO



GRANT

\$5,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Blue Hills Neighborhood Association has served the neighborhood within the boundaries of Swop Parkway to 63rd Street and includes areas on the Paseo Boulevard and Prospect Avenue for over 24 years. The association works to build a safe and cohesive place through multiple events throughout the year. With a 2 year grant from the Neighborhoods Rising Fund, the association began work on reclaiming a vacant lot and naming the space The Putterer's Place. After completion of Phase Two in 2022, the area will feature pollinating vegetation and promote a sense of

community by serving as a mid-way point to the whole neighborhood. By reclaiming the vacant spaces and repurposing them as public spaces, the association works to reduce crime and deteriorating housing while engaging the neighborhood youth with positive activities. This type of project also encourages youth to be an active voice in the community.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER HOURS

157



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

15



VOLUNTEER HOURS

67

Facebook

Website



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PROJECT NAME

Blue Valley Neighborhood Association

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Blue Valley Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

Blue Valley Neighborhood Association has been in operation since 1978 serving the residents living within the boundaries of 12th Street & 40 Highway and I-435 & Van Brunt. A long-time recipient of the NRF, Blue Valley Neighborhood Association used the 2021 funding to establish a block captain program to deter crime and litter. The funds also helped support the community garden by adding a butterfly and flower garden. The neighborhood is currently located in a food desert, with very limited sources to buy fresh produce. Recently, the bus route that served the area was closed making this more challenging. In order to address this, the community garden has been expanded to include vegetables that are available for free to residents.

GRANT

\$3,000

OVER TWO YEARS

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

n/a



ORGANIZER HOURS

n/a



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

442



VOLUNTEER HOURS

n/a



Website



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PROJECT NAME

Phase 2: Citadel Beautiful

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Citadel Center Homeowners Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$4,460

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Citadel Center Homeowners Association used the one-year, \$4,000+ grant from the NRF to continue phase two of their community beautification project, “Citadel Beautiful”. The project created space for native and low maintenance plants within their community park and garden space. The HOA took time to recognize homeowners who kept their individual spaces clean and landscaped throughout the year, including holiday decorations. The HOA elected a landscaping committee who continues to work to energize the youth ambassador groups to volunteer at the public green spaces in 2022.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

2



ORGANIZER
HOURS

8



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

3



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

34

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PROJECT NAME

Project Clean Sweep

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Membership Development + Social Cohesion

NRF GRANTEE NAME

East Meyer Cluster Organization

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

 Kansas City, MO

East Meyer Cluster Organization was created for the purpose of creating unity and engaging the community to prevent the rise of crime and to assure the cleanliness, safety and security of the area. The neighborhood boundaries it serves are 63rd Street to 67th Street between Swope Parkway and Prospect Avenue. This annual event, held twice over each summer, has allowed the neighborhood to become one of the cleanest on the east side of Kansas City and engages residents young and old on the importance of keeping their public spaces free of accumulated trash and debris. Members plan and provide dumpsters and pass out yard debris bags to give everyone a chance to participate. Due to the long-standing tradition of these events, residents are now accustomed to keeping their personal spaces clean and helping to spread the word when new faces move into the area.

GRANT

\$540

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

6



ORGANIZER HOURS

24



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

4



VOLUNTEER HOURS

8

PROJECT NAME

Park Revitalization

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Fairlane Home Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$2,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Fairlane Homes Association serves the neighborhood that sits between Bannister Road and 99th Street from north to south and Blue Ridge Boulevard and Hillcrest from east to west. The neighborhood had an existing park which was in need of repairs and improvements in order to boost the resident's use. With the funding award from the NRF, the association was able to add a bench, three swing belts and add coverings to the park signage at the two entrances. By completing this work, the association made the park more visible and accessible. 468 households benefit from the park being so centrally located within the neighborhood. Additionally, because of the increased use, a park committee has formed with plans to add a paved walking path around the park's perimeter.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER HOURS

4



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

14



VOLUNTEER HOURS

4

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PROJECT NAME

D.A.V.E.'s Place

PROJECT CATEGORY



Celebration of Arts
+ Culture



Membership
Development
+ Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

Footprints, INC

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Footprints, INC is a local nonprofit with over 20 years of serving the veteran community in Kansas City. With multiple classes, therapy groups and drop-in activities throughout the week, Footprints, INC sought to create an active community center that could enhance the physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of the area. DAVES Place provides families with access to food, homegoods, clothing, pet supplies and connects them with home owner and utility assistance programs as well as local job openings. Located at 2116 E 74th St KCMO 64132, the Impact Event set to kick off the programming, initiated relationships with over 250 families and forged 41 new community partnerships to enable DAVES place to continue to serve their growing community.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER
HOURS

7



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

31



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

250

Facebook

Website

Instagram

Twitter

PROJECT NAME

Foxtown Love

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Home + Property

ORGANIZATION NAME

Foxtown East

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$500

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Foxtown East rests between 67th Street and Gregory and Elmwood to Cleveland and has been served by the Foxtown East Neighborhood Association for over 20 years. The association's goals are to eliminate blight and contribute to the reduction of crime and violence within their bounds. A contributing factor is illegal dumping that takes places in the vacant lots around the neighborhood. The grant provided through the NRF funded eight clean-up days. The organization partnered with Heartland Conservation Alliance, area businesses and youth organizations to volunteer during the clean-ups. Tools, supplies and dumpsters were provided to the community. The association estimates it was able to pick up 75% of the debris that was left in the lots and in yards.



Tires dumped E 69th Ter May 2021



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER HOURS

4



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

10



VOLUNTEER HOURS

4

PROJECT NAME

Clean Up + Vegetable Garden

GRANT

\$3,900

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Foxtown West Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

Foxtown West has a dedicated and mighty neighborhood association that has been contributing to their community's well-being for many years. Over those years, with funding from NRF, they have established a community garden. The garden certainly adds beauty to the area with native flowering plants but also provides a space for residents to come together in a friendly and productive way. Recently, vegetables were added to the space and the community's youth was instrumental in the planting and harvesting. It was an incredible learning experience for all the volunteers as they were able to share their expertise with the next generation of Foxtown West residents. Plans to expand and create more learning opportunities are in the works for years ahead.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

20



ORGANIZER HOURS

n/a



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

10



VOLUNTEER HOURS

500

PROJECT NAME

Neighborhood Safety + Preservation Watch

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Heart of the City Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

Heart of the City Neighborhood Association completed a community survey in 2019 to identify neighborhood needs. During this collection of community input, it was determined that the neighborhood was concerned about the public safety and health impacts of the illegal dumping taking place in key areas of the neighborhood. The association began strategically placing security cameras throughout the neighborhood and recruited community members to serve as a neighborhood watch group that would engage the community and create more neighborhood communication. A five-point plan was created that included community clean-up efforts, signage discouraging dumping and anti-litter signage throughout the area. The camera placements were doubled and now monitor chronic dump sites.



A 501c3 Serving the Historic Dunbar area



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

7



ORGANIZER HOURS

695



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

6



VOLUNTEER HOURS

30

PROJECT NAME

Sunflower Lot Project

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

The Ivanhoe Community Council, Inc. serves the neighborhood from Prospect to Paseo and Linwood to Brush Creek and has been in operation since 1997. The council provides multiple opportunities throughout the year for the neighborhood to engage with one another including The Annual Dumpster Program, a Juneteenth Celebration and a children’s Summer Camp. This year, Ivanhoe sought funding for the Sunflower Lot Project which aimed to clear ten vacant lots to increase the overall feeling of safety and the visual aesthetic of the neighborhood. The work the council and its community volunteers were able to accomplish during this ambitious project brought vibrancy and nature back into the urban core. The project provided immediate impact by providing a visually pleasing result and long-term seeks to end illegal dumping altogether which would decrease overall crime. The council has been able to estimate that there is an 80% chance that by completing this project the areas will remain dump-free.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER HOURS

60



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

12



VOLUNTEER HOURS

200

PROJECT NAME

Community Garden at Clymer Community Center

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Literacy KC

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$3,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Literacy KC has been in operation since 1985 and what started as a program to increase literacy in Kansas City has expanded since 2015 to include additional programming including family reading, digital literacy, career readiness, high school diploma, ELL, high school equivalency prep and workforce development. To continue its expansion and the variety of resources it could provide to the nearly 225,000 adults in their direct community, Literacy KC decided to seek funding from NRF to build a community garden. The garden is located at 1301 Vine Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Literacy KC saw that the Clymer Community Center where they operate was in the middle of a food desert. The garden currently has 8 raised garden beds and while still in its first year of development, the garden will serve as community space for additional programming for years to come.



Literacy KC
Changing lives beyond words



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

3



ORGANIZER HOURS

156



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

15



VOLUNTEER HOURS

90

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PROJECT NAME

Manheim Park Monthly Clean-Up

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Public Safety

ORGANIZATION NAME

Manheim Community Landtrust

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$1,250

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Manheim Community Landtrust has an established mission to moderate the powers of gentrification by establishing permanent affordable housing on the east side of Troost Avenue. This work is accomplished through work of acquiring property, rehabilitation, and new building. The work has impressive results with a well established and cooperative model. Homeowners utilizing the programming are 10 times less likely to experience foreclosure than conventional homebuyers. The work, naturally, requires the clean-up of vacant spaces within the neighborhood bounds. The NRF funded the clean-up work, with additional funding from a resident. Neighborhood clean-ups are a high value project for communities. These types of opportunities allow residents to safely dispose of unwanted items and engage residents in a community effort that unites them together for the good of the whole.



PROJECT NAME

MPNC Family Fun Day

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Membership Development + Social Cohesion

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Maple Park Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

Maple Park is located north east of Kansas City, south of Claycomo and home to over 28,000 residents made up of low-to-moderate income families. In 2021, Maple Park was one of the neighborhoods that was able to apply for the NRF due to the expansion of geographical boundaries. With the \$5,000 grant, the organization was able to provide a family fun day that included a self-defense class, free lunch, and several local resources to increase awareness and build good will within the community. Every child in attendance was able to learn about bike safety, participate in a “bike rodeo” and received a helmet. During the bike giveaway one child was so happy to have won he cried which made the organization and it’s volunteers all feel the event was well worth the effort and have decided to make the event annual.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

2



ORGANIZER HOURS

35



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

17



VOLUNTEER HOURS

102

PROJECT NAME

Eileen's Place Community Garden + Orchard

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

Metro Lutheran Ministry

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Metro Lutheran Ministry opened Eileen's Place in May of 2021 and is a 60-unit supportive housing facility that provides housing to at-risk houseless families, prioritizing assistance to households with children. The NRF grant funded the construction of a community garden and orchard to enrich the lives of the community's residents. The garden provides a safe space for residents to build community while learning a new skill-set in urban gardening. The orchard includes 12 fruit trees and the garden holds 9 raised beds. Plans to expand include adding an additional 8 fruit trees, 15 raised garden beds and a children's playground area. Eileen's Place provides access to Life-Skills, Financial and Employment Coaching, medical and dental care, with 50% of adults reporting improved mental health and 80% of the households participating in the available coaching programs with 100% accessing basic needs services.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

2



ORGANIZER HOURS

40



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

20



VOLUNTEER HOURS

100

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PROJECT NAME

Bringing Our Community Together

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups



Membership Development + Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

North Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$3,745

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



North Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association took a \$3,745 grant from NRF and funded 5 incredible events to promote community cohesiveness, safe social engagement and neighborhood cleaning projects. The first event was a community spaghetti dinner that served over 50 neighbors including new neighbors and even their city council member. Youth volunteers coordinated to spread the word and are responsible for the high turn out rate. Following the success of community dinner, two clean-ups spread across the year provided opportunities to dispose of large trash items and brought residents together to clean shared spaces. The final event held in 2021 was the Ground Cherry Festival. The event fed attendees, offered tours of the farm space and had vendors from across the metro. The event was highly successful and the organization will host again in 2022.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

15



ORGANIZER HOURS

50



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

10



VOLUNTEER HOURS

20

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PROJECT NAME

Fairmount Clean-Up

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups

ORGANIZATION NAME

Northwest Communities Development Corp

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Independence, MO

GRANT

\$1,200

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Northwest Communities Development Corporation serves the Independence, Missouri community with diverse programming such as Tabitha's Closet a gently used clothing shop that is free to the guardians of children aged 2-18 years old, planned senior activities and a daily lunch program providing affordable lunch options, a 20+ passenger wheel-chair accessible bus for seniors, three annual service opportunities for the community's youth, and the Independence Meals on Wheels program. In 2021, with a grant from the NRF, NWDC provided two community clean-up events providing trucks and dumpsters to remove large trash and brush removal. Volunteers were available throughout both events to assist neighbors in loading and unloading with over 200 residents participating and 25 volunteers engaging for a combined 140 hours of work. The event provided a much needed opportunity to the Independence, MO community.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER HOURS

40



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

25



VOLUNTEER HOURS

140

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PROJECT NAME

Our Healthy KC Eastside Initiative

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Safety

ORGANIZATION NAME

Paseo West Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$3,900

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



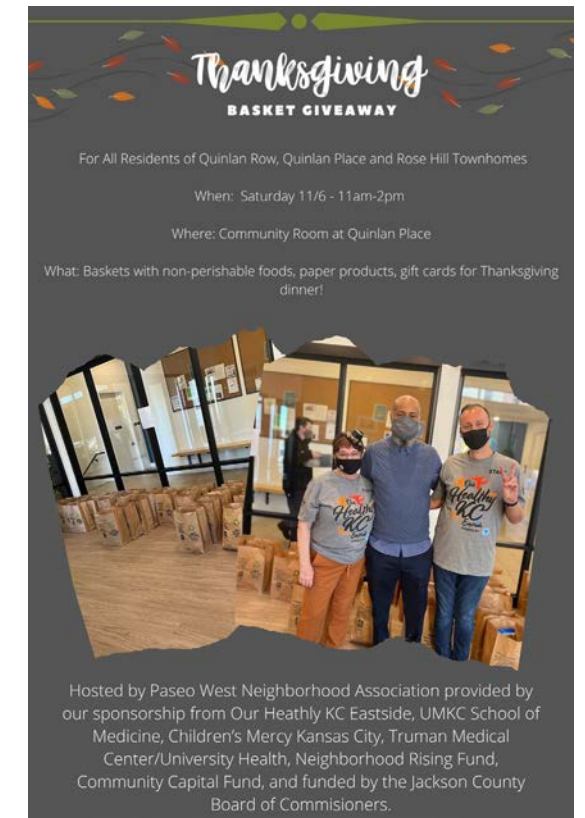
LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



In coordination with the Jackson County Board of Commission, The UMKC School of Medicine, Children's Mercy, Truman Medical Center-University Health, and the Black Healthcare Coalition, **Paseo West Neighborhood Association** participated in the Our Healthy KC Eastside Initiative which aimed to vaccinate 5,000 residents in 2021. Paseo West hosted three events over the year that provided fun family activities to the community



while also providing COVID-19 vaccines and other health screenings to those needing them. Households were incentivised during the Toys for Tots event with extra funds to help during one of the most expensive months for families. These events also engage 115 households who had not previously participated in the association's events. Building trust within the community and the association is key to its ability to mobilize and better serve the residents in the area.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

16



ORGANIZER HOURS

219



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

30



VOLUNTEER HOURS

23

[Website](#)

PROJECT NAME

Sweep It Up, Keep It Up

PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups

ORGANIZATION NAME

Sacred Heart Homes Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$2,500

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



Sweep It Up, Keep It Up was a project the Sacred Heart Homes Association put together to not only clean-up their shared neighborhood space but to also provide tools and training on how to maintain their neighbor's yards and surrounding areas for long-term beautification. The project began by energizing their neighbors through the established block captain program and advertising the date and time of the clean-up well enough in advance that the community was able to prepare. The association then provided dumpsters to allow neighbors to remove large trash in a legal way. The association also created Yard Kits, which contained everything someone would need to get started on yard maintenance. The programming was successful and they hope to be able to expand on it soon!



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER HOURS

12



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

12



VOLUNTEER HOURS

60

Facebook

PROJECT NAME

Historic Santa Fe Pride: Taking It To The Streets

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Santa Fe Area Council

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO



Home + Property



Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens



Santa Fe Area Council has been working as an organization to preserve and improve the physical and social health of their community since 1974. Their long standing relationship with their city council representatives and the small teams dedication to their area contribute to their ability to organize and provide residents with many programs and events to better the community as a whole. The NRF funding in 2021 allowed the organization to move into Phase 2 of their project that began in 2020, during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The work highlights the council's high level skill set in organizing their community. Banners have been erected in strategic locations throughout the neighborhood boundaries on major streets. This work builds unity and vision for the community. The group also held a large scale neighborhood clean-up that brought together 25 volunteers.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

5



ORGANIZER HOURS

40



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

20



VOLUNTEER HOURS

9

PROJECT NAME

Neighborhood Clean-ups

GRANT

\$880

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



PROJECT CATEGORY



Neighborhood Clean-Ups

NRF GRANTEE NAME

Swope Parkway Elmwood Neighborhood Association

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

The Swope Parkway Elmwood Neighborhood Association held two neighborhood clean-ups and a membership drive picnic in 2021. The association has seen how clean-up opportunities continue to provide high-value opportunities to residents. The membership drive picnic provided space for community members to enjoy a meal outdoors with one another. Getting to know your neighbors unites communities across the metro and increases awareness of associations doing good work like Swope Parkway Elmwood who has been serving the residents of Elmwood, Swope Parkway, Jackson, 61st, 62nd and 63rd street.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

4



ORGANIZER HOURS

n/a



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

20



VOLUNTEER HOURS

n/a

Facebook

Website

PROJECT NAME

Asylum Orchard Project

PROJECT CATEGORY



Public Spaces,
Parks + Gardens

ORGANIZATION NAME

The Asylum Orchard

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$4,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE
TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Asylum Orchard works in conjunction with their sister organization, The Blue Hills Neighborhood Association, by providing free fruits and vegetables from the garden and orchard with the bi-weekly food delivery program. The effort provides freshly grown crops to residents with financial and physical limitations. The grant from the NRF provided funds to improve and increase the orchard and garden beds in order to yield more food. The area rests inside a food desert, an increasing problem in several neighborhoods in Kansas City. In 2021 the project provided 1,845 pounds of vegetables and 2,985 pounds of fruit. This is entirely free and maintained by groups of volunteers.



PROJECT
ORGANIZERS

6



ORGANIZER
HOURS

150



PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS

227



VOLUNTEER
HOURS

168

PROJECT NAME

Troostaplooza

PROJECT CATEGORY



Celebration of Arts + Culture



Membership Development + Social Cohesion

ORGANIZATION NAME

Troost Market Collective

NRF PROJECT CITY / STATE

Kansas City, MO

GRANT

\$5,000

BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER (0-3)



LEARNED NEW SKILLS



ADDED MEMBERSHIP



The Troost Market Collective is a nonprofit located at 31st Street and Troost Avenue, once regarded as the center of Kansas City, MO and a long time hub of global-majority-owned businesses. Each year the organization hosts Troostapalooza, a giant festival open to the whole city. The event features live music, 75+ vendors, food trucks, skateboard demos, mural painting but the most significant opportunity is the community connection. The organization aims to address what many in the city call the “Troost Wall”, a term used locally to describe Kansas City’s history of racial divide between the east and west sides of the city. The 2021 festival was one of the few that remained available to the community during another year in the COVID-19 pandemic. The event brought together 120 volunteers and organizers for a combined 350 hours.



PROJECT ORGANIZERS

20



ORGANIZER HOURS

150



PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

100



VOLUNTEER HOURS

200

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