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RISING FUND**



**2016 Report to Funders**

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WITHIN PARK  
[NODES]

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\*NATURE ENGAGEMENT

\*MULTI-USE COMPONENTS

COMPOST COLLECTION

BIKE PATH PLAN

COMMUNITY FARM

PICNIC TABLE ISLAND

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## Introduction

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead***


In 2015 the Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) was launched to help residents in low- to moderate-income communities in Kansas City begin achieving the change they envision for their neighborhoods. This new funding collaborative, formerly the Neighborhood Self Help Fund, was created with the simple goal of seeding dreams and aspirations 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.

The first round of NRF grants provided \$76,000 to 31 projects in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas. The NRF returned in 2016 to again offer individual neighborhoods an opportunity to organize around a common goal and effort. All told, the NRF granted \$79,656 of funds, supporting 32 neighborhood projects and initiatives. This report highlights projects supported by the second round of the NRF, further demonstrating the critical role of this grant program in helping neighborhoods throughout Kansas City build lasting change.

The continued impact of NRF was made possible by funders, including William T. Kemper Foundation, H&R Block Foundation, Hallmark Corporate Foundation and AltCap with additional support provided by the Sosland Foundation, Hall Family Foundation, Dunn Family Foundation, US Bank and Commerce Bank. The NRF continues to be managed by the Community Capital Fund and Greater Kansas City LISC, two community development non-profits that build the capacity of neighborhoods in distressed areas throughout Kansas City, MO and KS.

*The Longfellow Community Association used an NRF grant to develop a vision for reuse of vacant lots in its neighborhoods*

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*The Indian Mound Neighborhood Association used an NRF grant to make updates to its community garden*

## The Grant

The Neighborhoods Rising Fund provides grants up to \$3,000 to small but high-impact capacity-building projects in the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas. To qualify for an NRF grant, a project must be located in a distressed Census tract in either Kansas City, Missouri, or Kansas City, Kansas. Eligible Census tracts are shown in the map on the next page.

Initiatives funded by the NRF must meet the following guidelines and criteria:

1. The project provides a direct service or benefit to the neighborhood or community identified in the proposal.
2. The organization demonstrates that an inclusive process was used to identify the community's need for the project.
3. Community resources (volunteers, funds, and in-kind contributions) are invested as a match to implement the activity.

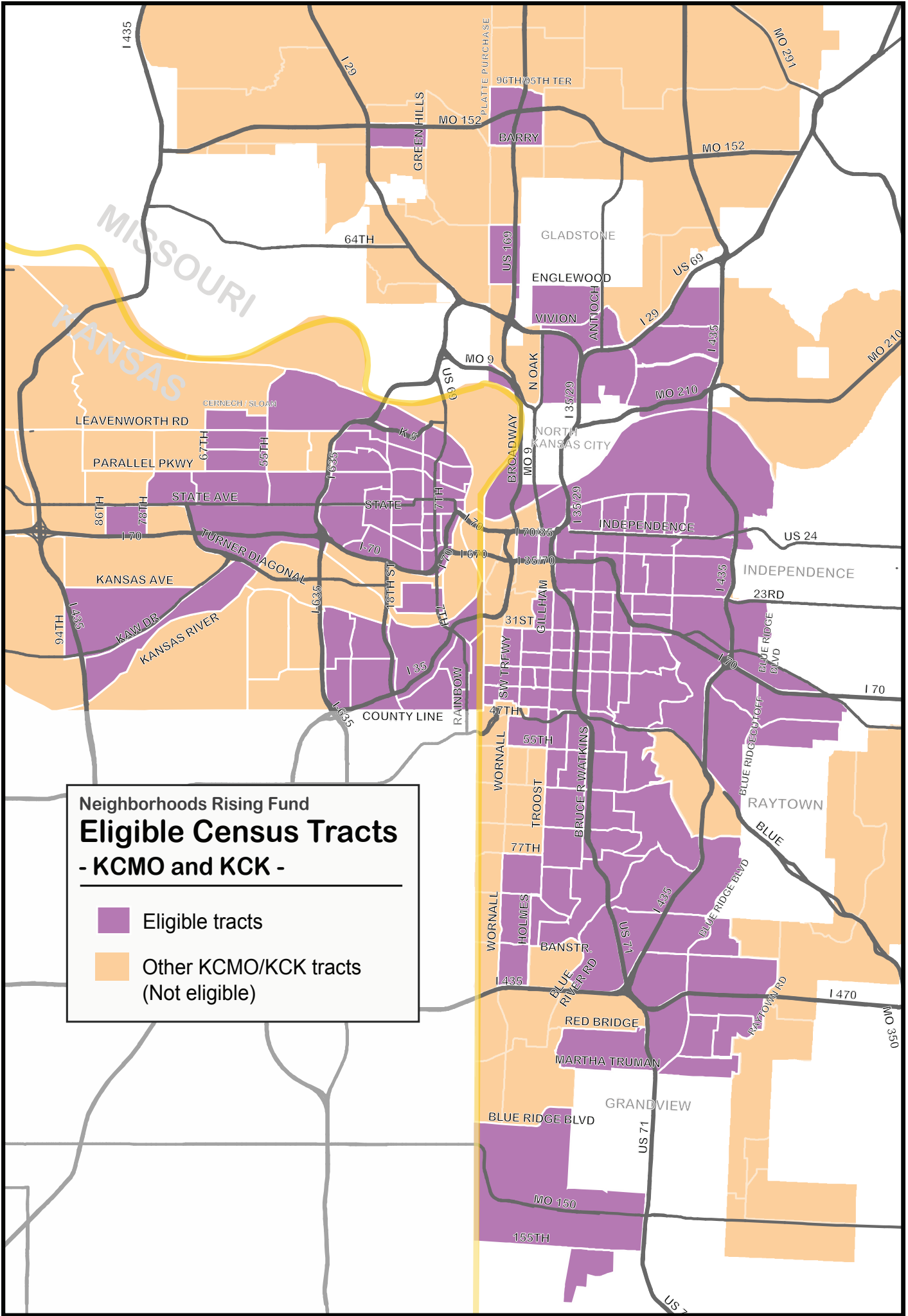
4. The project is feasible; the budget is realistic; and the goals and objectives can be met with available resources within a reasonable amount of time. The proposed project may be a component of a larger project with other funding sources, but the proposed project must be a distinct and separate piece that can be completed by December of the same year.

5. The project does not utilize NRF funds to pay salaries for functions that have traditionally been performed by neighborhood volunteers.

6. The project supports the long-range plans for the organization's efforts to improve the neighborhood.

7. The project leverages potential NRF grant funds through strong partnerships, in-kind contributions, other sources of funding, volunteers, etc.

Grant administrators with CCF and Greater KC LISC, along with funders, review all grant applications and make the final selection of grant recipients. Grantees were formally recognized at The Awards Breakfast on May 5, 2016.



**Neighborhoods Rising Fund  
Eligible Census Tracts  
- KCMO and KCK -**

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- Eligible tracts
- Other KCMO/KCK tracts (Not eligible)

# The 2016 Round in Review

*More projects, more impact*

In the second round of the NRF, a total of 32 projects from both sides of the state line received over \$85,656 in funds.

These projects ranged from a door-to-door newsletter canvassing effort and a spring cleanup to small park improvements and a community garden. Fourteen projects received the maximum amount available of \$3,000, while the average amount received was \$2,677. The smallest amount was \$310, for a one-time neighborhood clean-up. Below is a breakdown of projects by project type and award amount.

**32** projects

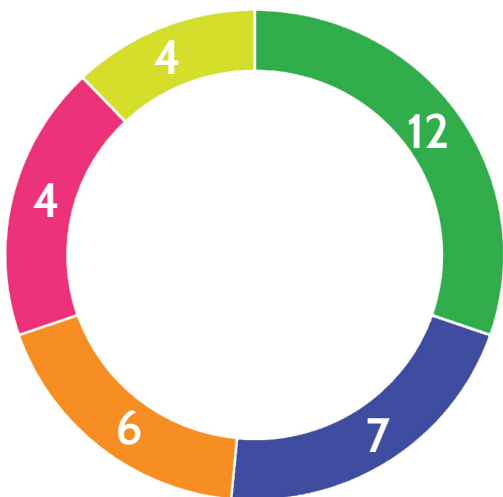
**14** received the maximum \$3,000 award

**\$2,677**

average grant amount

**\$310**

smallest grant



Project type	No.	Total grant	Average grant
Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens	12	\$ 38,574	\$3,507
Neighborhood Cleanup	7	\$ 14,360	\$2,051
Membership Development + Social Cohesion	6	\$ 18,473	\$2,639
Homes + Property	6	\$3,950	\$1,317
Personal Development + Training	4	\$ 10,300	\$2,575
Total	32	\$88,656	\$2,678



## Impacts

# 7,004

residents served  
by projects



# 12

neighborhoods reported a  
large increase in sense of  
community

At least

# \$ 94,704

of other funding and in-kind  
donations leveraged through  
NRF grants



# 8,234

total volunteer hours  
helped make projects happen

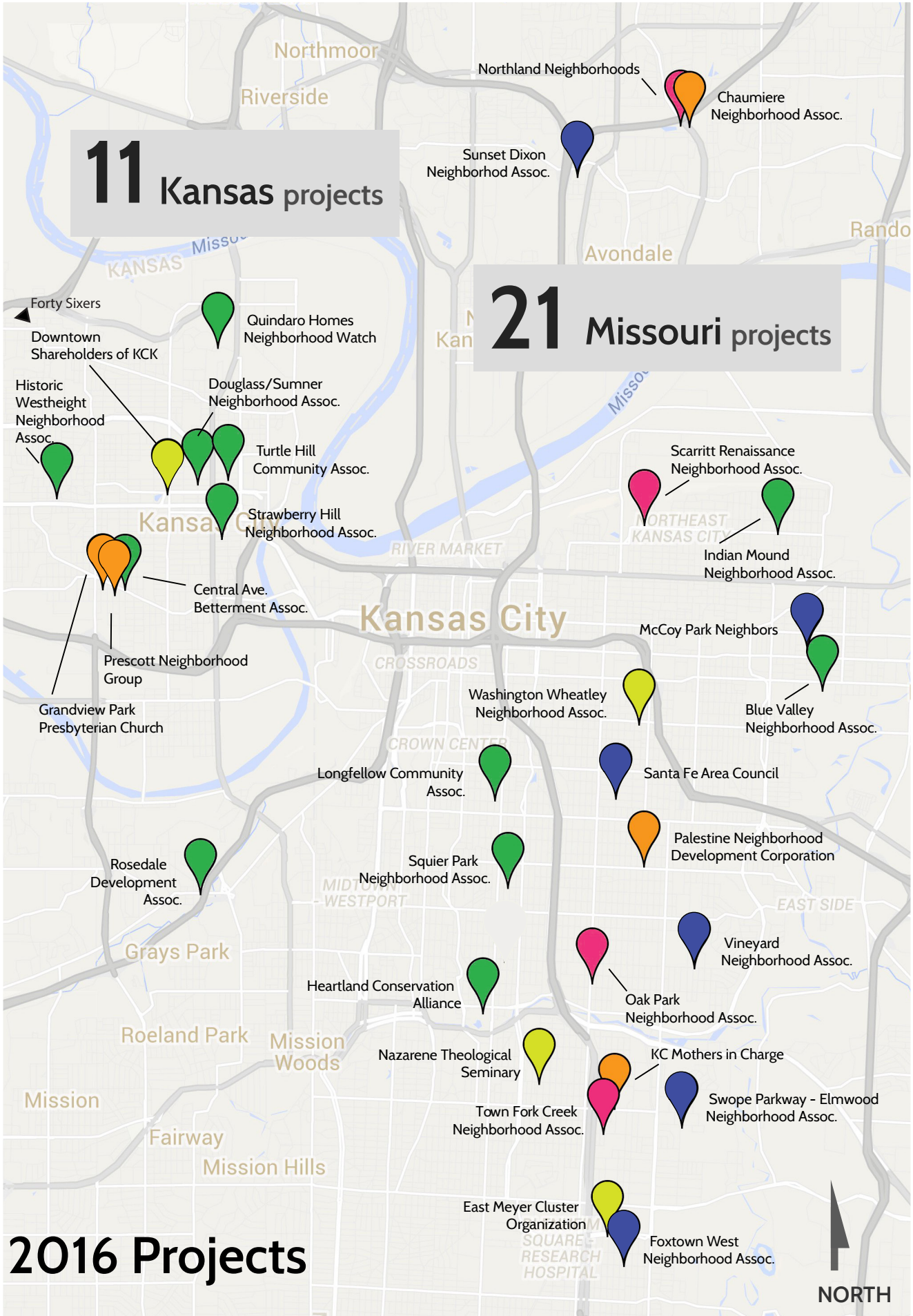


# 2016 projects

Organization	Project name	Address	KCMO/KCK	Project type
Blue Valley Neighborhood Association	Bringing Our Blue Valley Together	6201 E 17th St	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Central Avenue Betterment Association	Walk Central Avenue	Central Ave & 13th St	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Chaumiere Neighborhood Association	Chaumiere Community Carnival and Clothing drive	4420 NE Chouteau Trafficway	KCMO	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association	Operation Facelift and Neighborhood Block Party	Everett Ave & N 8 St	KCK	Neighborhood Cleanup
Downtown Shareholders	DashKCK 5K / Walk Collaboration with Library in the Park	1310 N 10th St	KCK	Personal Development + Training
East Meyer Cluster Organization	Leaf Bags for Economically Challenged Residents	3019 E Meyer Blvd	KCMO	Homes and Property
Forty Sixers	Safety First Cleanup	4717 Yecker	KCK	Homes and Property
Foxtown West Neighborhood Association	Foxtown Cleanups	3311 E 68th St	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Grandview Park Presbyterian Church	Strengthening Our Social Fabric: Community Engagement and Enrichment	1613 Wilson Blvd	KCK	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Heartland Conservation Alliance	Transforming Vacant Lots	4750 Troost Ave	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association	Nothing Common about Historic Westheight	2424 Nebraska Ct	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Indian Mound Neighborhood Association	5415 Garden Project	5415 St. John Ave	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
KC Mothers in Charge	Canvassing for Clean, Crime-free Neighborhoods	5499 Bellefontaine Ave	KCMO	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Longfellow Community Association	Vacant Lot Visioning Project	30th and Harrison St	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
"McCoy Park Neighbors (formerly Belmont-Topping Block Club)"	Summer of Service 2016	White Ave & E 14 St	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Nazarene Theological Seminary	Refresh KC - A Home Painting Program to Engage the Community	5309 Woodland	KCMO	Homes and Property
Northland Neighborhoods	Neighborhood Crime Watch for Wood Hills and Holiday Hills Neighborhoods	4401 NE Chouteau Trafficway	KCMO	Personal Development + Training
Oak Park Neighborhood Association	Oak Park Membership Drive	4435 Prospect Ave	KCMO	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Palestine Neighborhood Development Corporation (PNDC)	Circles of Hope Training and Community Workshop	3449 Indiana Avenue	KCMO	Personal Development + Training
Prescott Neighborhood Group	Strengthening Our Social Fabric: Community Engagement and Enrichment	35 S 15th St	KCK	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Quindaro Homes Neighborhood Watch, Inc.	Soccer Field Improvements	660 Manorcrest Dr	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Rosedale Development Association	Gateway to Rosedale	1403 Southwest Blvd	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Santa Fe Area Council	Santa Fe Codes Abatement Program	29th and Benton Blvd	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Assoc.	Scarritt Renaissance Community Improvement 2016	101 N Gladstone Blvd	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Squier Park Neighborhood Association	Squier Park Beautification	3704 Tracy Ave	KCMO	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association	Spruce Up the Hill	614 Sandusky Ave.	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association	Spring and Fall Neighborhood Cleanup	1916 NE 39th Ter	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Swope Parkway - Elmwood Neighborhood Assoc.	SPENA Revitalizing the Community	5609 Jackson Ave	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Assoc.	Park Celebration and Membership Drive	5700 Agnes	KCMO	Membership Development + Social Cohesion
Turtle Hill Community Association	Turtle Hill Community Garden and Groves	549 Oakland Ave	KCK	Public Spaces, Parks, Gardens
Vineyard Neighborhood Association	Vineyard Cleanup Squad	4301 E 43rd St	KCMO	Neighborhood Cleanup
Washington Wheatley	Green Team Project	2314 College Ave	KCMO	Personal Development + Training

# 11 Kansas projects

# 21 Missouri projects



# 2016 Projects

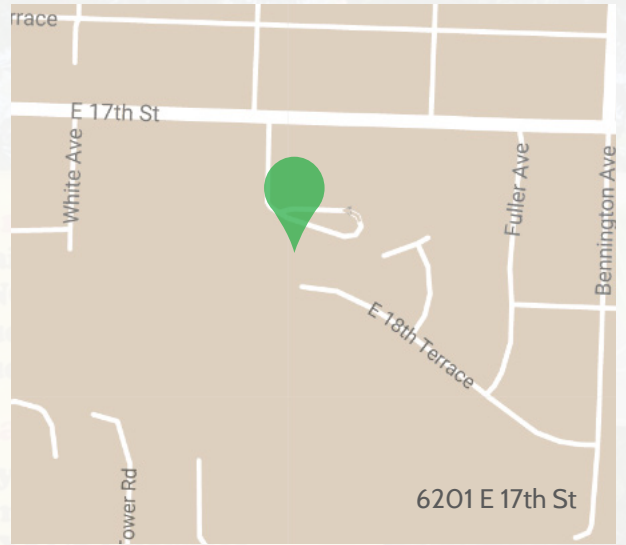
NORTH

# **Missouri Projects**

# Blue Valley Neighborhood Association

Bringing Our Blue Valley \$ 3,000  
Back Together

Blue Valley sought funds to build two community gardens and to use them to bring students, educators, and community members together. Participants were taught gardening skills and were taught the value of growing one's own food. Several dozen students and other volunteers participated. Blue Valley hopes to spread the word to more teachers and to eventually launch a farmers' market where produce from the gardens would be sold to neighborhood residents and families.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**300**

people engaged

**2,268**

volunteer hours

*[With the garden,] there is a reason to get together and see each other again and again.*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

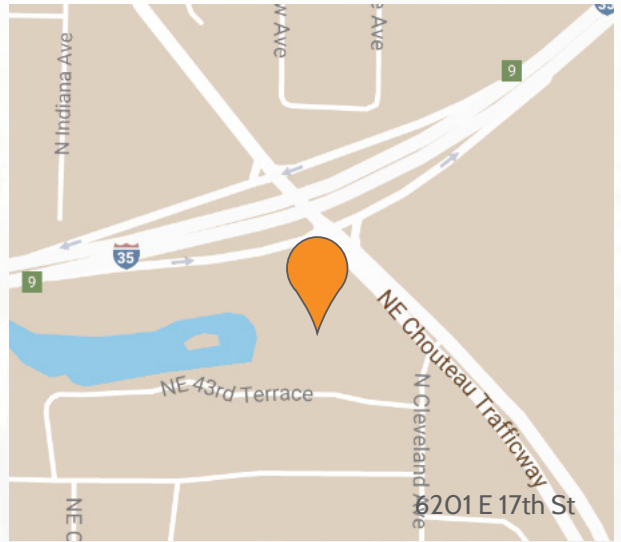


# Chaumiere Neighborhood Association

MISSOURI PROJECTS

## Community Carnival & Clothing Drive GRANT AMOUNT \$ 2,972

This was a two-part project that included a Community Carnival block party and a winter Clothing Drive. Both were a success, with attendance at the block party exceeding expectations and the clothing drive gathered 128 coats, shoes, and underwear for the Clay County Clothes Closet. Chaumiere hopes to repeat these projects in 2017 and plans to apply for CCF funding for them again.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**178**

people engaged

**60**

volunteer hours

*The Carnival attracted nearly 200 residents, and 128 coats were donated for Clay Co. Clothes Closet*



### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



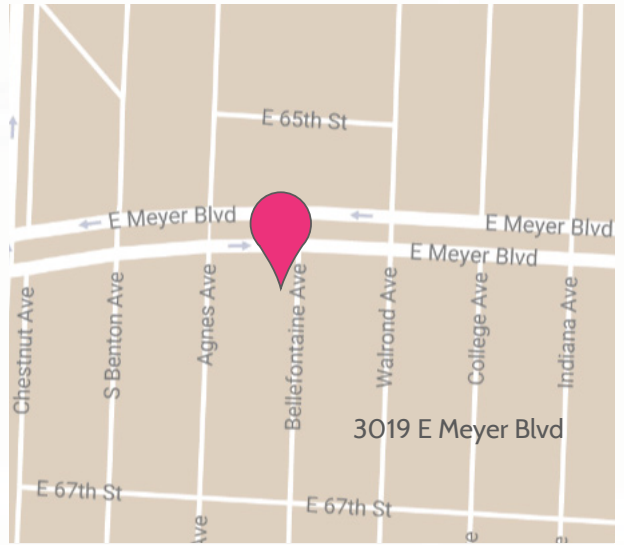
There has been a large increase in sense of community



# East Meyer Cluster Organization

Leaf Bags for Economically Challenged Residents \$ 500  
GRANT AMOUNT

The East Meyer Cluster Organization provided free leaf bags to low-income residents. The neighborhood association reports that the project was successful, with 35 households receiving bags.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**35**

people engaged

**30**

volunteer hours

*East Meyer Cluster Organization plans to use leftover funds for the same project next year*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

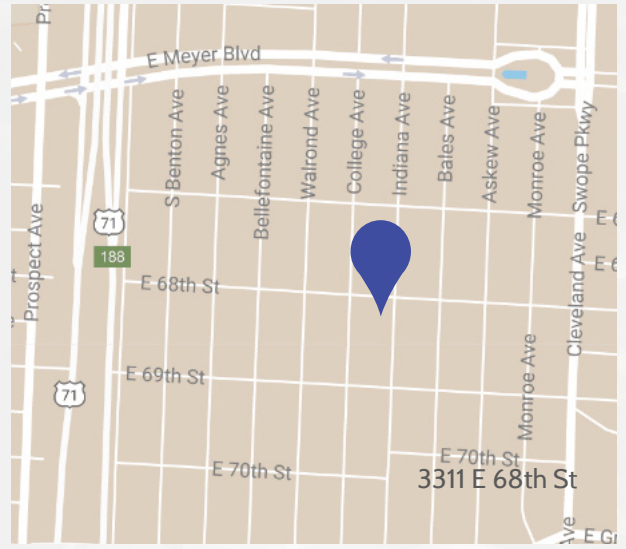
# Foxtown West Neighborhood Association

MISSOURI PROJECTS

## Foxtown Cleanups

**\$ 3,000**  
GRANT AMOUNT

This grant funded dumpsters and other equipment for five neighborhood cleanups in the Foxtown West neighborhood. The neighborhood association also purchased a shed, weed sprayer, and lawnmowers for a tool library. The cleanups were effective and popular among residents, and the neighborhood plans to continue offering them and operating the tool library.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**750**

people engaged

**190**

volunteer hours

*A rose garden now exists where illegal dumping once took place*



### Involvement



No new of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

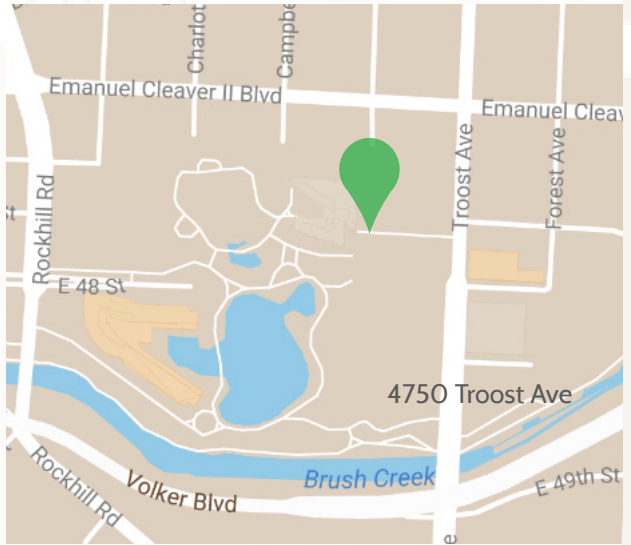


# Heartland Conservation Alliance

Transforming Vacant Lots **\$ 3,000**

GRANT AMOUNT

HCA led the community through a planning process to design a restoration project on vacant lots in the neighborhood. The funds will allow the community to implement their plans.



## Project update

**This project has been granted an extension**

Due to difficulties in organizing volunteers to perform planting and landscaping, HCA has requested a six-month extension of their project to June 30, 2017. Despite the delay, HCA has reported being able to leverage additional grant funding for the project.

# Heartland

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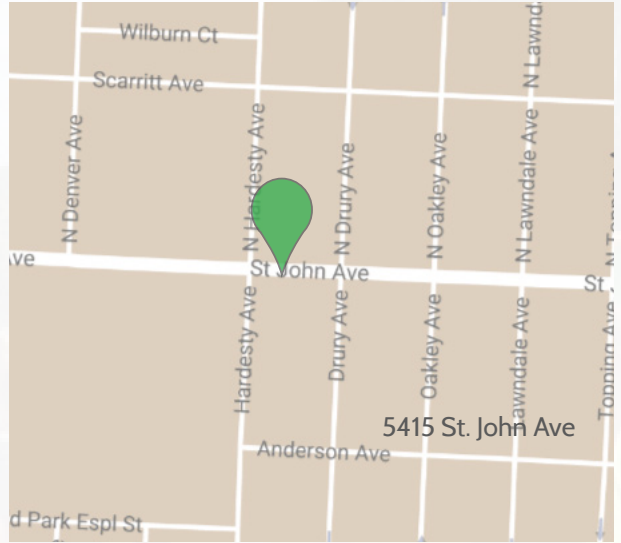
# Indian Mound Neighborhood Association

## 5415 Garden Project

\$ 2,493

GRANT AMOUNT

Indian Mound sought funds to expand their community garden. They purchased materials to build new raised beds, build a composting area, and establish a reliable water source for gardeners. Gardening workshops were also held for residents. The project was a success, with all new elements of the garden built and several neighbors engaged with the garden for the first time. The neighborhood believes a mismatch between the timing of the project and the growing season prevented more neighbors from becoming involved, but they hope to recruit more residents to become involved with the garden soon.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

27

people engaged

50

volunteer hours

*The end product is what we hoped for: a functional community garden with all the necessary amenities*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



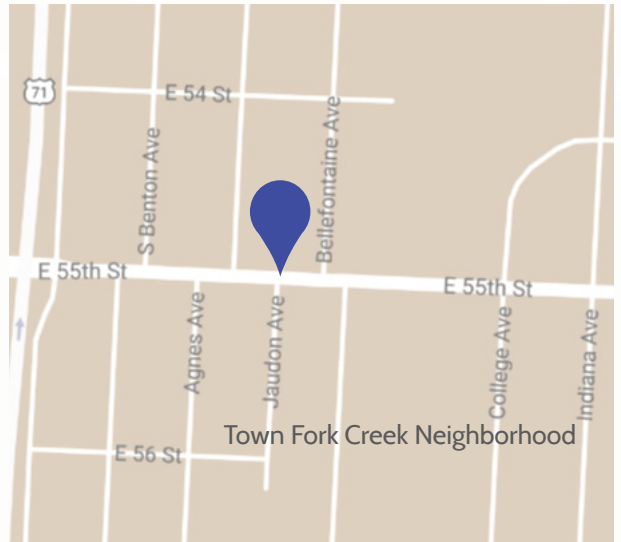
There has been a small increase in sense of community



# KC Mothers in Charge

Canvassing for Clean, Crime-free Neighborhoods \$ 1,350  
GRANT AMOUNT

KC MIC member mothers of homicide victims, Town Fork Creek neighborhood quadrant leaders, and block leaders will learn professional canvassing skills while canvassing the neighborhood between May and August. They distributed trash bag tags; explain why a clean, watchful neighborhood is safer, and encourage membership in the neighborhood association. Participants ultimately canvassed across a smaller area than planned, focusing on an area where homicides had recently occurred. They found their efforts to be effective, with many of the engaged residents expressing, upon follow-up, an interest in getting involved with the neighborhood association or KC MIC.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**160**

people engaged

**404**

volunteer hours

*The project demonstrated that concerted personal contact by KC MIC members and the police convinces residents to open their doors, explain their needs, and learn how to help solve crimes*

### Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

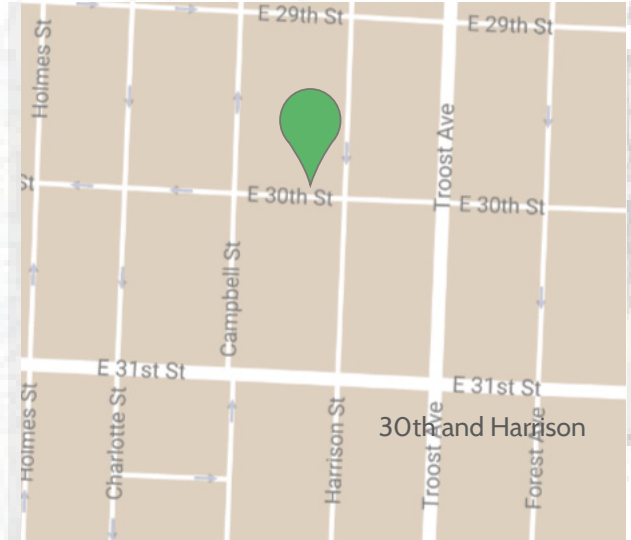


# Longfellow Community Association

Vacant Lot Visioning \$ 3,000

GRANT AMOUNT

The LCA's vacant lots committee led the Longfellow neighborhood through a guided visioning process to imagine and plan how we can best utilize the four adjacent lots currently owned by the LCA. The visioning process was led by Eco Abet, a group of architects, designers, and activists who have set out to empower the community with access to design. Several dozen residents provided their input at two workshops and through surveys. The association plans to use the visions developed during the process to select a way forward and to implement it.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

160

people engaged

36

volunteer hours

*Dozens of residents contributed to develop three possible visions for reuse of vacant lots in the Longfellow neighborhood*



## Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

## Capacity

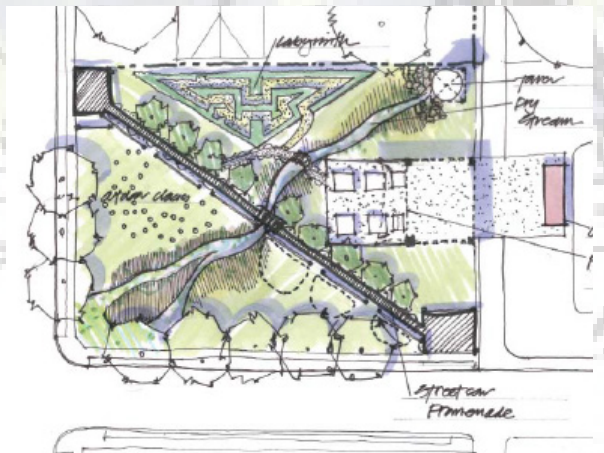


Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

## Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

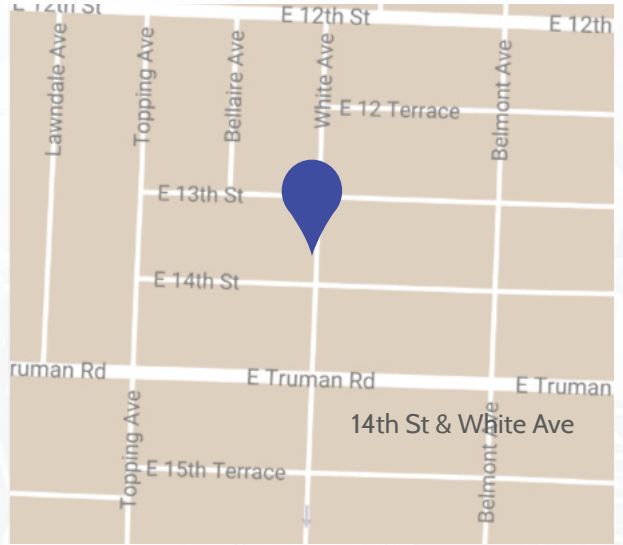


# McCoy Park Neighbors

Summer of Service 2016 \$ 2,250

GRANT AMOUNT

McCoy Park Neighbors used NRF funds for a Dumpster Day event, equipment for graffiti abatement, and for a social picnic. The neighborhood association was extremely satisfied with the outcome of the project overall, and notably saw a significant growth in leadership surrounding the project. A number of additional cleanup efforts were organized. An estimated 140 residents attended the picnic celebration. Next year, McCoy Park will likely scale back the picnic event due to the effort involved, but it will continue its cleanup efforts.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**180**

people engaged

**353**

volunteer hours

*Dumpster Day proved an excellent opportunity to build leadership and ownership.*

## Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

## Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

## Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

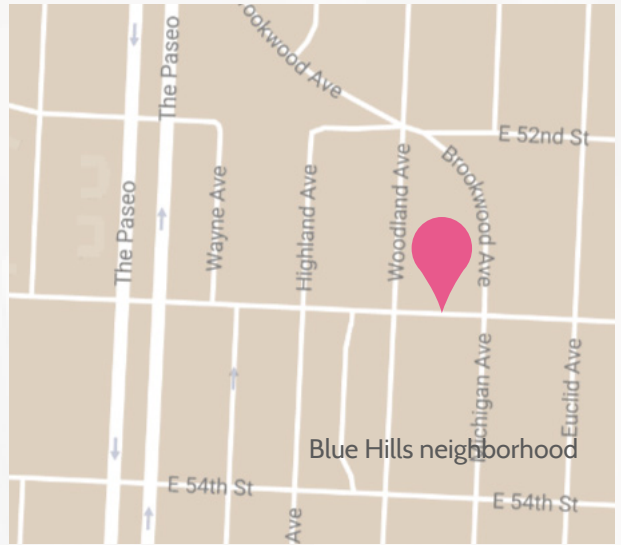


# Nazarene Theological Seminary

## Refresh KC

\$ 3,000  
GRANT AMOUNT

Refresh is a painting program that uses volunteers to paint the interior of homes and then engaging residents to talk about needs in their community. Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) brought Refresh to Kansas City from Toronto, Canada, for the first time in 2016, partnering with the Blue Hills Neighborhood Association. Volunteers from nearby churches painted 33 homes in Blue Hills in May 2016. The work was well-received by homeowners. Volunteers sat down with residents to identify community issues and needs. Common issues identified include neighborhood cleanliness, property upkeep, and ways to engage with new neighbors. NTS is planning RefreshKC again in the Blue Hills and Tri-Blenheim neighborhoods in 2017.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

169

people engaged

2,480

volunteer hours

*Volunteers painted 33 homes and sat down with homeowners to discuss their hopes for the neighborhood*

#### Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

#### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

#### Sense of community



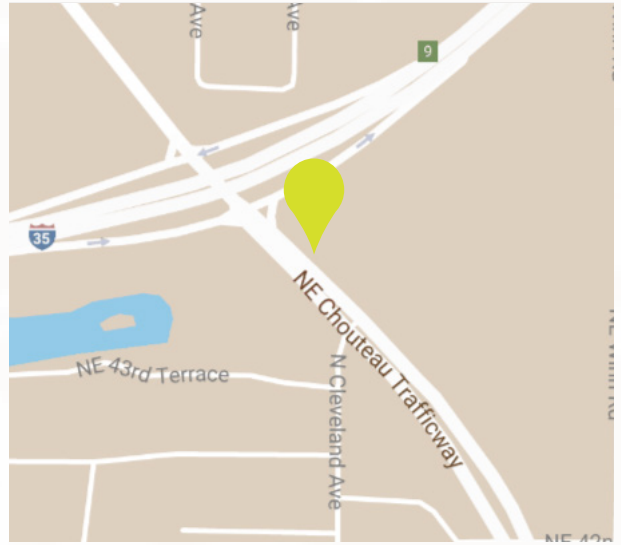
There has been a large increase in sense of community



# Northland Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Crime Watch for Wood Hills and Holiday Hills Neighborhoods \$ 1,300  
GRANT AMOUNT

NNI planned to partner with the Kansas City Police Department to provide Neighborhood Crime Watch training for the Wood Hills and Holiday Hills neighborhoods. Because of scheduling difficulty, NNI conducted a related program called Northland School Watch, which is an extension of Crime Watch. This program helped residents know how to help keep children safe as they walk to and from school.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

10

people engaged

15

volunteer hours

*NNI will continue this work with the Kansas City Police Department, Clay County Sherrif's Office and the North Kansas City School District.*

Involvement



Capacity



Sense of community

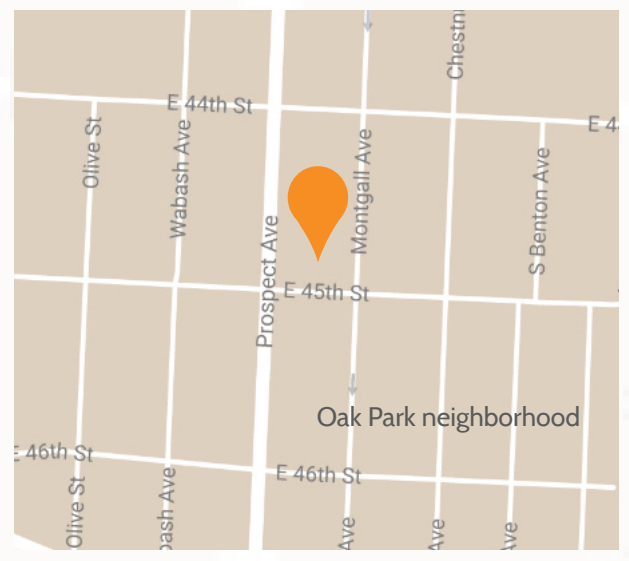


# Oak Park Neighborhood Association

## Oak Park Membership Drive \$ 1,500

GRANT AMOUNT

The neighborhood association sought funding for efforts to increase membership and resident engagement. Funds covered the cost of printing door hangers and a newsletter.



### Project update

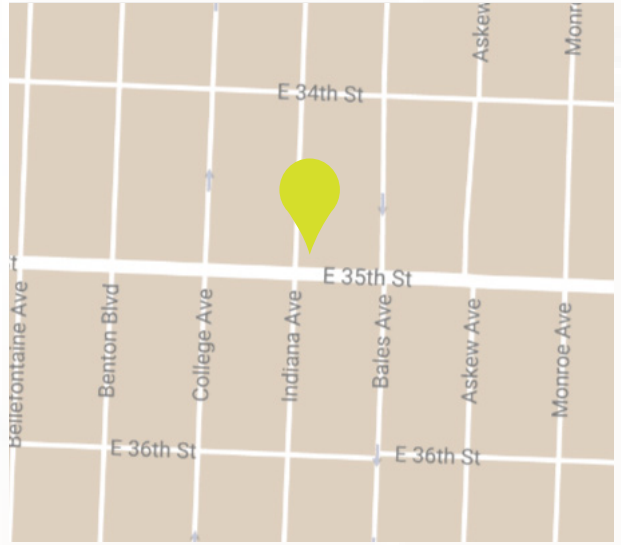
Final report has not been submitted



# Palestine Neighborhood Development Corp.

## Circles of Hope Training and Community Workshop GRANT AMOUNT \$ 3,000

This project would train Palestine and other urban neighborhood women as facilitators of the Circles of Hope community engagement/development process. Training would be lead by LaDoris Payne-Bell, the originator of the Circles of Hope community development process. Additionally, Ms. Payne-Bell was slated to speak in a public meeting to the greater Kansas City community about engaging women of color and providing "safe space" for honest and productive discourse and community-based problem solving.



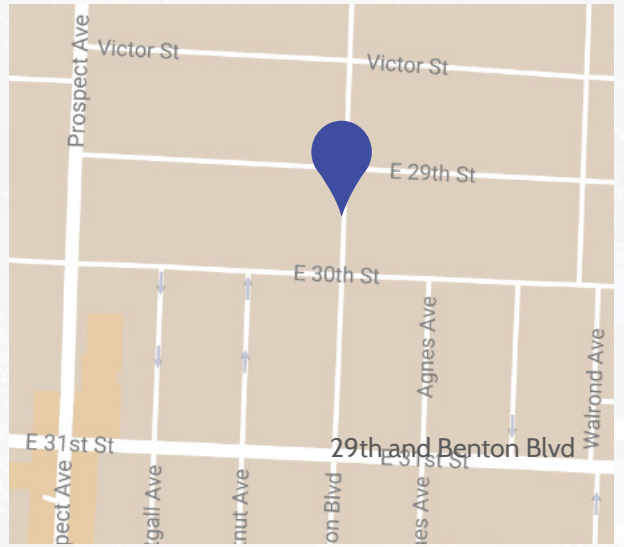
### Project update

Final report has not been submitted

# Santa Fe Area Council

Santa Fe \$ 2,000  
 Codes Abatement Program GRANT AMOUNT

Santa Fe Area Council sought funds for a code violation abatement program for residents' properties. The organization rented a pickup truck and trailer across several months to help haul trash, yard waste, and tires to city facilities. The project was coordinated to some extent with the City, which organized biweekly code violation patrols and sent a representative of the 311 service to speak at a SFAC meeting about how residents can report code violations. Forty-nine residential properties and a tire dump had trash removed or were painted, and 200 residents brought items to a Dumpster Day event. SFAC plans to pursue funding to offer the program during spring and fall cleanups.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**450** people engaged      **780** volunteer hours

*The neighborhood recorded a 20% decrease in code violations after the project, compared to before*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

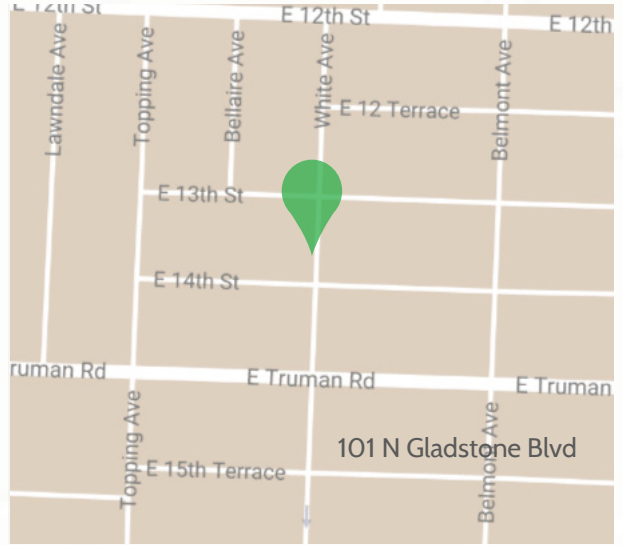


# Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Assoc.

Summer of Service 2016 \$ 2,250

GRANT AMOUNT

Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Association applied for funds to develop and produce a “Welcome Neighbor” package. That project was completed with other unanticipated funding, so SRNA requested the funding be used on a neighborhood cleanup and beautification of a vacant lot owned by the neighborhood association. Several cleanups were conducted and landscaping and plumbing was installed on the vacant lot to prepare it for gardening or events.



## Project update

**This project has been granted an extension**

The Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Association was able to leverage the NRF funding for an additional Kresge grant of \$60,000 and additional PIAC funding of \$10,000. These funds will allow Scarritt to provide participating artists a fair wage, as well as funding for the production and installation of traffic calming artwork. The funding will also allow the Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Association to extend community outreach and engagement efforts in the neighborhood.

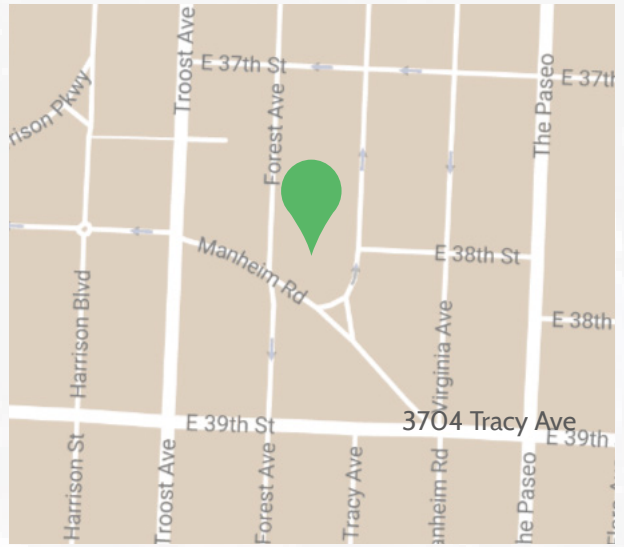
# Squier Park Neighborhood Association

MISSOURI PROJECTS

## Squier Park Beautification \$ 1,290

GRANT AMOUNT

Squier Park sought funds for a number of cleanup and beautification efforts across the neighborhood. The neighborhood association was able to rent dumpsters, conduct mowing of vacant lots, plant vegetation and lay mulch at common areas, and make improvements to the community garden. SPNA also organized a meet-and-greet and resident survey after the cleanup efforts. Over a hundred residents participated in the cleanup efforts and responded to the survey.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

124

people engaged

181

volunteer hours

*Our hope is not only to create a space that is beautiful to the eye, but good for the soul and body.*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

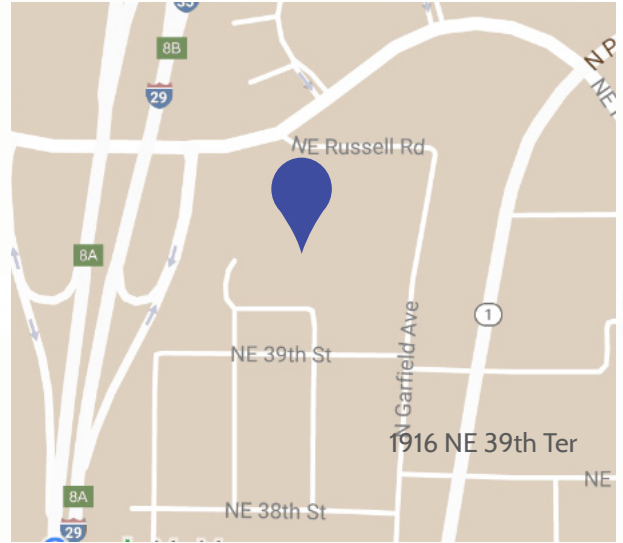


# Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association

## Spring and Fall Neighborhood Cleanup

\$ 310  
GRANT AMOUNT

Sunset Dixon rented dumpsters for neighborhood cleanups in the spring and fall and purchased refreshments for residents and volunteers. The neighborhood association reported the cleanups were successful and that they would try to replicate the project going forward.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**34**

people engaged

**93**

volunteer hours

*The NRF grant helped the neighborhood association expand existing cleanup efforts*

### Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Capacity



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### Sense of community



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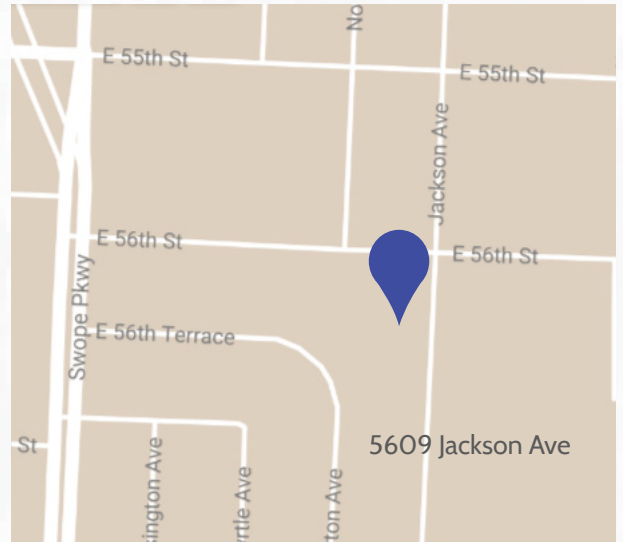
# Swope Parkway-Elmwood Neighborhood Assoc.

MISSOURI PROJECTS

## Spring and Fall Neighborhood Cleanup

\$2,000  
GRANT AMOUNT

The grant funded three neighborhood cleanups with dumpsters; two self-propelled lawnmowers and two weed sprayers and weed-whackers for a neighborhood lawn library; and security lighting at six homes.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**200** people engaged      **45** volunteer hours

*The NRF grant helped the neighborhood association expand existing cleanup efforts*

#### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

#### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

#### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community



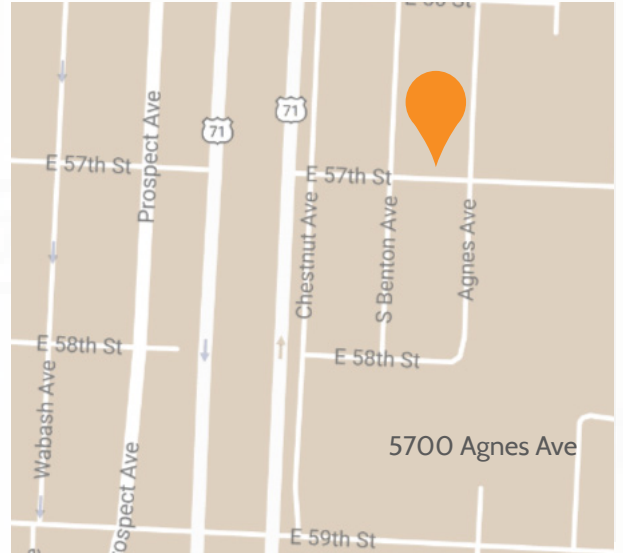
# Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association

## Park Celebration/ Membership Drive

\$2,000

GRANT AMOUNT

The neighborhood association organized a celebration of the first phase of the renovation of the Town Fork Creek Park. This project was aimed at celebrating the achievement of the residents who came together to improve the park. The neighborhood association also organized a membership drive during the event. An x number of residents enjoyed food, music, and activities at the celebration, and a number of city officials attended. Ten residents became members of the neighborhood association. For similar events in future, TFCNA would use more volunteers to promote the event. The organization plans to work with the city towards the completion of additional phases of the park renovation.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

80

people engaged

200

volunteer hours

*Town Fork Creek plans to work with the City to implement to the next phases of the park renovations*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

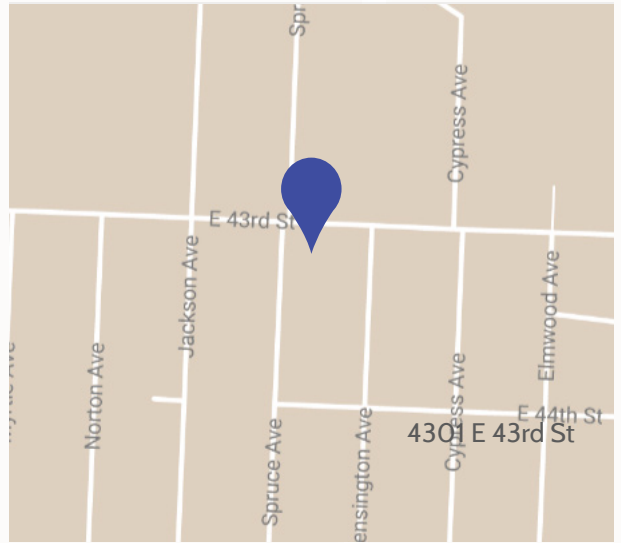


# Vineyard Neighborhood Association

Vineyard Cleanup Squad \$ 1,800

GRANT AMOUNT

Vineyard Neighborhood Association sought funds for a monthly CleanUp Squad, a group of youth and adults that meet to pick up trash or plant a flower bed in their yards. The meetups culminate in a lunch where participants share their experiences and youth connect their adult mentors.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

13

people engaged

192

volunteer hours

*[On what went well] Getting the young people to recruit their peers instead of parents volunteering their children.*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community



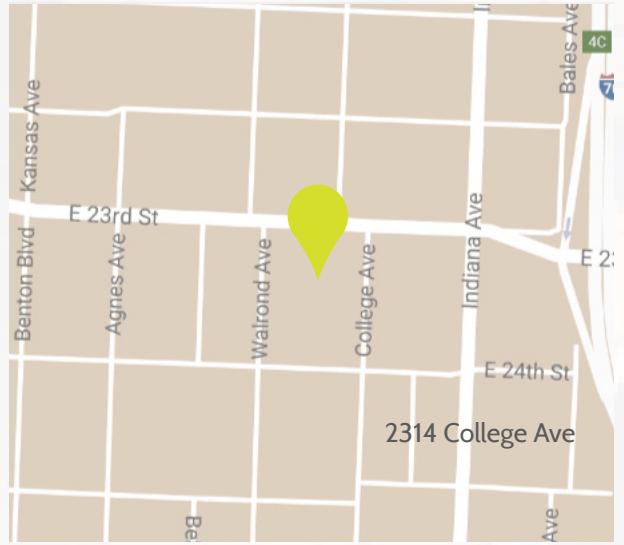
# Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Assoc.

MISSOURI PROJECTS

Green Team Project \$3,000

GRANT AMOUNT

WWNA volunteers trained three individuals looking for employment in the areas of house maintenance, painting and land maintenance. The trainees completed 64 man hours of work in the Washington Wheatley neighborhood to help residents with minor home repair, painting and yard work. The neighborhood has been able to leverage additional support from the City of Kansas City to continue their efforts.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

10

people engaged

54

volunteer hours

*Residents received training in home maintenance, then used their skills to help other residents with repairs and landscaping*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community





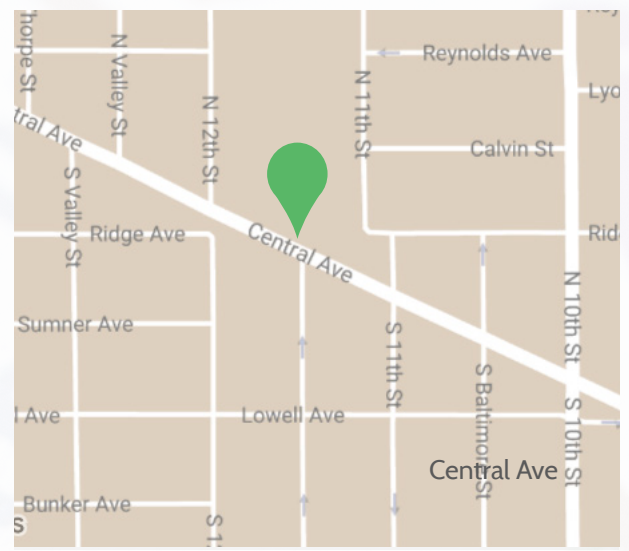
# Kansas Projects

# Central Avenue Betterment Association

KANSAS PROJECTS

Walk Central Avenue \$ 3,000  
GRANT AMOUNT

This project included several efforts to encourage walking and to promote local businesses in the Central Avenue commercial corridor. Central Avenue Betterment Association (CABA) worked to install motivational pedestrian-oriented signage along the corridor, and moved a walking club from a nearby park to the avenue itself. CABA reports that the process of implementing the project, including working with local government to get approval for the signage, was challenging, but ended up being a valuable learning opportunity. CABA plans to continue the walking clubs and to continue promoting walking in the corridor.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**120**

people engaged

**119**

volunteer hours

*Fifty-eight signs were installed along Central Avenue, and walk club members have already walked over 300 miles along the corridor*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



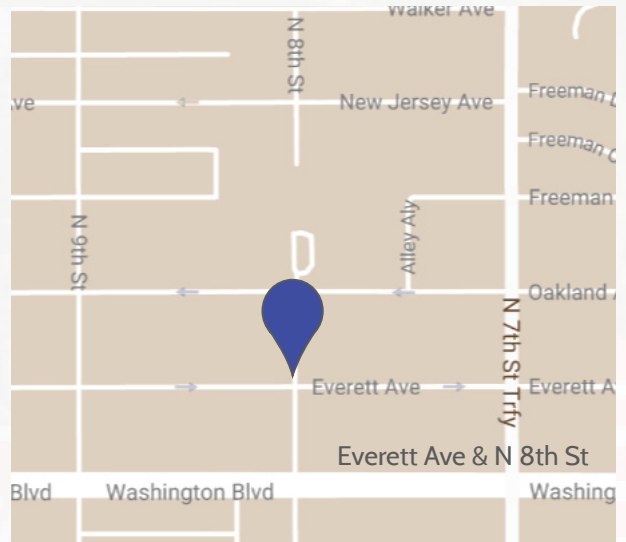
There has been a large increase in sense of community



# Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association

## Operation Facelift and Neighborhood Block Party \$ 3,000 GRANT AMOUNT

This was a two-part project. Douglas-Sumner Neighborhood Association (DSNA) coordinated its annual Operation Facelift neighborhood cleanup event. Meanwhile, the neighborhood association also organized a block party for the first time. The event was aimed at connecting with residents of new infill housing, as well as students, churches, representatives from city departments, and other residents. DSNA says both events went well, and that planning the block party was a positive learning experience for the neighborhood association. It plans to hold both events again next year and possibly shift their dates to allow more students be engaged.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**151**

people engaged

**651**

volunteer hours

*Over \$300 in unanticipated donations were raised for the neighborhood association at the block party*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community

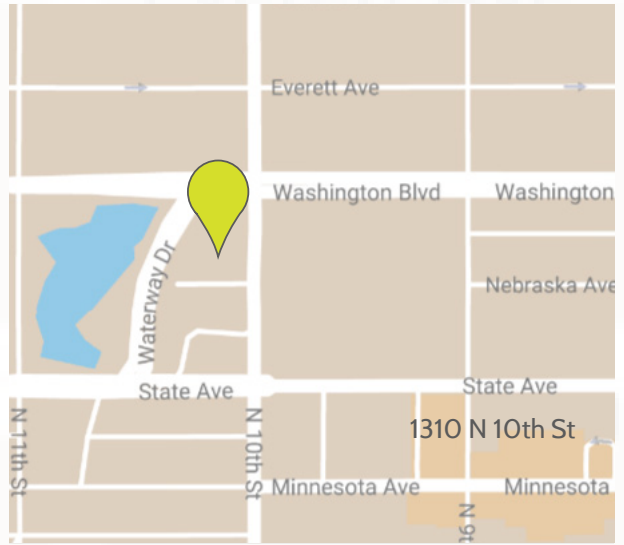


# Downtown Shareholders of KCK

## DashKCK 5k/Walk and Library in the Park

\$ 3,000  
GRANT AMOUNT

Downtown Shareholders received NRF funding to cover youth and family scholarships and to pay for two on-site nurses at the DashKCK 5k/Walk. While the event was attendance at the event was similar to last years', this fell far short of goals for 2016. Downtown Shareholders is going to review whether to hold the event again next year. Involvement in walking clubs increased as a result of the event, however, and Downtown Shareholders hopes to continue promoting those.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**230**

people engaged

**216**

volunteer hours

*Almost 150 people participated in the DashKCK 5k/Walk*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community



**DOWNTOWN  
SHAREHOLDERS**  
of KCK, INC.

# Forty Sixers

## Safety First Cleanup

\$ 450

GRANT AMOUNT

The Forty Sixers neighborhood watch organized a cleanup contest to encourage residents to clean up and beautify their properties. Prizes were in the form of Walmart gift cards. The neighborhood watch reported that no one took part in the cleanup, though 14 residents participated in a holiday lighting contest with similar prizes. Forty Sixers does not plan to put on the cleanup contest again in the future.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

65

people engaged

2

volunteer hours

*They had two neighborhood watch leaders of different groups who were very cooperative and very good at getting things done.*

#### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

#### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained a some skills or knowledge

#### Sense of community

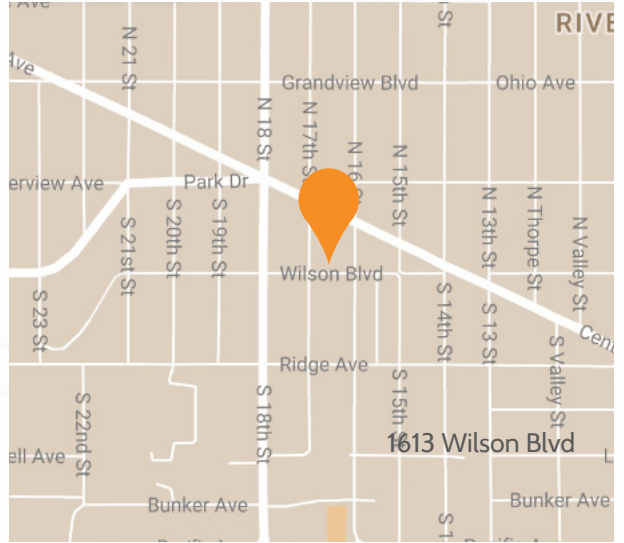


There has been a small increase in sense of community

# Grandview Park Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Our Social Fabric: Community Engagement and Enrichment \$ 3,000  
GRANT AMOUNT

GPPC, with national partner YouthWorks, provided support to Prescott Neighborhood Group's listening program. The program, entitled "Strengthening Our Social Fabric", included weekly cook-outs designed to encourage engagement and discussion among residents. Through the engagement efforts, about 350 residents helped identify ideas for "The Next Big Thing" for the neighborhood, including a Home Repair Program, a Monthly Neighborhood Clean-Up Program, and Planning Neighborhood Events. The church plans to be closely involved in these future efforts.



## Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**350**

people engaged

**880**

volunteer hours

*Over \$300 in unanticipated donations were raised for the neighborhood association at the block party*

### Involvement



A small number of people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community



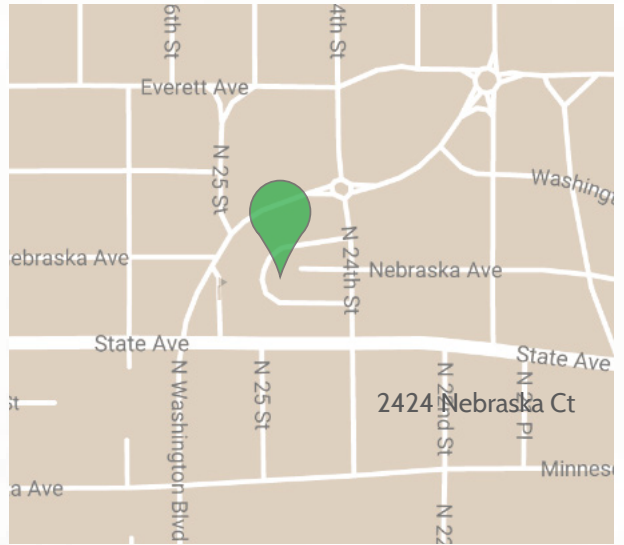
# Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association

KANSAS PROJECTS

Nothing Common About Historic Westheight **\$ 1,350**

GRANT AMOUNT

The neighborhood association planned a homes tour to exhibit the history of the neighborhood. The grant also funded improvements to several common areas.



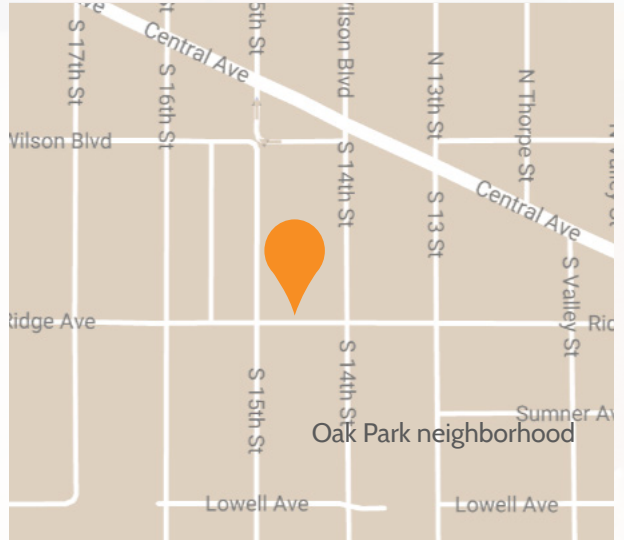
## Project update

Final report has not been submitted

# Prescott Neighborhood Group

## Strengthening Our Social Fabric \$ 3,000 GRANT AMOUNT

Prescott Neighborhood Group organized a listening program with the aiming of fostering deeper neighborhood engagement. This grant funded outreach efforts including social media and maintaining a website. Through the engagement efforts, about 350 residents helped identify ideas for “The Next Big Thing” for neighborhood, including a Home Repair Program, a Monthly Neighborhood Clean-Up Program, and Planning Neighborhood Events. PNG plans to continue efforts narrow these ideas further and to move forward with implementation.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**347**

people engaged

**304**

volunteer hours

*Residents identified ideas for “The Next Big Thing” for the neighborhood*

### Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

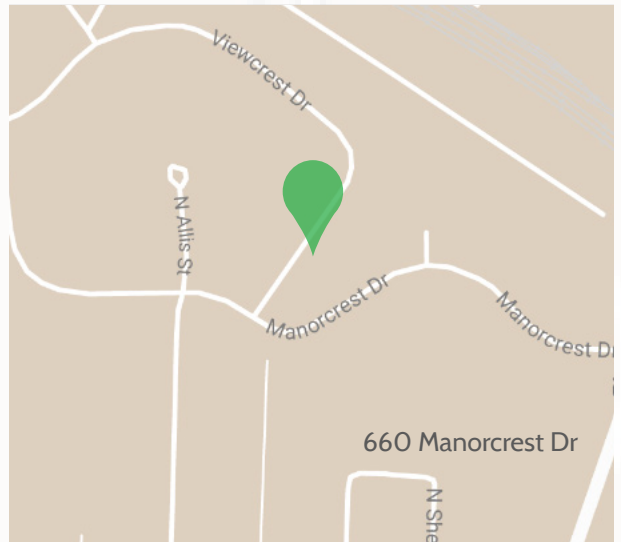


# Quindaro Homes Neighborhood Watch, Inc.

## Soccer Field Improvements \$ 2,250

GRANT AMOUNT

In an effort to encourage community participation and healthy activity among residents, funds were sought to install a metal shelter over the park picnic table and a set of bleachers so parents and children are able to watch games.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**4**

people engaged

**16**

volunteer hours

*Hopefully, this will encourage more attendance at the park*

### Involvement



Organization and residents have gained a great deal of skills or knowledge

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a large increase in sense of community

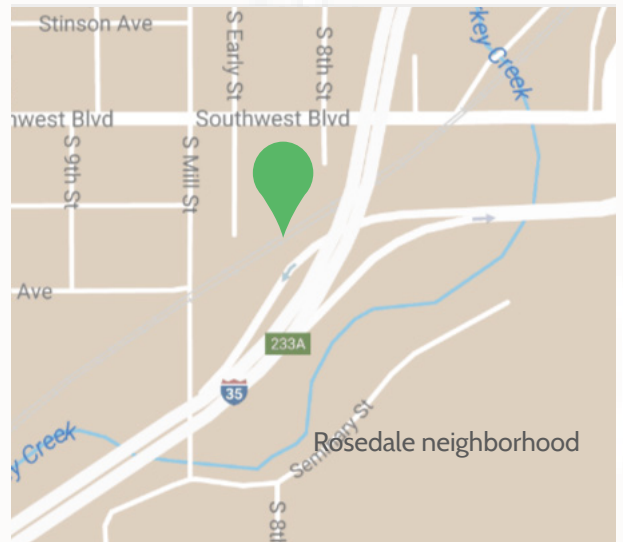
# Rosedale Development Association

## Gateway to Rosedale

\$ 14,000

GRANT AMOUNT

Five neighborhood groups have come together to seek funding to establish a gateway streetscape at key entry points in Rosedale. Local Businesses and residents collaborated with the design concept, along with Unified Government Planning and Engineering departments.



### Project update

#### **This project has been granted an extension**

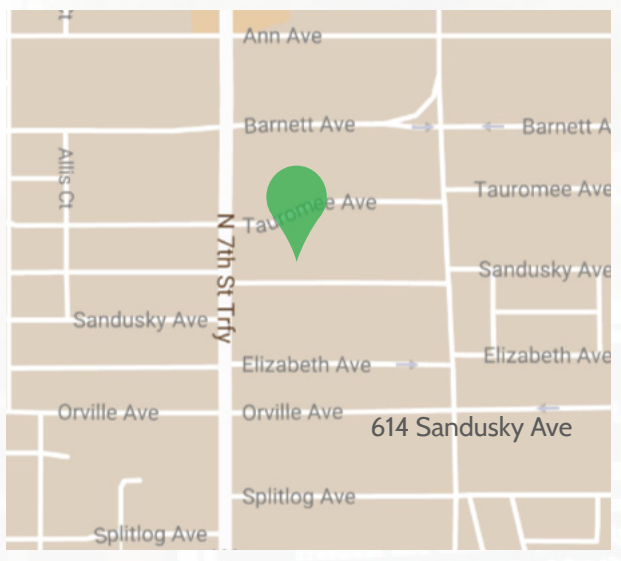
Due to challenges in meeting City signage regulations, RDA has not yet been able to implement the project. They requested and have received an extension until February 28, 2017.

# Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association

## Spruce Up the Hill \$ 2,262

GRANT AMOUNT

This project involved a series of neighborhood clean ups throughout 2016, including enhancements in the Strawberry Hill Memorial Park and the Community Garden. The Park is owned by the Association and received updated landscaping, a reset of the flag pole, and a doggie depot station for pet waste and small trash, while the Garden received a cleanup, compost, and mulch. The efforts were successful and engaged several dozen residents. The neighborhood association plans to repeat similar cleanup efforts in future, and hopes to be more proactive in partnering with other community organizations in order to pool resources.



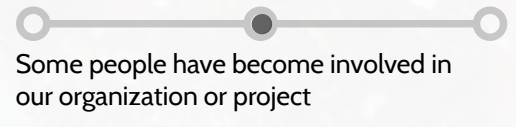
### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

**180** people engaged      **353** volunteer hours

*Strawberry Hill attracted the help of dozens of volunteers from local schools and youth organizations*

### Involvement



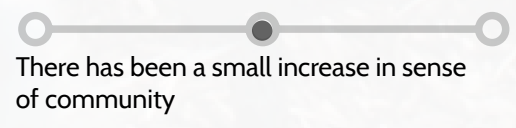
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### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community



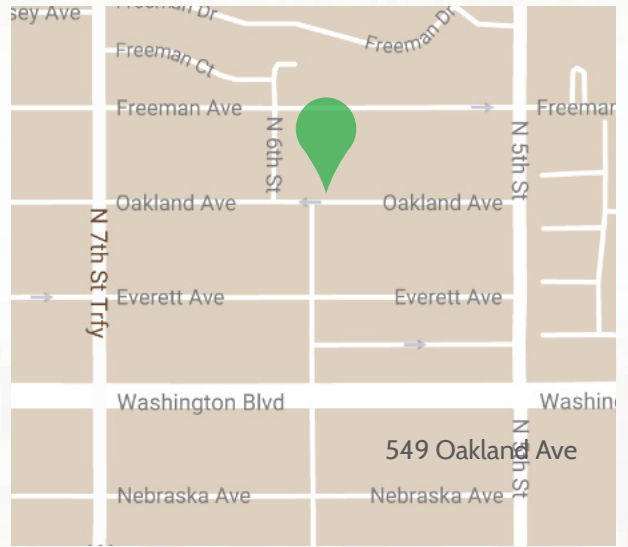
# Turtle Hill Community Association

## Turtle Hill Community Garden and Groves

\$ 2,779

GRANT AMOUNT

Turtle Hill Community Association, Inc. requested funding to create a combination of vegetable gardens and fruit tree orchards at various neighborhood destinations within the Turtle Hill boundaries and adjacent neighborhoods. The association worked with partners, including Kansas City Community Gardens, to plant an orchard at Sumner High School and to plan a garden on a bank-owned property in the neighborhood. Recipes using healthy produce were passed out to residents, and leftover produce from the orchard is to be donated to local food pantries.



### Project metrics

This project is **complete**

64

people engaged

1,040

volunteer hours

*In addition to an already planted orchard, a new vegetable garden is to be planted on a bank-owned vacant lot in the neighborhood*

### Involvement



Some people have become involved in our organization or project

### Capacity



Organization and residents have gained some skills or knowledge

### Sense of community



There has been a small increase in sense of community



