









# **Final Report to Funders**

2015: The Inaugural Year

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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

For many, changing the world starts in their own neighborhood. Small, grassroots initiatives have the ability to engage and empower residents to create stronger, healthier, and more interconnected communities. Yet many neighborhoods lack the capacity and resources to organize even the smallest of initiatives. The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a grant program created to support small but high-impact neighborhood-led projects and initiatives while building the capacity of residents and community leaders. Formerly the Neighborhood Self Help Fund, the NRF was launched in the Spring of 2015 with funding from three key legacy funders: William T. Kemper Foundation, H&R Block Foundation, and the Hallmark Corporate Foundation. Supplemented with additional funding from AltCap, Sosland Foundation, Hall Family Foundation, and the Dunn Family Foundation, the funding collaborative raises \$100,000 annually for the grant program. NRF is managed by Community Capital Fund and Greater Kansas City LISC, two community development nonprofits that build the capacity of neighborhoods in distressed areas in Kansas City.

In this year's inaugural round of the NRF, a total of 31 projects from both sides of the state line received over \$76,000 in funds. As you will see in this report, the grants supported a broad spectrum of projects and initiatives that achieve the goals of the NRF and result in measurable outcomes.

### 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, inkind 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 June 26, 2015.

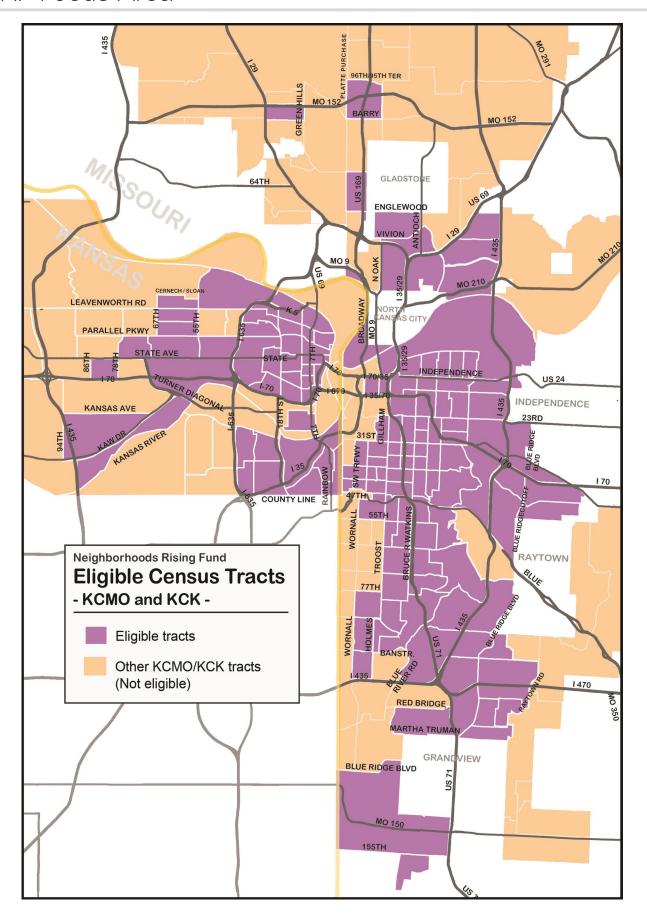








# NRF Focus Area



projects funded

17 projects received the maximum \$3,000

\$2,473

average grant per project

smallest grant

In this year's inaugural round of the NRF, a total of 31 projects from both sides of the state line received over \$76,000 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. Seventeen projects received the maximum amount available of \$3,000, while the average amount received was \$2,473. The smallest amount was \$225, for a one-time neighborhood clean-up. Below is a breakdown of projects by project type and award amount.

| Project type                        | Number of projects | Total amt.<br>awarded | Avg. amt. per project |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Park improvements                   | 5                  | \$ 13,939.00          | \$ 2,787.80           |
| Neighborhood cleanup/beautification | 4                  | \$ 6,370.00           | \$ 1,592.50           |
| Community organizing                | 4                  | \$ 9,385.00           | \$ 2,346.25           |
| Tool sharing                        | 3                  | \$ 7,000.00           | \$ 2,333.33           |
| Minor home repair                   | 3                  | \$ 7,500.00           | \$ 2,500.00           |
| Business outreach/improvement       | 3                  | \$ 9,000.00           | \$ 3,000.00           |
| Crisis response training            | 2                  | \$ 6,000.00           | \$ 3,000.00           |
| Community garden                    | 2                  | \$ 6,000.00           | \$ 3,000.00           |
| Neighborhood planning               | 2                  | \$ 5,000.00           | \$ 2,500.00           |
| Historic preservation               | 1                  | \$ 2,341.00           | \$ 2,341.00           |
| Youth activities                    | 1                  | \$ 3,000.00           | \$ 3,000.00           |
| Neighborhood entertainment          | 1                  | \$ 1,120.00           | \$ 1,120.00           |
|                                     | 31                 | \$ 76,655.00          | \$ 2,472.74           |





7,265

residents engaged by projects





9,384 total volunteer hours helped make projects happen

14

neighborhoods reported a

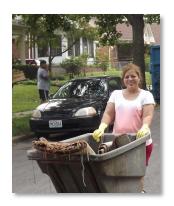
large increase in sense of community

At least

\$23,461 of other funding and in-kind donations leveraged through NRF grants

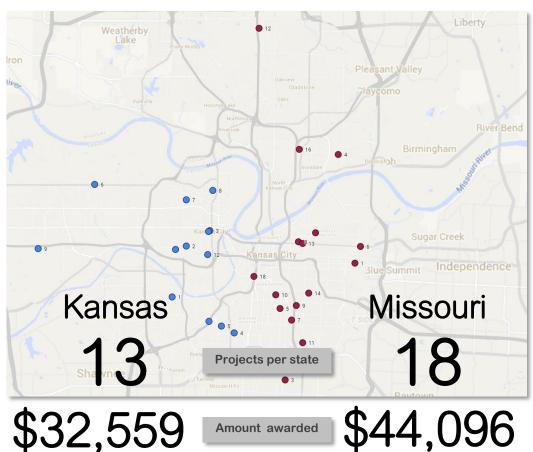






# Overview by state

Eighteen projects located in Kansas City, Missouri, were funded in the inaugural NRF round, totaling \$44,096, while 13 projects located in Kansas City, Kansas, were funded, totaling \$32,559. Missouri received an average of \$2,450 per project, while Kansas projects received an average of \$2,505. The location of 2015 projects are shown below.



\$32,559 Amount awarded \$44,096 \$2,505 Avg. amt. per project \$2,450

| 5 | Park improvements                   | 0 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 0 | Neighborhood cleanup/beautification | 4 |
| 0 | Community organizing                | 4 |
| 2 | Tool sharing                        | 1 |
| 2 | Minor home repair                   | 1 |
| 2 | Business outreach/improvement       | 1 |
| 1 | Crisis response training            | 1 |
| 2 | Community garden                    | 2 |
| 0 | Neighborhood planning               | 2 |
| 0 | Historic preservation               | 1 |
| 0 | Youth activities                    | 1 |
| 1 | Neighborhood entertainment          | 0 |

# Projects by state

Individual project profiles can be found in the following sections. Find page numbers for specific projects in the rightmost column.

# Kansas City, Kansas

| Organization Name                                  | Project Name  | Project Type                      | Amount<br>Received | Page<br>number |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 Argentine Betterment Association                 | Argentine Holiday Lighting Event                                  | Neighborhood entertainment        | \$1,120            | 14             |
| 2 Central Avenue Betterment Association            | La Placita Economic Activities at Bethany                         | Park improvement                  | \$2,700            | 15             |
| 3 Downtown Shareholders of KCK, Inc                | Electronic Business Tool Kits                                     | Business outreach/<br>improvement | \$3,000            | 16             |
| 4 Hanover Heights Historic Association             | Tool Shed & Lawnmower   | Tool sharing                      | \$3,000            | 17             |
| 5 Hilltop Neighborhood Association                 | Fisher Park Beautification & Drinking Fountain                    | Park improvement                  | \$3,000            | 18             |
| 6 Leavenworth Road Association                     | Reversing Home of the Month (Minor Home Repair)                   | Minor home repair                 | \$1,500            | 19             |
| Organization for the Community 7 Preservation, Inc | "Revisit, Revibe & Revitalize Our Community" Back-to-School Event | Community organizing              | \$1,000            | 20             |
| 8 Quindaro Homes Neighborhood Watch,               | Neighborhood Swingset   | Park improvement                  | \$2,721            | 21             |
| 9 Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators                | Neighborhood Crisis Response Team (CERT)                          | Crisis response training          | \$3,000            | 22             |
| 10 Rosedale Development Association                | SW Blvd / Merriam Lane Façade &<br>Landscaping Improvement Pilot  | Business outreach/ improvement    | \$3,000            | 23             |
| 11 Shepherd's Center of KCK                        | Minor Home Repair   | Minor home repair                 | \$3,000            | 24             |
| 12 St. Joseph's Neighborhood Watchdogs             | Trees in Park   | Park improvement                  | \$3,000            | 25             |
| 13 Wyandotte Countians Against Crime               | Gazebo in WCAC Community Park                                     | Park improvement                  | \$2,518            | 26             |

# Kansas City, Missouri

| Organization Name                                | Project Name                                      | Project Type                            | Amount received | Page<br>number |
|--|---|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Organization (Value                              | McCoy Neighborhood Beautification &               | Neighborhood cleanup/                   | 10001100        | Hamboi         |
| 1 Belmont-Topping Block Club                     | Empowerment                                       | beautification                          | \$1,600         | 28             |
| 2 Blue Hills Community Services Corporation      | Community Emergency Response Team                 | Crisis response training                | \$3,000         | 29             |
| 3 Boston Heights/Mount Hope                      | Restore the Block                                 | Minor home repair                       | \$3,000         | 30             |
| 4 Chouteau Estates Neighborhood Assoc.           | Neighborhood Civil War Cemetery                   | Historic preservation                   | \$2,341         | 31             |
| 5 Eco Abet                                       | Troost Coalition Design Guidelines                | Neighborhood planning                   | \$3,000         | 32             |
| 6 Historic Northeast                             | Neighborhood Map/Directory                        | Business outreach/<br>improvement       | \$3,000         | 33             |
| 7 Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council                   | Storytime for Preschoolers                        | Youth activities                        | \$3,000         | 34             |
| 8 Jerusalem Farm                                 | Tool Library                                      | Tool sharing                            | \$3,000         | 35             |
| 9 Key Coalition                                  | Come Grow with Us                                 | Community garden                        | \$3,000         | 36             |
| 10 Longfellow Community Association              | Longfellow Farm                                   | Community garden                        | \$3,000         | 37             |
| 11 Oak Park Neighborhood Association             | Community Outreach/Membership Drive               | Community organizing                    | \$1,800         | 38             |
| 12 Patterson Highlands Neighborhood              | Neighborhood Cleanup                              | Neighborhood cleanup/<br>beautification | \$345           | 39             |
| Pendleton Heights Neighborhood 13 Association    | Beautification & Improved Livability              | Neighborhood cleanup/<br>beautification | \$2,800         | 40             |
| 14 Santa Fe Area Council                         | Neighborhood Development & Leadership<br>Training | Neighborhood planning                   | \$2,000         | 41             |
| Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood 15 Association | Scarritt Renaissance Beautification 2015          | Neighborhood cleanup/<br>beautification | \$3,000         | 42             |
| 16 Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Assoc.              | Neighborhood Cleanup                              | Neighborhood cleanup/<br>beautification | \$225           | 43             |
| 17 Town Fork Creek Neighborhood                  | Youth in Community                                | Community organizing                    | \$3,000         | 44             |
| 18 Westside Community Action Network             | Healthy and Safe Neighborhood                     | Community organizing                    | \$2,985         | 45             |

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Project Profiles: Kansas City, Kansas

### **Argentine Betterment Corporation (ABC)**

**Argentine Holiday Lighting Event** 

The grant supported ABC efforts to bring the community together through their 18th annual holiday event at Emerson Park that includes lighting up the park's gazebo, large tree, and the nearby fire station, as well as hot chocolate and holiday entertainment. The event was rainy and cold but still a success. ABC will meet with the residents this month to discuss next steps for the event.

Amount received: \$3,000

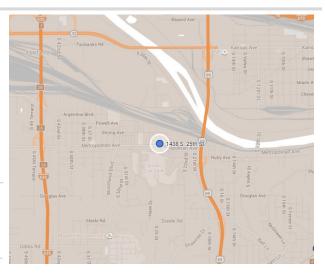
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Project is **(X)** complete





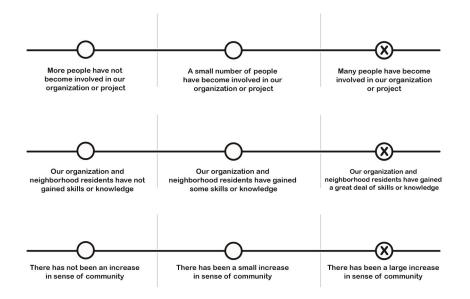
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### Capacity metrics

250

people engaged



KANSAS Park improvement

### **Central Avenue Betterment Association (CABA)**

La Placita

La Placita is CABA's initiative to invigorate, revitalize, and rebrand the Central Avenue corridor and highlight under-utilized sites including Bethany Park and create summer activities to benefit residents, local businesses, and potential businesses. CABA experienced a 30-40% increase in participation this season over last season's events. Next year CABA will have a market place event every Saturday, May through September.

Amount received: \$2,700

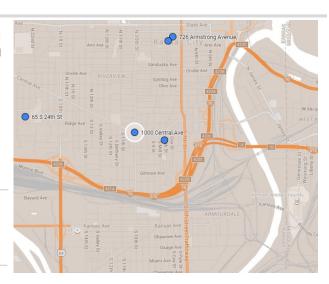
Location: 1621 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102

Project is (X) complete





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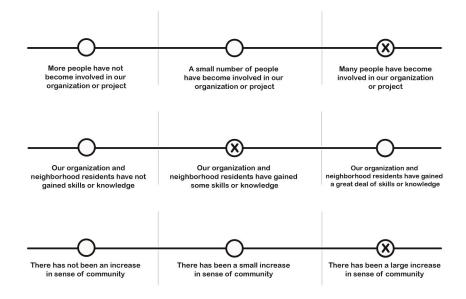
### Capacity metrics

2,500

\$1,000

people engaged

volunteer hours







### **Downtown Shareholders**

**Business Toolkit Production/Distribution** 

With many business in downtown KCK operating without internet or fax, the Downtown Shareholders printed and distributed their electronic business tool kits in Spanish and English. These toolkits provide a clear explanation of rules and regulations for new and existing businesses and have been considered a great addition to the business district.

Amount received: \$3,000

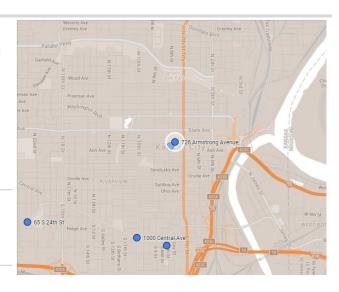
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Project is **(X)** complete





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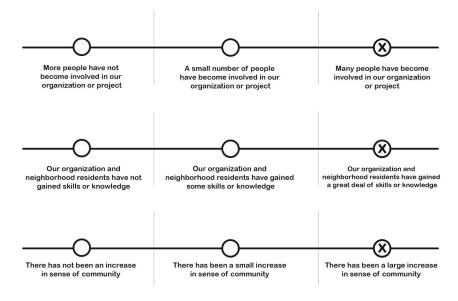


### Capacity metrics

\$3,900

people engaged

volunteer hours







KANSAS Tool sharing

### **Hanover Heights Historic Association**

Tool Shed & Lawnmower

The neighborhood association purchased a new riding lawn tractor that is available for all neighborhood residents. To use any of their neighborhood tools, a resident must first take a safety class. Many residents used the tractor this past fall for leaf pick-up and mulching.

Amount received: \$3,000

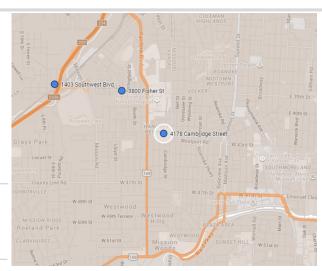
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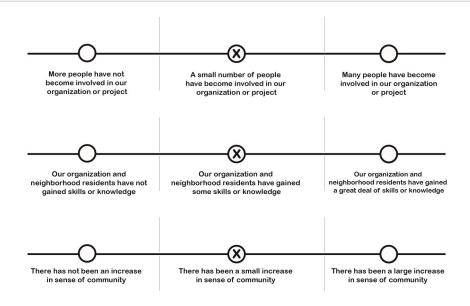


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### Capacity metrics

people engaged



KANSAS Park improvement

# **Hilltop Neighborhood Association**

Fisher Park Beautification and Drinking Fountain

The neighborhood helped add a new water fountain in Fisher Park to increase use of the park and the walking trail that is accessed through the park. Hilltop Neighborhood Association partnered with the KCK Parks Department, Rosedale Redevelopment Association, and the Board of Public Utilities to get the water fountain installed. The organization will continue to improve the park through landscaping and other beautification efforts.

Amount received: \$3,000

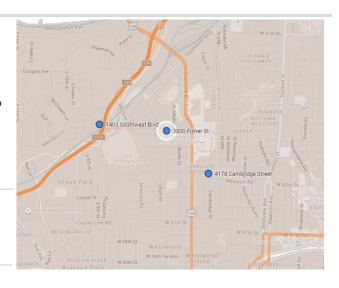
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Project is





ongoing



#### Capacity metrics

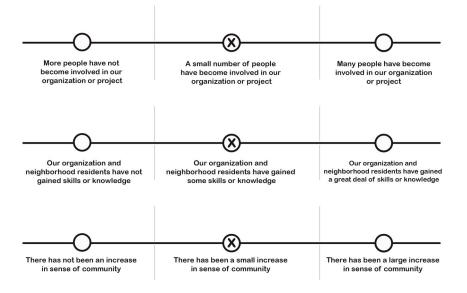
15

20

\$8,000

people engaged

volunteer hours









### Leavenworth Road Association (LRA)

**Reversing Home of the Month** 

LRA chose one home per month to focus their efforts on minor home repairs, maintenance projects, and correcting nuisance and code violations issues. The organization worked with code officers and community police officers to identify individual homes and complete the work.

Amount received: \$1,500

Location: 6100 Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, KS 66104

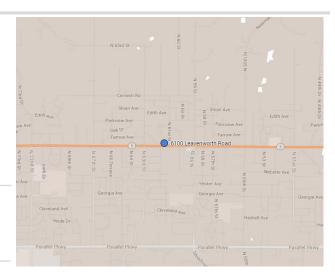
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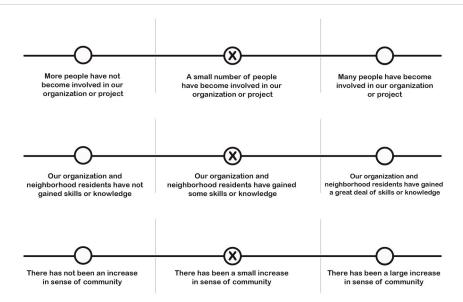


#### Capacity metrics

\$1,570

people engaged

volunteer hours



### Organization for the Community Preservation, Inc. (OCP)

Revisit, Revibe, & Revitalize our Community

OCP organized a community-wide event "Revisit, Revibe, & Revitalize our Community." The event included a back-to-school component to provide neighborhood students with age-appropriate supplies for school. The event was a success, with 30 residents participating in the event, networking, and meeting new neighbors. Neighbors also got the chance to have one-on-one discussions with their Unified Government Commissioner.

Amount received: \$1,000

Location: 1540 Cleveland, Kansas City, KS 66104

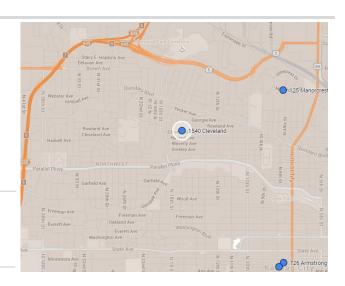
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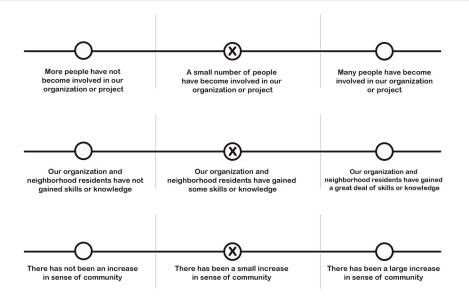


#### Capacity metrics

30

240

people engaged



KANSAS Park improvement

### **Quindaro Homes Neighborhood Watch**

Swing Set in the Community Playground

Quindaro Homes purchased and installed a much-needed swing set for the neighborhood youth. The organization worked with residents to identify and create plans for park improvements. The neighborhood will next install a shelter for family events and gatherings in the park.

Amount received: \$2,721

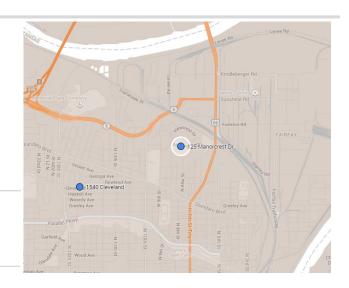
Location: 125 Manorcrest Drive, Kansas City, KS 66101

Project is **(X)** complete



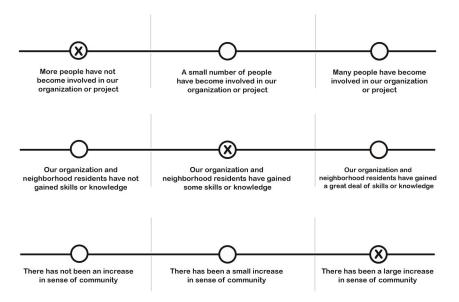


ongoing



### Capacity metrics

people engaged







### **Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators**

**Neighborhood Crisis Response Team** 

The group organized trainings to assist the residents in being better prepared and knowledgeable about community safety and emergency response. The group brought in outside experts to lead trainings on crime prevention, CPR, fire safety, and more. These presentations were well received and attendance grew through word of mouth. The association hopes to have more guest speakers on related topics and will continue to expand their website.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 300 N. 80th Terrace, Kansas City, KS 66112

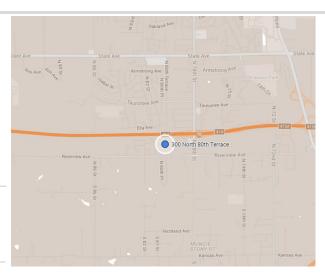
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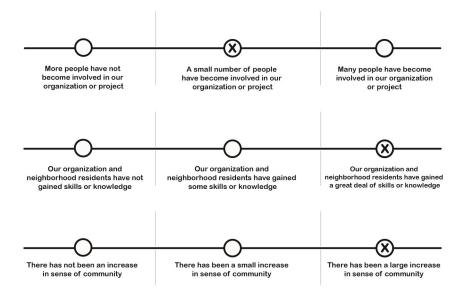


#### Capacity metrics

125

400

people engaged







### **Rosedale Development Association (RDA)**

Southwest Blvd/Merriam Lane Façade and Landscaping Improvement

RDA worked with students of Park University's Coro leadership program and local businesses to implement a business facade improvement pilot program to spur local economic development. Students worked with local businesses to develop program recommendations. Grant funds will also be used as a grant match for the façade improvements. RDA will next evaluate the effectiveness of the program by surveying businesses and will work with LISC to incorporate the new KIVA ZIP program.

Amount received: \$3,000

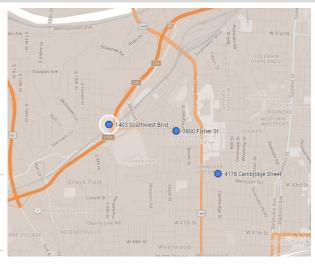
Location: 1403 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, KS 66103

Project is

complete



ongoing



### Capacity metrics

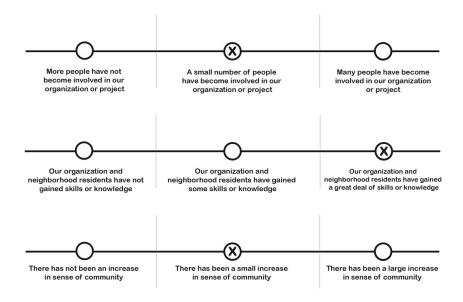
25+

288

\$400

people engaged

volunteer hours





KANSAS Minor home repair

### Shepherd's Center of KCK

Minor Home Repair

The Shepherd Center's program provides minor home repair funding and services to isolated older adults in Wyandotte County, helping them live in their own homes for as long as possible and remain a part of the community. The grant assisted elderly homeowners in dealing with tree removal after the windstorms this summer, abating code violations, and plumbing and HVAC repairs. In total, 27 projects were completed with 6 still in progress.

Amount received: \$3,000

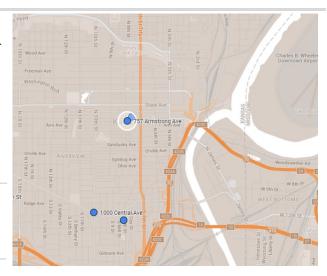
Location: 757 Armstrong Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101

Project is **(X)** complete





ongoing



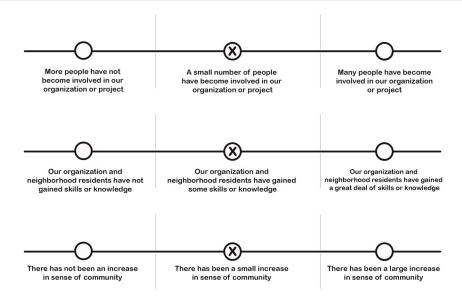
#### Capacity metrics

170

\$150

people engaged

volunteer hours







KANSAS Park improvement

### St. Joseph's Neighborhood Watchdogs

Trees for St. Margaret's Park

The NRF grant provided the means to implement the first goals in a long-range plan to beautify and add amenities to St. Margaret's Park. Trees were planted in partnership with Wyandotte County Parks Department, who will also help with maintenance of the trees. The organization plans on bringing together other groups in the area to create a plan for future park improvements.

Amount received: \$3,000

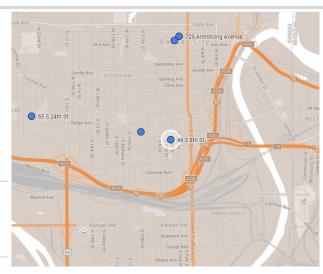
Location: 46 S. 8th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Project is **(X)** complete





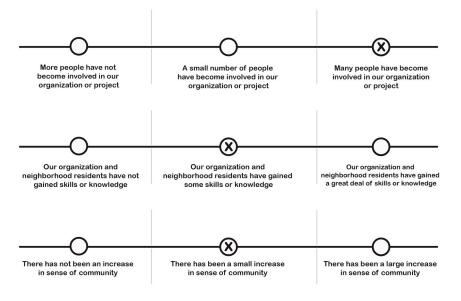
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#### Capacity metrics

120

people engaged







KANSAS Park improvement

### **Wyandotte Countians Against Crime (WCAC)**

Gazebo in WCAC Community Park

WCAC purchased and installed a gazebo and neighborhood orchard in the WCAC Community Park. Nearby neighbors volunteered their skills and talents for the project. WCAC raised additional funding to cover expenses associated with building the gazebo that were not in the budget including a building permit. WCAC's next steps for the park are to install the electricity and WIFI and plant the roses around the gazebo.

Amount received: \$2,518

Location: 65 S. 24th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102

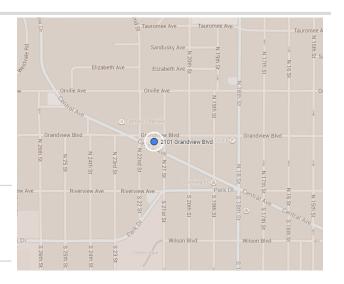
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complete



ongoing



#### Capacity metrics

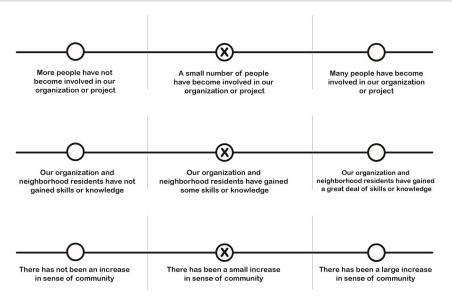
5+

155

\$67

people engaged

volunteer hours







Project Profiles: Kansas City, Missouri

### **Belmont – Topping Block Club**

**Building Community Day by Day** 

Residents of Belmont-Topping took part in a number of cleanup activities across their neighborhood, including a dumpster day, cleanup of a vacant lot, and removal of graffiti that culminated in a neighborhood party. Additionally, a petition drive to have the area recognized under a formal neighborhood association was successful - the Block Club is now the McCoy Park Neighborhood Association.

Amount received: \$1,600

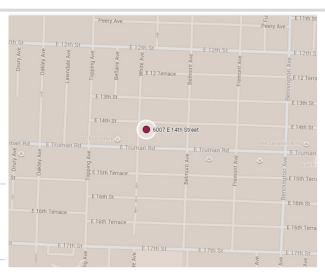
Location: 6007 E. 14th Street, Kansas City, MO 64126

Project is **(X)** complete





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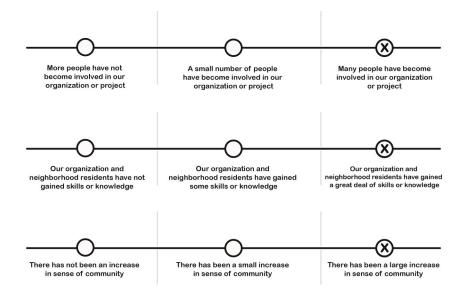


#### Capacity metrics

382

people engaged

volunteer hours









# **Blue Hills Community Services**

**Blue Hills Community Emergency Response Team** 

Thirteen Blue Hills residents and stakeholders each completed 24 hours of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training provided by the Emergency Management Department of the City of Kansas City, Missori. Trainings were considered informative and BHCS plans to identify new courses and equipment to improve resident preparedness for emergencies.

Amount received: \$3,000

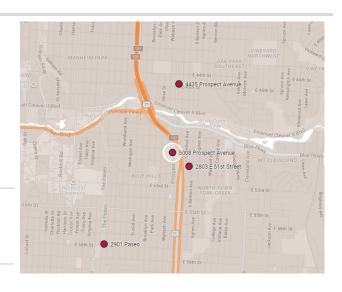
Location: 5008 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64130

Project is (X) complete





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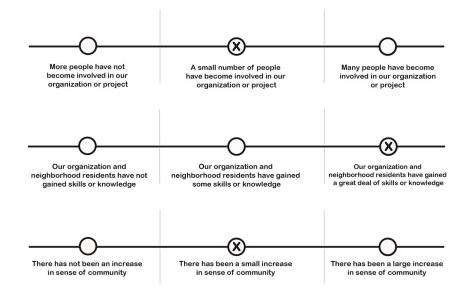


#### Capacity metrics

312

people engaged

volunteer hours







### **Boston Heights/Mount Hope Neighborhood Association**

Restore the Block

The neighborhood association worked to develop a model for their block-stabilizing minor home repair program that could be applied in the neighborhood and in nine other areas of the Urban Neighborhood Initiative. BHMHNA created a highly organized process that established the framework for the program and print materials. The association is now seeking funding to execute the model.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 2901 Paseo Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64109

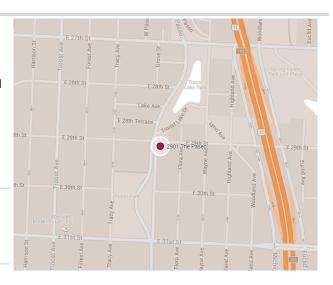
Project is (X)



complete



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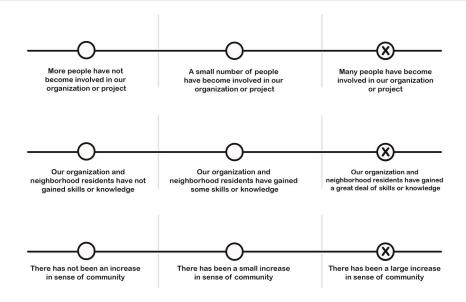


#### Capacity metrics

148

1,760

people engaged







MISSOURI Historic preservation

### **Chouteau Estates Neighborhood Association**

**Neighborhood Civil War Cemetery** 

Roberts Cemetery is a Civil War-era cemetery in the Chouteau Estates Neighborhood. Residents used grant funds to purchase a shelter to cover headstones from the 1800s, decorative rock surrounding the headstones, educational signage, a plaque, and benches. Neighbors have taken a sense of ownership in the graveyard and the neighborhood as a whole. Residents will next organize a rededication ceremony of the cemetery to commemorate its 150th year.

Amount received: \$2,341

Location: 4607 N.E. 38th Street, Kansas City, MO 64117

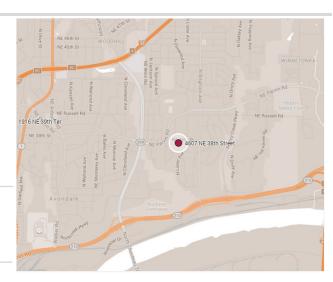
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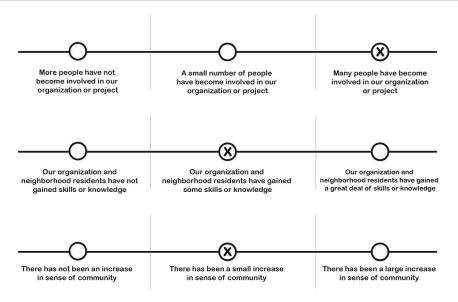


#### Capacity metrics

125

18

people engaged









**MISSOURI** Neighborhood planning

### **Eco Abet**

#### **Troost Zoning Overlay User's Guide**

Eco Abet lead the creation of a zoning overlay along Troost Avenue between 24th Street and Volker Boulevard. The overlay provides guidelines for new development in the corridor. The NRF grant allowed the creation of a guidebook for developers and others in the community to help them understand the new overlay guidelines. The overlay zoning was approved by the City in the summer of 2015. Phase III of the overlay process will develop guidelines for streetscape items.

Amount received: \$3,000

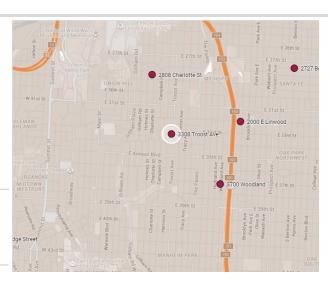
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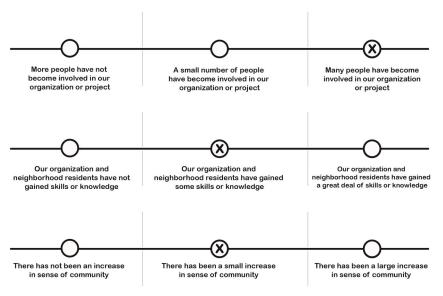
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#### Capacity metrics

people engaged

volunteer hours









Troost Overlay District: User's Guide

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### **Historic Northeast**

**Neighborhood Map/Directory** 

Historic Northeast developed a map of businesses, local services, social service providers, and points of interests in the Northeast. The Northeast has a high population of international residents whose first language is not English. The map uses icons and pictures to help overcome language barriers. Funding went towards the design and printing of the map.

Amount received: \$3,000

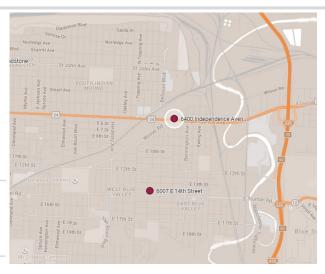
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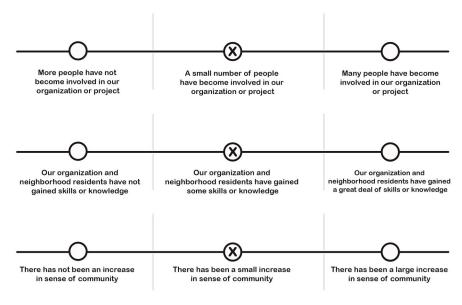


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#### Capacity metrics

people engaged







**MISSOURI** Youth activities

### Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council

**Story Time for Preschoolers** 

Neighborhood children aged 3-5 gathered for 90 minutes weekly as an instructor and four youth interns read aloud award-winning children's books. The program was created to fill a gap in pre-K literacy resources in the neighborhood. INC is planning to offer the program again in the summer of 2016, and because CCF funding provided much of the setup material for the program, it can be offered again at a lower cost.

Amount received: \$3,000

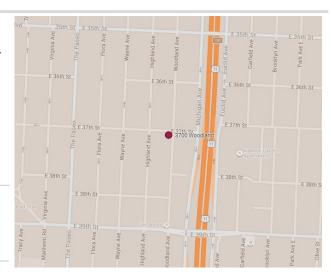
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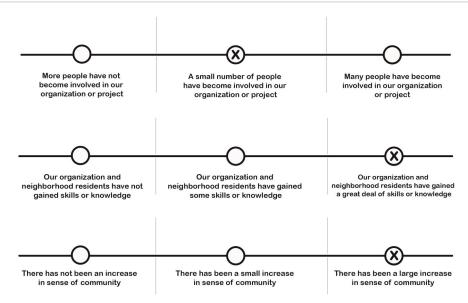


ongoing



#### Capacity metrics

people engaged







MISSOURI Tool sharing

### Jerusalem Farm

**Involving Youth in Community Building** 

This project created a tool lending library with home repair and garden tools for residents near Jerusalem Farm community garden in the Pendleton Heights neighborhood. The library is up and running with five members, however, organizers say they have not yet launched an online tool database, which will significantly help with expanding and marketing the program. The project is ongoing and remaining NRF grant funds will be spent on additional tools and tool maintenance.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 520 Garfield Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64124

Project is



complete



ongoing



#### Capacity metrics

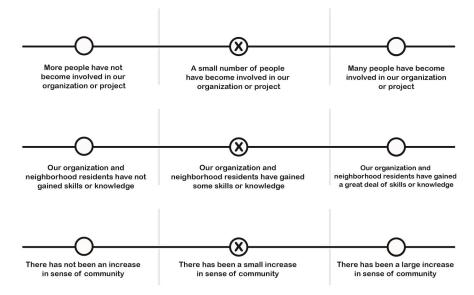
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48

\$1,000

people engaged

volunteer hours







MISSOURI Community garden

# **Key Coalition**

Come Grow With Us

The NRF grant funded two neighborhood projects. First, materials for the "Come Grow With us Garden" including herbs, raised beds, solar lighting, and park benches were purchased. Second, the adopt-a-lot services were expanded to include properties of elderly or disabled residents at no cost and the sidewalks on properties owned by absentee owners. The project has resulted in an increase in the number of residents at monthly meetings and on Key Coalition's contact list.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 2000 E. Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64109

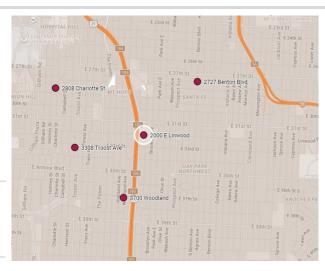
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#### Capacity metrics

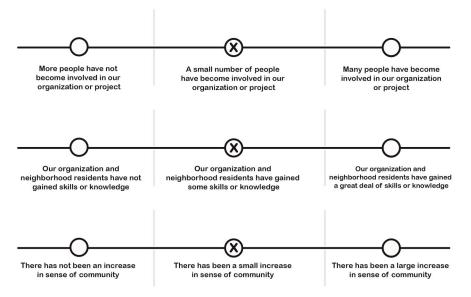
277

53

\$640

people engaged

volunteer hours









**MISSOURI** Community garden

### **Longfellow Community Association**

**Longfellow Farm** 

The grant funded improvements at the Longfellow Farm, an urban farm in the Longfellow Neighborhood. The farm provides fresh food in an urban "food desert" and a gathering place for residents. The improvements, which included equipment and signage, helped attract new residents to become involved in the farm. The association hopes to further improve and expand the Longfellow Farm in the next year.

Amount received: \$3,000

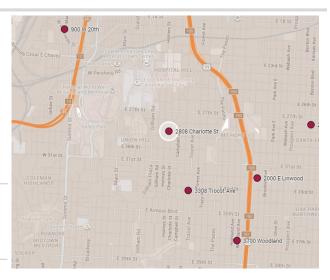
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Project is **(X)** complete





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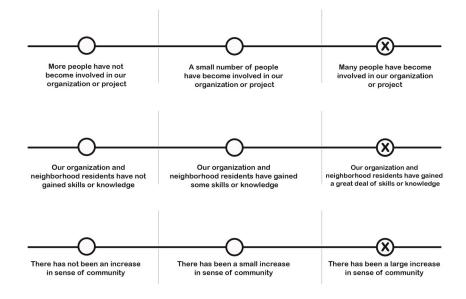


### Capacity metrics

130

1,280

people engaged







## Oak Park Neighborhood Association

Community Outreach/Membership Drive

Volunteers went door-to-door to collect and verify 1,400 phone numbers of residents. Funding went towards neighborhood canvassing materials. Before canvassing, the organization had 140 phone numbers and many residents did not know that the neighborhood association existed. As a result of outreach, residents now know how to be involved in the neighborhood and 1,500 residents attended the re-opening of the neighborhood park.

Amount received: \$3,000

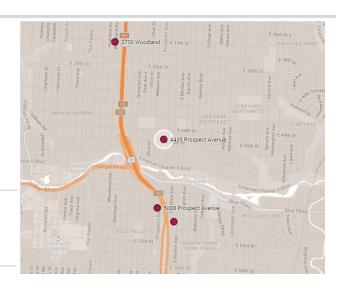
Location: 4435 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110

Project is **(X)** complete





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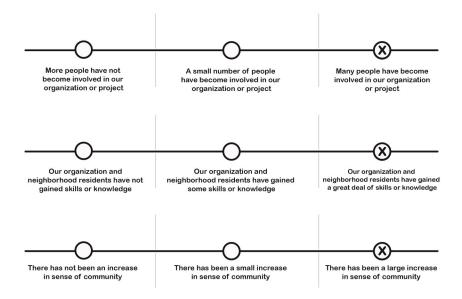


#### Capacity metrics

1,100

people engaged

volunteer hours







### **Patterson Highlands Neighborhood Association**

Neighborhood Cleanup / Welcome Bags

The neighborhood association rented two dumpsters for a dumpster day cleanup. It also purchased materials for welcome bags for new residents, as well as signage for traffic calming and advertising of neighborhood events.

Amount received: \$245

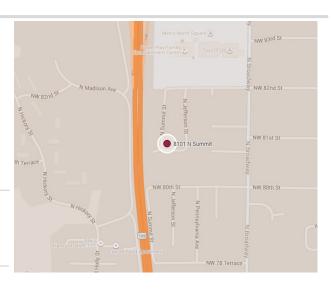
Location: 8101 N. Summit, Kansas City, MO 64118

Project is **(X)** complete



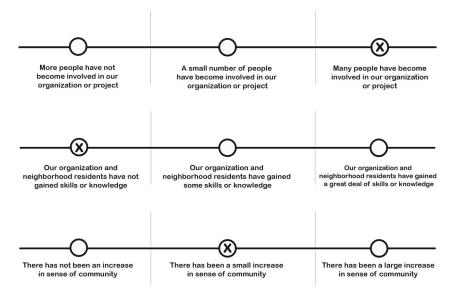


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#### Capacity metrics

people engaged







### **Pendleton Heights**

**Beautification & Improved Liability** 

With NRF funds, PHNA purchased a number of beautification and safety features to deter dumping and graffiti and provide amenities. PHNA purchased custom bike racks to be installed on Lexington Avenue — the preferred bike route through PH, installed strands of lights in Olive-Park alley where they held the Olive-Park Alley Fest that featured live music, brick oven pizza from a newly built oven, a lemonade stand, a glass blowing demonstration, and other art exhibits. The group will purchase additional solar lights with the remaining funds as well as flowers for the neighborhood entrance pillars.

Amount received: \$2,800

Location: 546 Olive Street, Kansas City, MO 64124

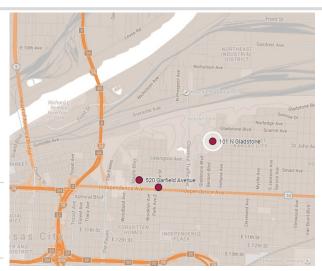
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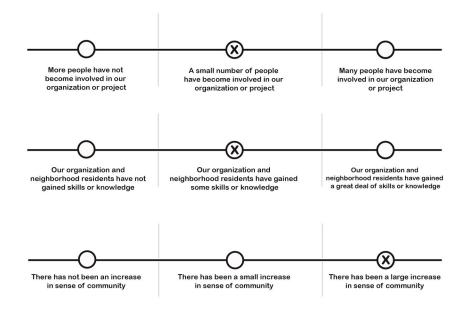


#### Capacity metrics

66

40

people engaged









### Santa Fe Area Council

#### **Neighborhood Development & Leadership Training**

SFAC developed a website that provides information on the association and the neighborhood's history. The grant paid for site development and hosting for 3 years. Volunteers solicited resident feedback on the site and developed content for the website. Since launching the website attendance has increased at neighborhood meetings. SFAC residents also attended a NeighborWorks training (the Community Leadership Summit) in Louisville, KY.

Amount received: \$2,000

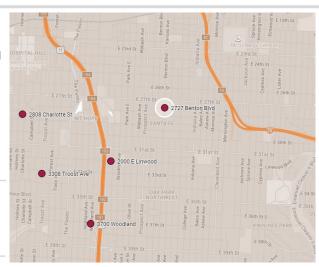
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Project is (X) complete



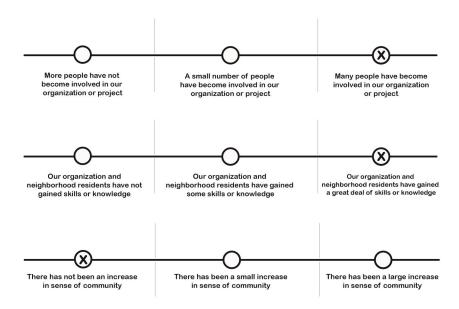


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#### Capacity metrics

people engaged







### **Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Association**

**Scarritt Renaissance Beautification 2015** 

SRNA's beautification project improved the neighborhood as a whole and the neighborhood-owned vacant lot located at a prominent intersection in the area. For neighborhood-wide efforts, supplies for trash and graffiti removal were purchased and volunteers led block and alley cleanups. A rock retaining wall was installed on the vacant lot and more landscape and garden work is planned. SRNA was notified that the lot does not have water (KC Water Services removed the connection to the main without notifying the owner) and is working to get it re-established before installing plants.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 101 N. Gladstone Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64123

Project is





ongoing



### Capacity metrics

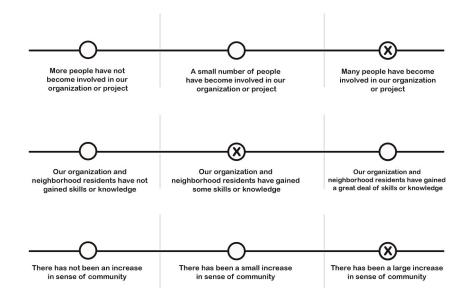
520

260

\$3,780

people engaged

volunteer hours









### **Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association**

**Neighborhood Cleanup** 

Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association rented two dumpsters from the City of Kansas City, MO to collect trash, leaves, and brush from residents. Volunteers were organized to help residents move items to the dumpsters and also donated the use of their personal tools like clippers, brooms, and chainsaws. The event brings neighbors together to socialize and help one another, in addition to cleaning up the area. Improvements to neighborhood signage were also made with the grant.

Amount received: \$245

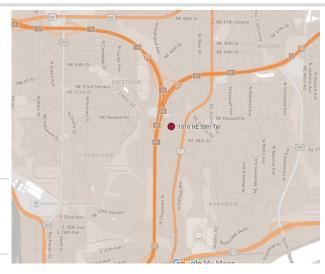
Location: 1916 N.E. 39th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64116

Project is (X) complete





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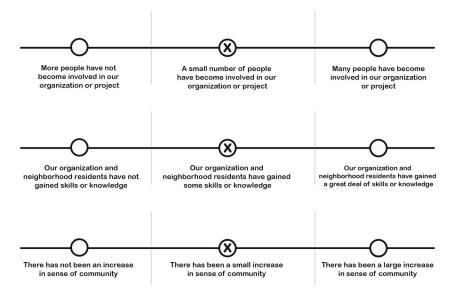


### Capacity metrics

\$1,000

people engaged

volunteer hours







### **Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association**

**Involving Youth in Community Building** 

Neighborhood youth were trained to become more engaged in the neighborhood. Working with senior block captains, youth performed door-to-door canvassing and helped with the creation of block plans. The block plan effort continues, and the neighborhood association hopes to continue the youth engagement program as new funding becomes available.

Amount received: \$3,000

Location: 2803 E. 51st Street, Kansas City, MO 64130

Project is (X) complete





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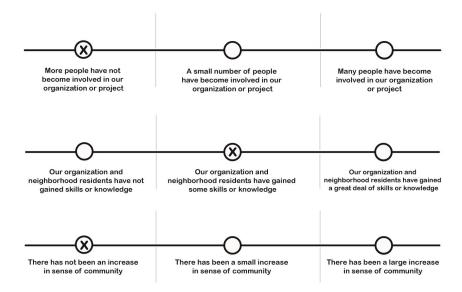


#### Capacity metrics

110

180

people engaged





MISSOURI Park improvement

### Westside Community Action Network (CAN) Center

Healthy and Safe Neighborhood

Westside CAN Center purchased a number of garden tools to help with implementation of a community garden. The tools allowed many volunteers to become involved in the garden project. Westside CAN is now hoping to create gardens in other areas of the neighborhood such as schools, other small community areas, and family gardens.

Amount received: \$2,518

Location: 900 W. 20th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

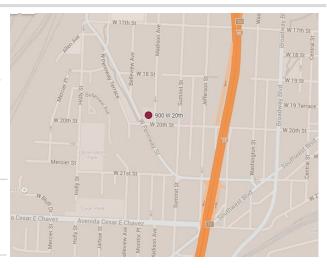
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complete



ongoing



#### Capacity metrics

252

1,294

people engaged

