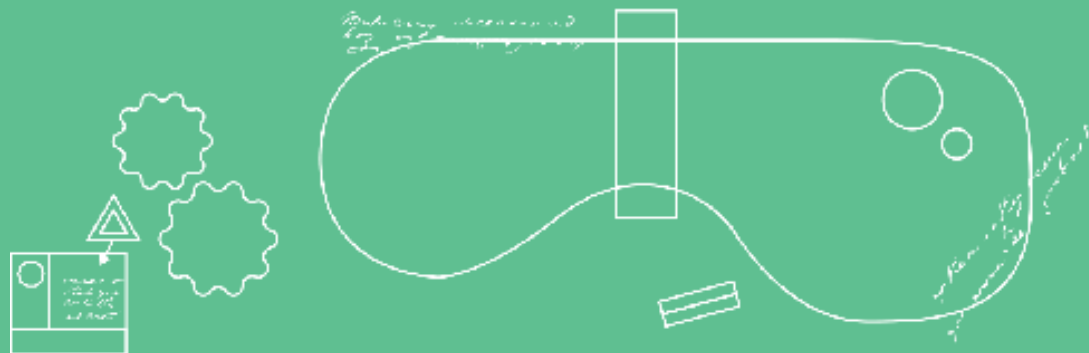


Neighborhoods Rising Fund

2019 Funders Report

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The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a unique funding collaborative that annually provides (micro)grants up to \$3,000 for community-driven and neighborhood-led revitalization projects and initiatives in low- to moderate-income areas throughout Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. These small grants- with value-added support- help to address issues related to public safety, environment, public health, abandoned and vacant property, and other community needs.

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

Since 2015, the NRF has provided over \$400,000 to 164 community-led neighborhood revitalization initiatives throughout Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. This report highlights projects supported in 2019, the fifth year of the NRF. The stories and data you will see in this report demonstrate the critical role this grant program plays in supporting neighborhoods' goals to build lasting change.



Featured: Jerusalem Farm / Maple Flats Orchard Project, courtesy of the organization.

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Every community desires to improve the quality of life of its residents, but many also face adversity on the road to creating change. Kansas City's neighborhoods are creative and skilled in solving problems, mobilizing volunteers, and building strong networks. Yet too often, a lack of access to funding sources prevents them from bringing their ideas to fruition. The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) provides critical funding support to help neighborhoods leverage their residents' talents and energy to realize their collective dreams and make a positive impact.

By providing small grants to neighborhood associations and community organizations, the NRF empowers residents to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. The NRF is made possible through the generous contributions of the foundations, banks, CDFIs, and corporations that support this one-of-a-kind grant program. Their participation in this unique funding collaborative is critical to helping Kansas City neighborhoods achieve their goals and play their part in making Kansas City a great place to live.



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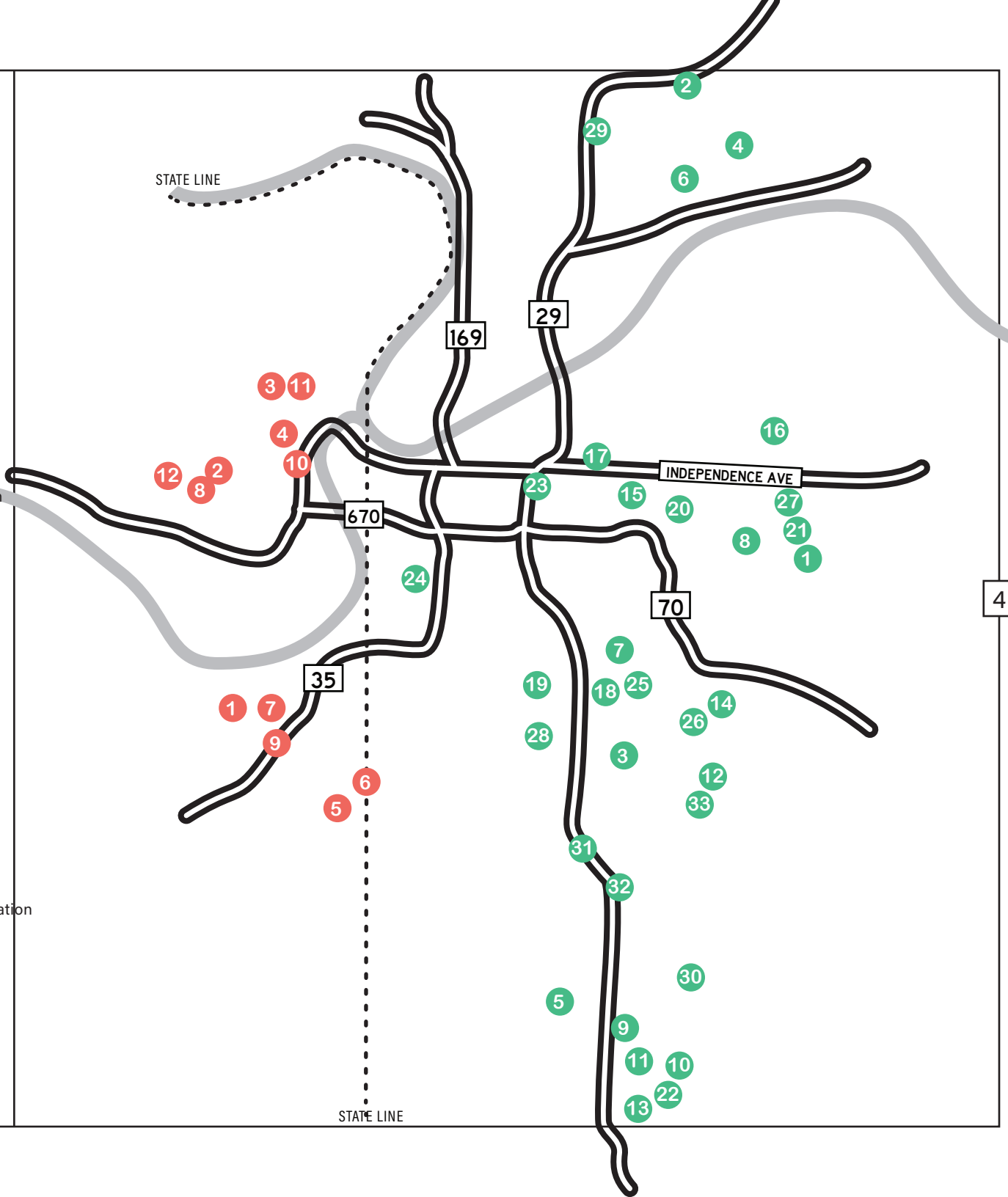


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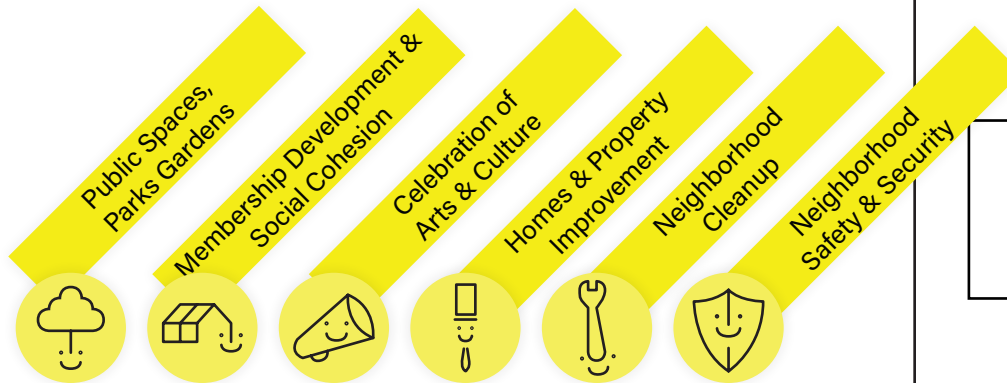
In 2019:

Total Funds Granted

\$108,430

Number of Projects Funded

45



Project Categories

Neighborhood Cleanups	15
Membership Development	21
Celebration of Arts & Culture	5
Home & Property Improvement	5
Neighborhood Safety	16
Public Spaces	20

Community Organizers	409	humans
Overall Participation	23,112	humans
Number of Volunteers	1,363	humans
Volunteer Effort	11,198	hours

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Neighborhoods Rising Fund 2019 Projects

Argentine Betterment Corporation

Argentine
Holiday
Lighting
Project

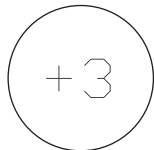


Argentine Betterment Corporation hosted their annual Holiday Lighting. Leveraging the NRF grant money, they were able to cover and decorate 50 streetlights throughout the community and decorate the fire station and the gazebo in Emerson Park, which had formerly been unused. The lighting celebration and Christmas event was hosted around the gazebo, festively adorned with lights, inflatables, and trees. Over 250 community members came together to attend the grand lighting ceremony together.

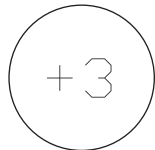
Argentine (Kansas City, KS)



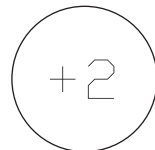
“This project brought together many groups for one goal. These groups don’t usually work together on projects so this allowed open communication and helped cultivate new relationships.”
– Micah King



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$500	USD
Other Funds Total	\$500	USD
Organizers	5	Humans
Volunteers	25	Humans
Volunteer Hours	325	Hours
Estimated Participation	250	Humans

Blue Valley Neighborhood Association

Building
Blue Valley
North &
South



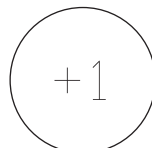
Blue Valley Neighborhood Association hosted five clean-up events throughout the year. These clean-ups took place throughout a 13-block radius in the Blue Valley neighborhood. Residents and volunteers removed trash, needles, brush, and bulky furniture that had been dumped in the area. Drawing a wide range of volunteers to participate in the events, neighbors swapped stories and bonded over making their community both cleaner and safer for one another.



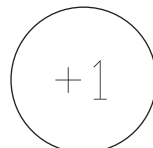
“Over the past five years, we have started to work together. These grants have given our community an opportunity to come together for a good reason – improving our working, living, and playing conditions.”
– Nancy Simons



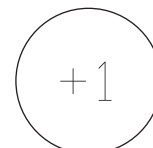
Blue Valley (Kansas City, MO)



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

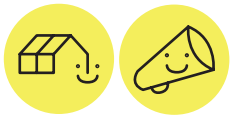


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,600	USD
In-kind Donations	\$250	USD
Other Funds Total	\$750	USD
Organizers	15	Humans
Volunteers	10	Humans
Volunteer Hours	80	Hours
Estimated Participation	60	Humans

Central Avenue Betterment Association

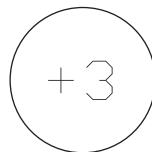
Day of the Dead Celebration



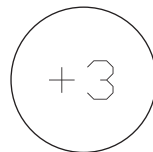
Central Avenue Betterment Association's (CABA) annual Day of the Dead Celebration brought 15,000 people and visitors to the Central Avenue Commercial Corridor. 400 volunteers participated in the production as sculptors, dancers, performers, and more. In addition to the entertainment, visitors enjoyed live music, good food, Calavera face painting, and a parade down Central Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. The celebration drew crowds from around the Kansas City metro area, celebrating both the strong community and cultural traditions of the businesses and residents in the area.

*Central Avenue Commercial Corridor
(Kansas City, KS)*

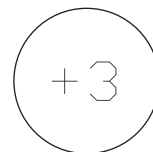
"Culture is important to our community because it is a strong identity builder and as such, it is a strong part of people's lives. It influences their views, their values, their humor, their hopes, their loyalties, and their worries and fears. So, when you are working with people and building relationships with them, it helps to have some perspective and understanding of their cultures." – Edgar Galicia



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$4,200	USD
Organizers	20	Humans
Volunteers	400	Humans
Volunteer Hours	3000	Hours
Estimated Participation	15,000	Humans

Chaumiere Neighborhood Association

Community
Carnival &
Nonprofit
Workshop

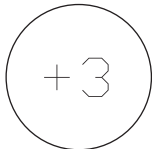


ChaumiereNeighborhoodAssociation's Community Carnival and Nonprofit Workshop served two purposes. It promoted entertainment and family fun; with a petting zoo, face painting, clowns, balloon hats, swords, animals, and tasty food. The event also gave the neighborhood association an opportunity to provide residents with information and resources from community partners like Clay County Clothes Closet, Northland Neighborhoods, and Brinshore Development.

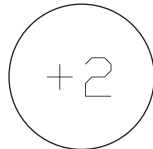
Chaumiere (Kansas City, MO)



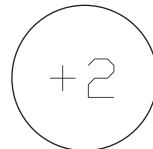
*"We have many projects over the course of a year, but the carnival is by far the largest. One of the many things I appreciate about this project and the grant is that someone always seems to emerge from the process and get more engaged in the community."
- Yvonne Herrick*



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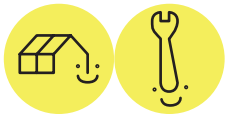


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,228	USD
In-kind Donations	\$300	USD
Other Funds Total	\$2,640	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	18	Humans
Volunteer Hours	68	Hours
Estimated Participation	132	Humans

Chestnut Avenue Resource Center

Neighbor
to Neighbor
Network

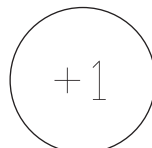


Chestnut Avenue Resource Center hosted a series of events throughout the year, focusing growth and increased involvement in the Oak Park Neighborhood. Chestnut organized three "block- by-block" clean-up days, working with volunteers to pick up trash and maintain overgrown lawns of vacant properties around the neighborhood. Residents celebrated their work with a holiday party at the end of the year, enjoying food, games and caroling for all who attended.

Oak Park (Kansas City, MO)



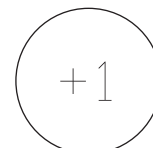
"The project was important to the neighborhood because it modeled neighbors helping neighbors, and also addressed the perennial problem of trash and unkempt yards. We plan to build on this and expand our influence in continuing to develop this sense of community in our neighborhood." – Joan McDowd



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,494	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	6	Humans
Volunteers	6	Humans
Volunteer Hours	102	Hours
Estimated Participation	26	Humans

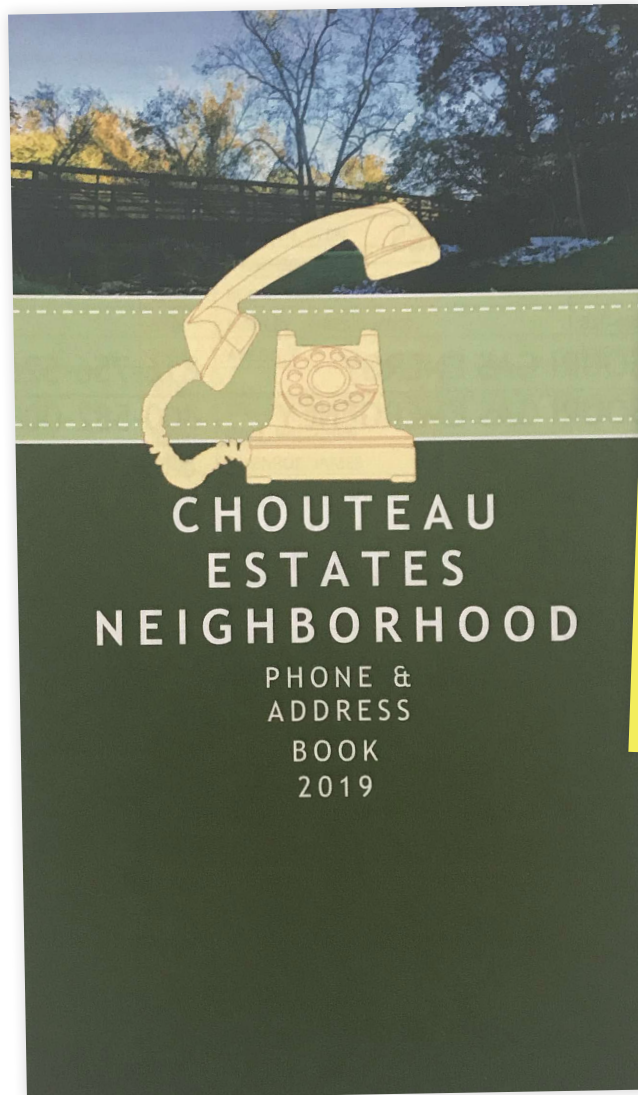
**Chouteau Estates
Neighborhood Association**

Chouteau
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Neighborhood
Directory

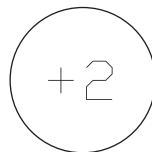


This year, Chouteau Estates Neighborhood Association addressed a longstanding need in their community by assembling and distributing a neighborhood directory to 300 residents in their neighborhood. Residents will use these directories to reach out to one another, creating a greater feeling of safety and community for all.

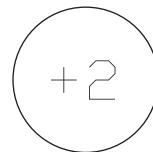
Chouteau Estates (Kansas City, MO)



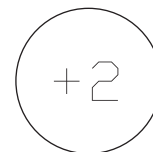
“Getting to know each other opens lines of communication. People watch out for each other and pass info along to keep the neighborhood safe.” – Debbie Shafer



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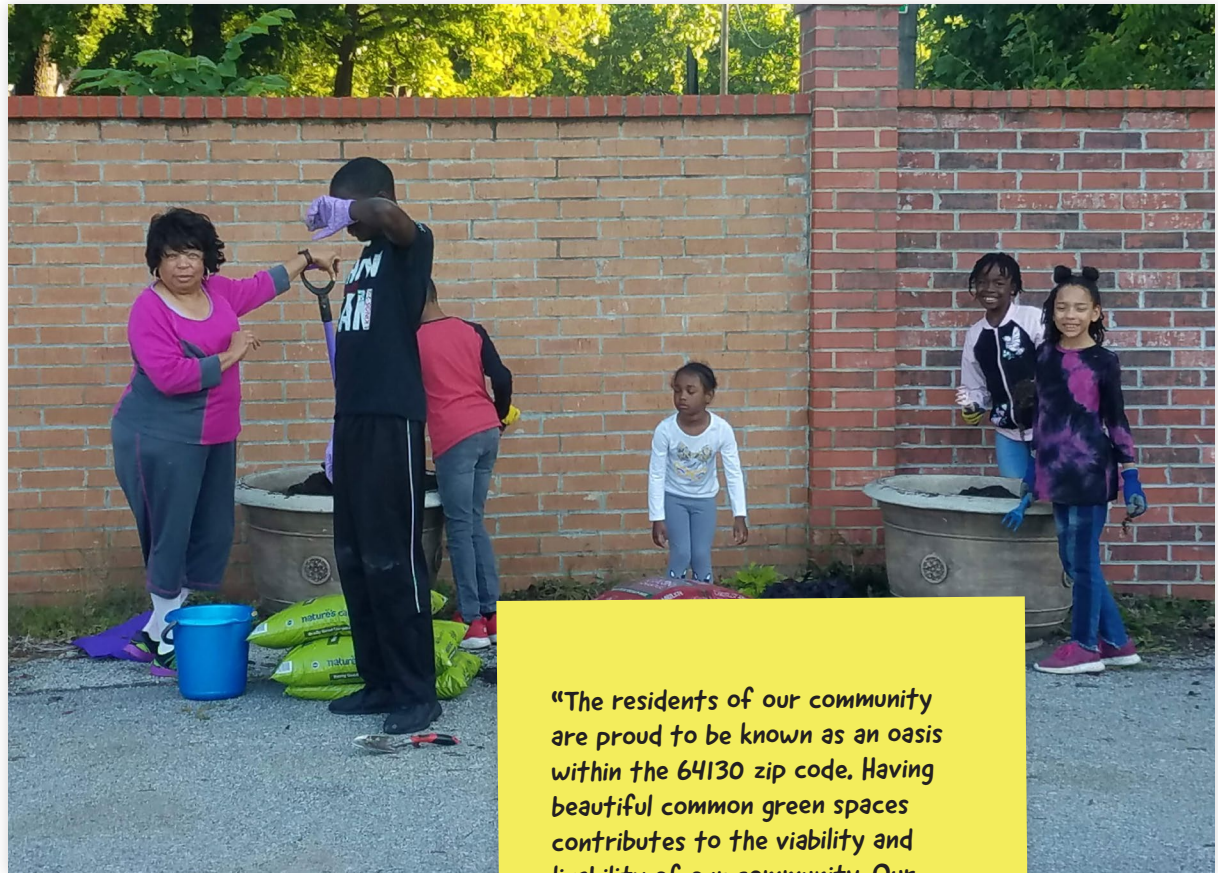
Grant Amount	\$1,080	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	10	Humans
Volunteer Hours	30	Hours
Estimated Participation	N/A	Humans

Citadel Homeowners Association

Citadel
Renew
Project

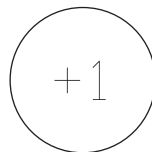


Throughout the course of 2019, the Citadel Homeowners Association carried out a "Renewal Project," cleaning up and landscaping a number of the common areas throughout the neighborhood. The total area worked on equaled a half acre of total common space. The project was successful, and the renewed spaces bring a vitality to the area - a space for neighbors to walk and children to play, increasing value for all of the properties aligning the common space areas.

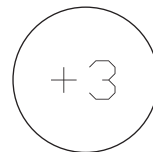


"The residents of our community are proud to be known as an oasis within the 64130 zip code. Having beautiful common green spaces contributes to the viability and livability of our community. Our residents appreciate the added beauty of our common green spaces." – Linda Manlove-Braxton

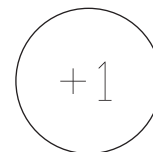
Citadel (Kansas City, MO)



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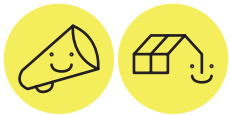


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,635	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	9	Humans
Volunteer Hours	45	Hours
Estimated Participation	6	Humans

**Cooley Highlands
Neighborhood Association**

Neighborhood
Connect

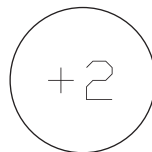


CooleyHighlandsNeighborhoodAssociation completed two separate projects in 2019. The first was to construct a series of Little Free Libraries along a bus route in the neighborhood, making books easily accessible for children and adults. The second project they championed was a "Neighborhood Connect Day," in partnership with Kansas City Parks and Recreation. The Neighborhood Connect Day included fun for families, with balloon artists and face painting, as well as a bouncy house for kids. The event also connected residents with available resources from the City of Kansas City, MO, including Fire, Police, and Animal Control Departments.

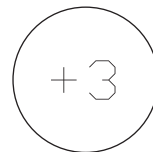
Cooley Highlands (Kansas City, MO)



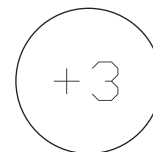
"I believe everyone who came and participated had a wonderful time. I personally saw many happy people (of a wide variety of cultures) interacting and socializing with one another; many of these people introduced themselves to me." – Terri Swank



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$1,800	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	20	Humans
Volunteer Hours	87	Hours
Estimated Participation	245	Humans

Community Resource Team

CRT Community Workshops



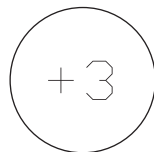
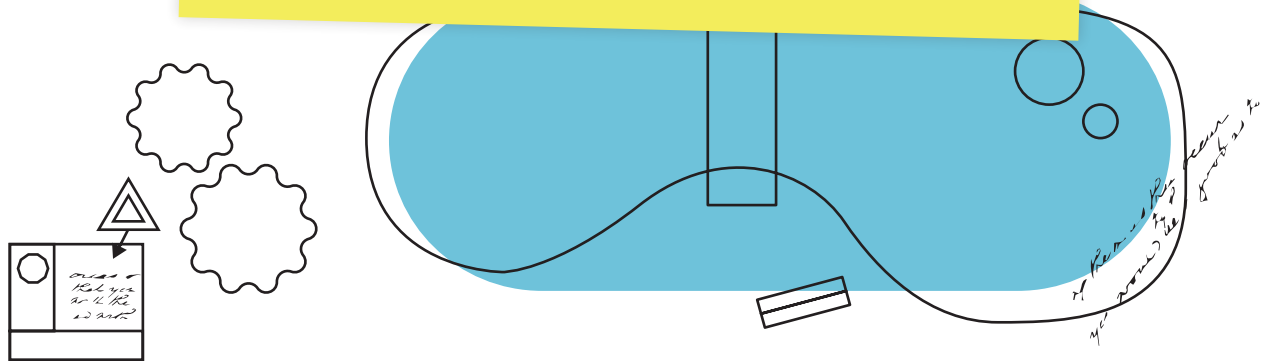
Community Resource Team brought together seven neighborhoods to collaborate on common neighborhood issues. The group of neighborhoods followed the SARA model (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment) in an effort to eradicate blight. Partnering with several City of Kansas City, MO departments, CRT created a presentation model for community development. The model can be shared around various communities and replicated to fit each neighborhood.

Neighborhoods under CRT included:

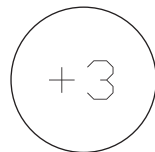
- Ivanhoe
- Key Coalition
- Mt. Hope/Boston Heights
- Oak Park
- Santa Fe
- Washington Wheatley
- Wendell Phillips

East Side (Kansas City, MO)

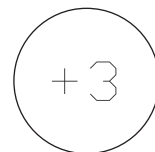
“We are tired of living in areas of blight and with a lack of safety. They both go hand in hand.” – Marquita Taylor



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Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,550	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	25	Humans
Volunteer Hours	118	Hours
Estimated Participation	45	Humans

**Douglass/Sumner
Neighborhood Association**

Douglass/
Sumner
Safety Bags

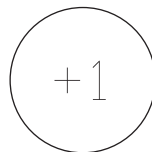


Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association distributed safety bags to residents, encouraging more residents to join the neighborhood association. They filled insulated tote bags, monogrammed with the neighborhood name, with fire extinguishers and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for residents. The bags also included surveys for residents, asking them what they liked and disliked about the neighborhood, as well as what improvements they would like to see in their community.

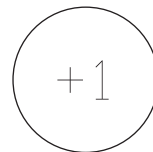


“There are several people of different nationalities and cultures in the neighborhood, and it is important to make everyone feel welcomed. By making people feel welcomed, it is more likely they will become active in the organization.”
- Beverly Easterwood

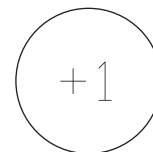
Douglass/Sumner (Kansas City, KS)



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Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$100	USD
Other Funds Total	\$100	USD
Organizers	5	Humans
Volunteers	11	Humans
Volunteer Hours	155	Hours
Estimated Participation	40	Humans

**Downtown Shareholders
of Kansas City, KS**

Downtown
Pocket Park
Community
Engagement



The Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City, Kansas is planning a multi-year project to establish a downtown pocket park. Funds supported by NRF helped to establish an extended community survey and community engagement campaign. This was a foundational to creating future effective action. The results of the survey will be used to guide the development and rehabilitation of a currently distressed lot into a viable public space.



“As Downtown KCK transforms itself into a vibrant neighborhood of business, residential, and cultural amenities, having attractive and safe outdoor space will build community and help attract further economic development.” – Jason Norbury

Downtown Kansas City, KS



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Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$2,500	USD
Organizers	2	Humans
Volunteers	2	Humans
Volunteer Hours	40	Hours
Estimated Participation	100	Humans

**East 23rd Street PAC
Neighborhood Association**

16th Annual
Family Day
in the Park
Against
Violence

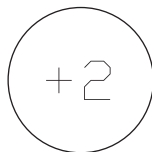


The East 23rd St PAC Neighborhood Association hosted their 16th Annual Family Day Against Violence event. Over the course of the sixteen years, they have included and involved 10,000 different residents. The event provided resources and information from more than a dozen community agencies, reaching 400 residents. The informal setting of food, music, and entertainment generated new membership, and also saw the creation of the L.O.T.S. (Leaders of Today) youth program.

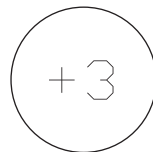
East 23rd St. PAC (Kansas City, MO)



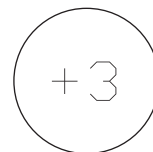
“The Family Day in the Park is an event that has brought our community together against the violence and crime that has plagued our communities. They (attendees) enjoyed receiving resources and information important to help their families.” – Rachel Riley



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

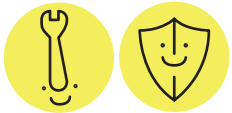


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$990	USD
Other Funds Total	\$6,000	USD
Organizers	42	Humans
Volunteers	50	Humans
Volunteer Hours	500	Hours
Estimated Participation	400	Humans

East Meyer Cluster Organization

Project Cleanup & Surveillance

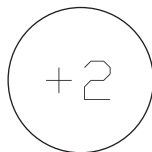


East Meyer Cluster Organization hosted two programs in 2019. The first was a combination of two neighborhood cleanup days. At both events the dumpsters they had rented were filled to capacity. This increased the value of the neighborhood by cleaning it up, as well as building a stronger sense of community. East Meyer Cluster also installed a series of cameras to increase safety in the neighborhood, especially for elderly neighbors.

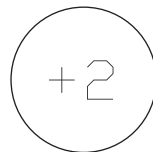
East Meyer Cluster (Kansas City, MO)



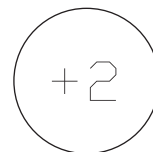
“Cleanup is one of the most important things that we can do. We meet our neighbors. We tell them about what we’re doing. We invite them to our meetings. This is the way we grow.” – Elise Jackson



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$1,170	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	8	Humans
Volunteers	30	Humans
Volunteer Hours	13	Hours
Estimated Participation	50	Humans

Foxtown East Neighborhood Association

Enhancing
and
Beautifying

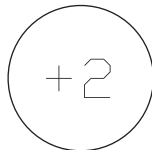


Foxtown East Neighborhood Association completed a series of beautification projects throughout the neighborhood. They obtained access to mow several vacant land bank lots, and cleaned up the waste from several lots through a series of six cleanup events. They also landscaped and planted a Jazzy Fox and Peaceful Town landscaping rose garden. Lastly, they placed an updated neighborhood sign in a prominent place, spreading awareness of a positive neighborhood identity. More than 300 people have benefited from the neighborhood cleanups. The beautification efforts of Foxtown East residents has increased neighborhood pride and has discouraged illegal dumping in the area.

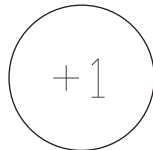
Foxtown East (Kansas City, MO)



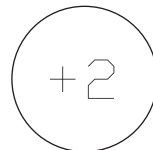
“We learn transforming a vacant lot can have a powerful impact on neighborhood beautification. We learn working in a group with neighbors and friends will bring energy to the process. We really need each other to make the neighborhood more viable.” – Cheryeal Mack



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,460	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	2	Humans
Volunteers	-	Humans
Volunteer Hours	-	Hours
Estimated Participation	100	Humans

**Foxtown West
Neighborhood Association**

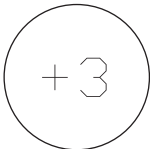
Neighborhood Cleanup and Party



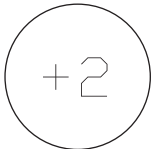
Foxtown West Neighborhood Association hosted three cleanup events, prioritizing vacant lots in the neighborhood. Volunteers also worked to plant flowers, an effort to their community. Neighbors recognized their hard work and commitment to community in the form of an "End of Summer Celebration". Each project brought together community members from a wide array of backgrounds; young, old, police and other community partners.

Foxtown West (Kansas City, MO)

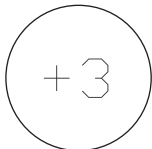
**"The purpose of our organization is to bring people together, clean up neighborhoods, keep the peace, and stop illegal dumping."
- Marquita Henry**



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,514	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$600	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	20	Humans
Volunteer Hours	120	Hours
Estimated Participation	150	Humans

**Frank Rushton
Neighborhood Association**

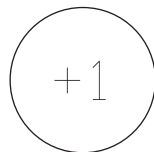
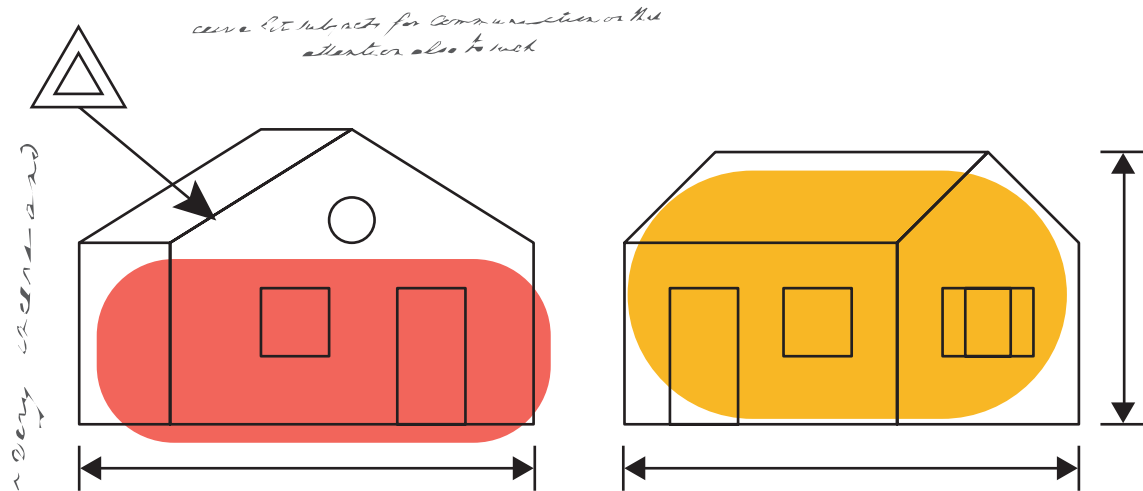
Neighborhood
Resources
Projects



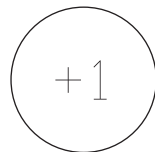
In addition to their annual spring and fall cleanups, Frank Rushton Neighborhood Association installed a series of "We call the police" signs and motion sensor lights throughout the neighborhood. They also provided residents with emergency contact refrigerator magnets. These projects provided resources to residents in order to increase their sense of safety. The association also hosted summer and fall picnics for residents, where the Fire and Police Departments interacted positively with community residents, building a greater sense of community.

Frank Rushton (Kansas City, KS)

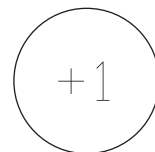
**"Neighbors made an effort to thank us and were so pleased. Even got hugs."
- Florence Jackman**



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	6	Humans
Volunteers	6	Humans
Volunteer Hours	6	Hours
Estimated Participation	17	Humans

Global One Urban Farming

Global One
Urban Farming
Community
Garden

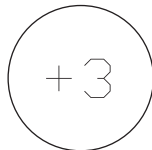


NRF funds helped to support Global One Urban Farming's goal of addressing food insecurity in partnership with the Vineyard Neighborhood Association. Global One was able to maintain the neighborhood's community garden, providing free organic vegetable to more than 500 households. The land where the community garden now exists was formerly a dumping site full of trash and debris. Today, the space has the ability to raise health levels in a community by providing free vegetables to those who otherwise would not have access to healthy healthy food choices.

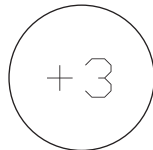
Vineyard (Kansas City, MO)



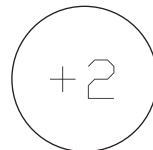
"Global One Urban Farming learned that there are more people in our community who want and need fresh vegetables on a daily basis, but cannot either find or afford them than we ever knew before. This knowledge compels us to continue to increase our efforts to serve them." – Anthony Nealy



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$685	USD
Organizers	50	Humans
Volunteers	48	Humans
Volunteer Hours	1,268	Hours
Estimated Participation	2,500	Humans

Gregory Ridge Homeowners Association

Health Matters

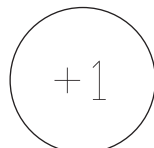


The Health Matters program under GregoryRidgeHomeownersAssociation provided a number of different programs for elderly neighborhood members. Programs included "Exercise 4 Life", "Exercise Your Brain", and "Eat Healthy for a Better Body and Brain". Each of these programs provided educational resources for Seniors on exercising, healthy cooking, as well as memory tools which have proven to be very helpful and participants. The programs are now offered on a regular basis, and draw steady and devoted attendance.

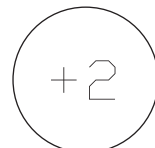
Gregory Ridge (Kansas City, MO)



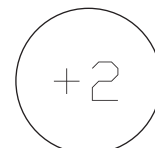
"I am really glad I live in Gregory Ridge. People really care about each other. Gregory Ridge is where I raised my four children, a healthy and safe environment. There are a lot of activities for me to retire to. I don't have to be alone now that my spouse has passed." - Marie Ellsworth



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,794	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	17	Humans
Volunteer Hours	465	Hours
Estimated Participation	43	Humans

Hanover Heights Historic Association

Neighborhood
Entry Signage
Refurbishment

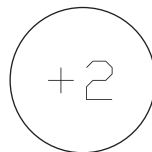


In collaboration with three other adjacent neighborhood groups and Rosedale Development Association, Hanover Heights Historic Association helped to install permanent “Welcome to Rosedale” neighborhood entry signage at several key spots throughout the neighborhood. These signs had been discussed and requested for a number of years, since the older signs were 25 years old and in need of replacement. The finished signs contribute to the appearance of a well-kept neighborhood.

Hanover Heights (Kansas City, KS)



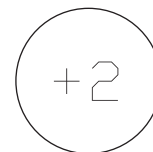
*“We continue to be most appreciative of the NRF grant funders and administrators and wish to convey the importance of these grants to area neighborhoods. These funds can go a very long way in providing neighborhood stability and many more success stories.”
- Gilbert Pintar*



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,100	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$517	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	5	Humans
Volunteer Hours	18	Hours
Estimated Participation	120	Humans

**Heart of the City
Neighborhood Association**

Neighborhood
Safety &
Preservation
Watch



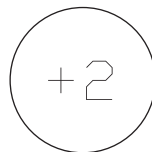
Heart of the City Neighborhood Association installed several cameras in key areas where large amounts of illegal dumping and gunfire were previously occurring. The implementation of this project was done in partnership and with a number of community and business partners from around the Dundbar/Leeds area. The result of the project has been a decrease in illegal activity and increased sense of safety and pride in the neighborhood.

Dunbar/Leeds (Kansas City, MO)

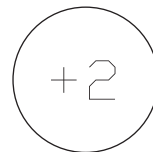


“One of our residents was planning to move due to illegal dumping and other activity near their home. After explaining the project to them, this individual became very involved, contacting other neighbors to participate in the block watch training. This individual is now actively engaged in the neighborhood association, is looking forward to future improvements and is no longer talking about leaving the area.”

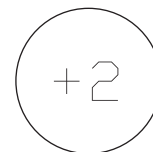
– Kathryn Persley



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$2,100	USD
In-kind Donations	\$350	USD
Other Funds Total	\$350	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	3	Humans
Volunteer Hours	20	Hours
Estimated Participation	12	Humans

**Independence Plaza
Neighborhood Council**

Creating
Connections



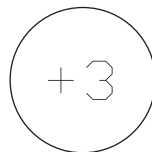
Independence Plaza Neighborhood Council hosted a Neighborhood Connect Day for residents of all ages. The event at Harmony Park was full of games, music, and giveaways. Neighborhood leaders made sure the event was also helpful for residents, providing numerous vendors with resources for families. Neighborhood leaders also administered three different surveys during the event (Setting Neighborhood Priorities, Soliciting for Neighborhood Volunteers, and a Harmony Park Improvement Survey). More than 100 responses were gathered.

Independence Plaza also hosted Valentines Day Mixer, co-sponsored by J. Rieger & Co.. More than 50 neighbors from the Historic Northeast (HNE) attended.

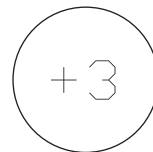
Independence Plaza (Kansas City, MO)



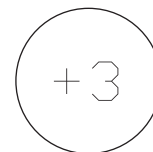
“Providing a space to gather and enjoy our neighborhood assets is a great way to get neighbors out of their homes and meeting others.” – Laura Remy



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge

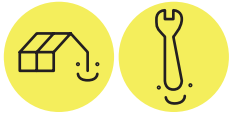


Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$2,300	USD
In-kind Donations	\$6,600	USD
Other Funds Total	\$550	USD
Organizers	14	Humans
Volunteers	9	Humans
Volunteer Hours	95	Hours
Estimated Participation	250	Humans

**Indian Mound
Neighborhood Association**

Events and
Community
Building

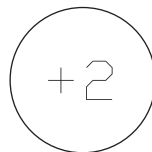


Indian Mound Neighborhood Association hosted a number of events throughout 2019. National Night Out was their flagship event, a collaboration with over a dozen community partners, including KCTenants, Bike Walk KC, KCPD, KCFD, and RISE. Held at Budd Park, in the heart of the neighborhood, the event drew over 500 people. The neighborhood also held several cleanups throughout their neighborhood and collaborated with the Lykins Neighborhood to host a Spring Carnival. The event generated strong relationships and collaboration between neighboring organizations. These events, among others, helped build relationships and capacity among neighborhood members.

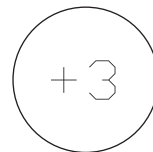
Indian Mound (Kansas City, MO)



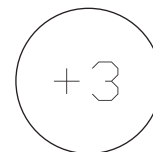
“When neighbors are connected and feel part of a bigger whole, they are more likely to reach out and help one another. Whether that’s shoveling a drive, or forming a neighborhood watch group, or keeping an eye on each other’s kids.” – Donna Miller



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	8	Humans
Volunteers	24	Humans
Volunteer Hours	258	Hours
Estimated Participation	900	Humans

Jerusalem Farm

Jerusalem
Farm/
Maple Flats

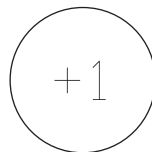


Jerusalem Farm repurposed a vacant lot owned by an apartment group, turning it into a large and vibrant community garden and orchard. This created a space for neighbors to gather, grow food, and learn about fruit and vegetables. The communal space brought together residents, turning an eye sore into a space for people to learn and strengthen relationships.

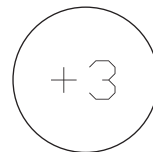
Pendleton Heights (Kansas City, MO)



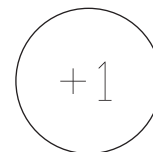
*“We learned that growing food does arise interests in neighbors and starts conversation. It is a good starting point for many other projects.”
- Jessie Schiele*



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

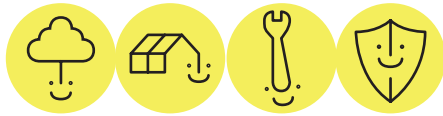


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$1,490	USD
Other Funds Total	\$5,690	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	100	Humans
Volunteer Hours	400	Hours
Estimated Participation	20	Humans

Key Coalition Incorporated

Come Grow With Us

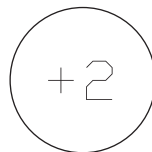


Key Coalition Incorporated hosted their ongoing community engagement campaign, entitled "Come Grow with Us". The campaign involved the active leadership of block captains, under "RocktheBlock". Block captains were not only responsible for checking in with residents, but were also responsible for managing larger projects around the neighborhood. Projects included giving exterior facelifts, tending to the weeds and brush on vacant homes, general planting and trimming on community properties, and lawn assistance to senior and disabled home owners.

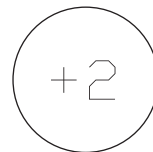
Key Coalition (Kansas City, MO)



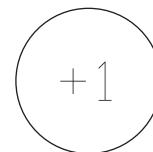
"We learned we should meet people where they are whenever possible. Once done, we can often encourage them to take part by sharing concerns, interests, skillsets, and desires. Addressing or resolving the shared information is often beneficial to the person sharing, but is also often beneficial to the rest of the community."
 - Karen D. Slaughter



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	16	Humans
Volunteers	35	Humans
Volunteer Hours	457	Hours
Estimated Participation	425	Humans

Longfellow Community Association

LCA
Community
Building

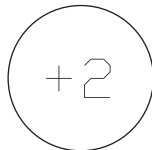


Longfellow Community Association hosted a series of projects to strengthen and beautify their neighborhood. These projects included building and installing a library at Longfellow Farm, and creating a welcome packet, with stickers and business cards to distribute to neighbors. The association also hosted a neighborhood clean-up day to remove brush and canvas the neighborhood. Remaining NRF funds created the opportunity for a new bike rack at Longfellow Farm, built by neighborhood volunteers.

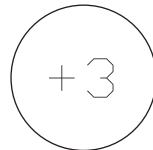
Longfellow (Kansas City, MO)



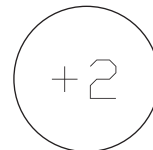
“Building social cohesion creates an environment where neighbors feel like they belong to the community and creates opportunity for connection and collaboration. This leads to a safer, more resilient community.” – Clare Shaw



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

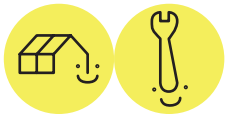


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$330	USD
Other Funds Total	\$330	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	42	Humans
Volunteer Hours	115	Hours
Estimated Participation	85	Humans

Lykins Neighborhood Association

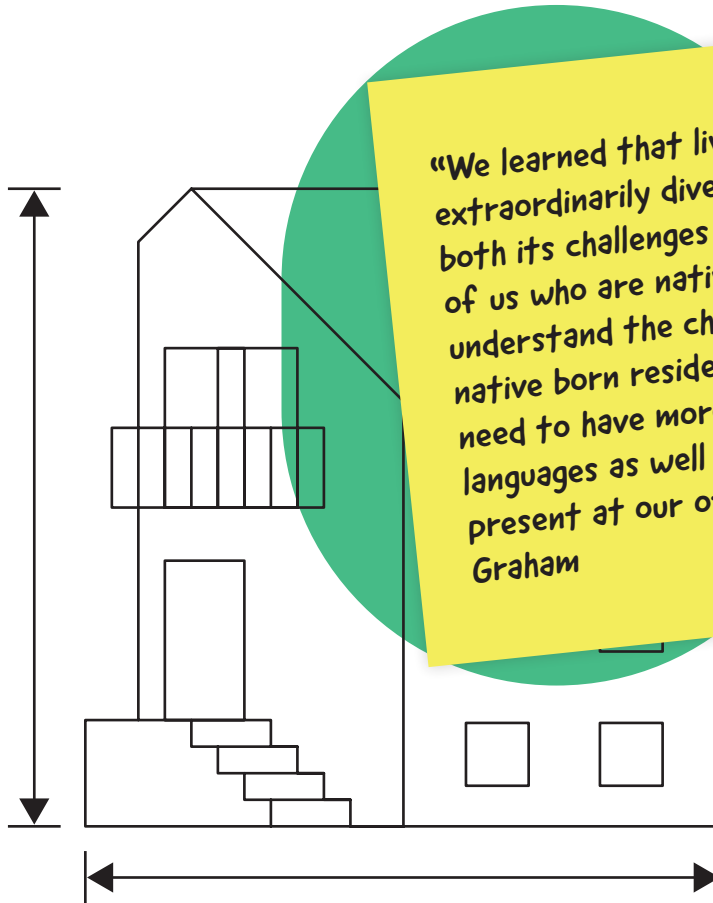
Strangers Into Neighbors, Blossoming the Community 2019



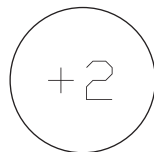
Lykins Neighborhood Association hosted a number of events, including a Spring Carnival and Fall Festival with the Indian Mound, Neighborhood Association. Lykins also hoseted several cleanup days. Each of these events helped the neighborhood association build capacity, strengthening their reputation in the community. At the cleanup events, more than 1,800 bags full of litter and yard waste. were collected. Ultimately, 30 dumpsters were filled at a total of nine events. Throughout the year, they held regular meetings to better involve the community and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

During the project period, we scheduled special meetings where neighborhood residents had the opportunity to learn more about filing appeals for the Jackson County personal property taxes. Services were available in English, Spanish, and Swahili.

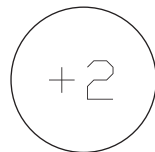
Lykins (Kansas City, MO)



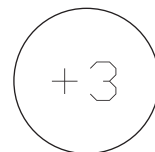
“We learned that living in an extraordinarily diverse neighborhood has both its challenges and rewards. Those of us who are native-born do not always understand the challenges that non-native born residents face. We learned we need to have more events in their native languages as well as have interpreters present at our other meetings.” – Diana Graham



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	40	Humans
Volunteer Hours	270	Hours
Estimated Participation	750	Humans

McCoy Park Neighbors

McCoy Park
Cares 2019

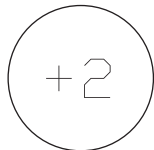


Under the McCoy Park Cares 2019 Initiative led by McCoy Park Neighbors several neighborhood cleanup days occurred. These events were followed by beautification projects, and a fall celebration party where neighbors shared homecooked food and passed out blooms. Each event helped strengthen neighborhood relationships. Additionally, McCoy installed neighborhood watch signs and cameras in areas where they experienced issues related to gang activity.

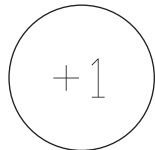
McCoy Park (Kansas City, MO)



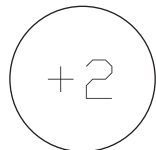
***“ We are a diverse neighborhood with no common unifying institutions except for our organization. These project give neighbors from different back grounds a chance to meet and work together.”
- Dale Fugate***



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,375	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$146	USD
Organizers	7	Humans
Volunteers	20	Humans
Volunteer Hours	248	Hours
Estimated Participation	47	Humans

Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA)

Stories
on Stories

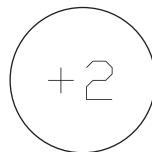


The Wyandotte County Sexual Prevention Coalition, a branch of MOCSA, worked with Rosedale residents to install positive community artwork along the boarded windows of vacant buildings in the neighborhood. Volunteers were active in engaging and educating residents about the project, and the mission it sought to serve: prevent (sexual) violence and increase safety through an Environmental Design prevention model while building strong community relationships. At the end, they hosted a community picnic and collaborative mural creation. The neighborhood continues to foster strong relationships with community partners like the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, United Way, and KU Health Systems.

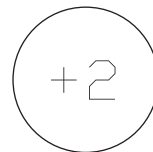
Rosedale (Kansas City, KS)



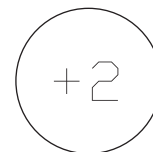
“Several weeks after installing the artwork on Southwest Boulevard, MOCSA staff and the artist returned to the mural to complete a touch-up. While there, we were approached by a neighborhood resident who lived near the vacant building with the newly installed mural. She said, ‘I just wanted to say thank you for doing this’. She was glad that something was being done to address the building, and was happy about the message of the mural. ‘With everything going on in the world, I’m glad there’s a message of love like this in my neighborhood’.” – Vanessa Crawford Aragon



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,370	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$11,132	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	18	Humans
Volunteer Hours	267	Hours
Estimated Participation	100	Humans

**Neighborhoods United Together
CDC**

Community
Services

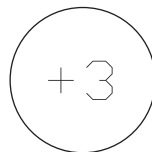


Neighborhoods United Together CDC facilitated opportunities for at-risk youth to earn community service hours. Volunteers complete a number of outdoor services for the Noble neighborhood. Volunteer work included planting, weeding, and tending flower gardens throughout the community. Neighborhoods United Together CDC hosted a number of larger clean-up days, where large dumpsters were filled with overflow tires and trash from the area.

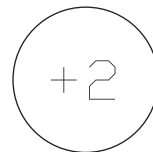
Noble (Kansas City, MO)



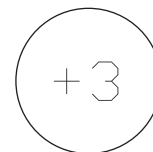
“We had the opportunity to talk to different people and get acquainted with people of all ages. We know that it made a difference to walk out and see the neighborhood and park cleaned up – for safety and children playing in the park.” – Minnie J. Mitchem



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$1,454	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	7	Humans
Volunteers	20	Humans
Volunteer Hours	120	Hours
Estimated Participation	35	Humans

Paseo West Neighborhood Association

CID
Formation



The Paseo West Neighborhood Association led a Community Improvement District (CID) formation study. The project seeks to improve neighborhood safety and security. Joining with other key community partners, such as Center for Neighborhoods, they helped conduct the research of asset mapping and history in the neighborhood. Using this information, Paseo West submitted a PIAC request for cameras and lights along key points in the streets to create a better pedestrian experience. The completion of this study will be used to build up the infrastructure in the area. A future will better support existing businesses, while attracting new ones to the area.

Paseo West (Kansas City, MO)

ID Response Mapping, Jazz Hill

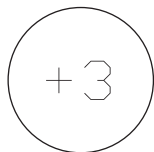
Responses, color coded

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- ◆ Les Washington
- ◆ Necco Coffee
- ◆ 1327 E 9th (SCD Probiotics)
- ◆ Schmidt Riffer Metalcraft Inc.
- ◆ Service Print and Graphics
- ◆ Arts Asylum
- ◆ Jazz Hill
- ◆ ARTS ASYLUM
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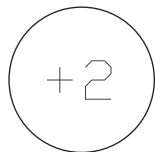


"We have entered into a contract to help guide us in deciding what hours of operations and human and technological resources are most needed to meet our goals of safety, security, and creating a welcoming environment in which residents and business may thrive."

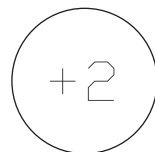
- Evie Craig



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$200	USD
Other Funds Total	\$200	USD
Organizers	8	Humans
Volunteers	25	Humans
Volunteer Hours	545	Hours
Estimated Participation	75	Humans

Prescott Neighborhood Group

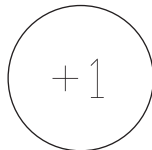
Prescott Progressive Porch Party



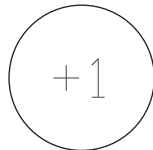
Prescott Neighborhood Group hosted a Progressive Porch Party as an innovative way to engage neighbors from a wide range of backgrounds. The idea for this came from a series of listening sessions the Group held with neighborhood residents. The Prescott Progressive Party included food, drinks, shaved ice and a petting zoo, among other things. Information and services were shared in both English and Spanish, to create an inclusive event.

Prescott Plaza (Kansas City, KS)

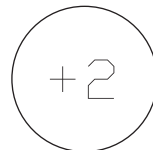
“We are a particularly culturally-diverse neighborhood. Building social relationships between neighbors proves to be difficult across cultures. With fun family activities we brought many of our cultures together to enjoy this event together.”
- Greg Take



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$250	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	2	Humans
Volunteer Hours	26	Hours
Estimated Participation	100	Humans

Revolve, Inc.

Revolve Neighborhood Bicycle Service



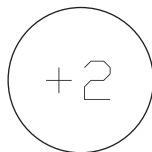
Revolve, Inc. partnered with the Westside North Neighborhood Association to pilot the "Revolve Neighborhood Bicycle Service". NRF funds helped provide the capital needs to outfit a van for mobile neighborhood bicycle repair. Revolve was able to effectively bring its services to Westside residents, including access to bikes. This activity promoted healthy lifestyles for members of the neighborhood.

Revolve also partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters on another event in Kansas City, Kansas.

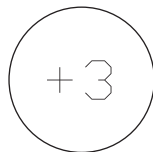
Westside (Kansas City, MO)



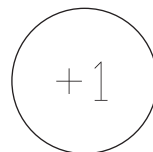
"As part of the BB/BS, event we taught the teenagers how to build a kid's bike. Many of the teens had never used tools and were surprised that they enjoyed the work. We had a competition for the fastest team to build 3 bikes. A group of 4 girls working mostly independently won by quite a big margin! They were so surprised and appreciated the shout-out at the end of the program." – Theresa Van Ackeren



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

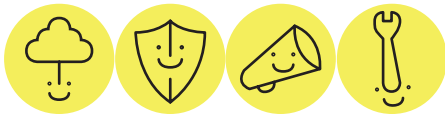


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,500	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	2	Humans
Volunteers	5	Humans
Volunteer Hours	40	Hours
Estimated Participation	30	Humans

Rosedale Development Association

42nd Street Mural Project

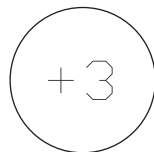


Rosedale Development Association developed 6 newly-designed panels in their ongoing 800-ft public art project at the corner of 42nd Street and Mission Road - in the heart of the Rosedale neighborhood. For this project, five local artists focused on African American and Native American representation, inspired by oral and local history. With the project meant to be as inclusive as possible, a wide range of different collaborators were involved in the process. The project has transformed a site formerly used for dumping into a beautiful and impactful community landmark.

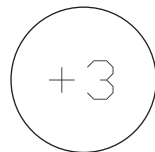
Rosedale (Kansas City, KS)



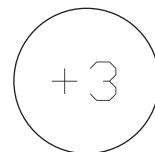
"Mrs. Deborah Allen was the first African American cheerleader at Rosedale High School in 1969, and is still a Rosedale resident today. In asking her what it took to challenge the norm of segregation and create change, she said her Rosedale High School professor told her, 'if you want to see change, it has to come from the inside'. This became the inspiration behind the design and sentiment of the 4th mural panel that boldly proclaims the words, 'change comes from within'. This message of self-reflection is meant to be a constant reminder for residents and visitors alike to have courage." - Lydia Knopp



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

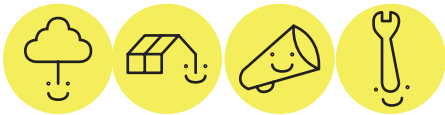


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	\$1,040	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	29	Humans
Volunteer Hours	110	Hours
Estimated Participation	75	Humans

Santa Fe Area Council

Support for Santa Fe Neighbors



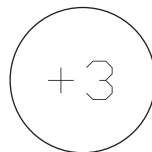
The Santa Fe Area Council led a number of service initiative for their community in 2019. These included a successful neighborhood cleanup and block party. Over 50 participants joined for an entire day of community involvement. First, they engaged in cleanups- filling two large dump trucks with trash and yard waste. Afterwards, Santa Fe residents celebrated together with food, balloon animals, a DJ playing old school music, and many activities for the kids - from dancing to coloring.



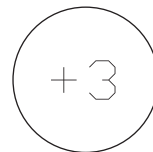
“We have to come together to make any lasting changes in our neighborhood. One person cannot do it alone.”
- Marquita Taylor



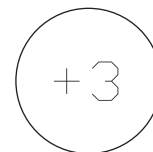
Santa Fe (Kansas City, MO)



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	20	Humans
Volunteers	25	Humans
Volunteer Hours	40	Hours
Estimated Participation	30	Humans

Seven Oaks Neighborhood Association

Outdoor
Recreation

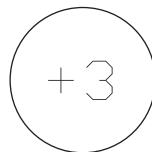


Seven Oaks Neighborhood Association hosted their annual Fish Fry event. This event brought together many residents from the Seven Oaks community. Residents cooked out, and there were performances from students and youth. Other activities included karaoke and games. The event brought together participants from a wide range of backgrounds who would usually not be involved with the association, and saw donations from many local community partners.

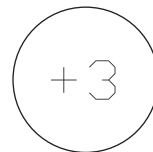
Seven Oaks (Kansas City, MO)



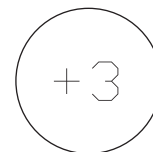
“ This year our annual fish fry event could have been a disaster due to off and on rainy conditions during our schedule event, but many neighbors pitched in, kids and all helped; putting up tents, starting grills, putting out and preparing food which caused conversations and laughter to erupt. Another amazing thing that happen was when the generator stopped working during a young high school performer's solo performance which I thought was going to be a disaster, but he continued to sing without the music which brought everyone to their feet with an applause, handshakes, and GREAT JOB!” – Gwendolyn Davis



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

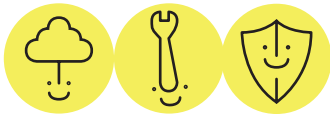


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,776	USD
In-kind Donations	\$666	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	5	Humans
Volunteers	6	Humans
Volunteer Hours	10	Hours
Estimated Participation	52	Humans

Sheffield Neighborhood Association

Cultivating
Community

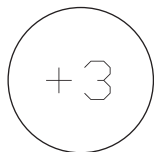


Sheffield Neighborhood Association created an urban orchard, transforming an area of their neighborhood into a place residents and businesses will benefit from. Using a lot from the land bank which had formerly collected trash and refuse, Sheffield Neighborhood Association transformed it into a community orchard with fruit trees and bushes, accessible to nearby residents as well. Utilizing a number of key community partnerships, they hoped to continue their work by buying the property officially and partnering with trauma-informed care programs like Sheffield Place to benefit more residents.

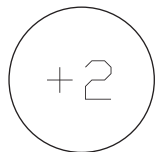
In honor of Veteran's Day, the association led a community-driven, patriotic-themed mural under the viaduct of Highway 24 at Ewing.

Sheffield (Kansas City, MO)

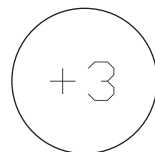
**"We learned that if we continue to work together and come up with community-driven solutions we can build on future projects."
- Mark Morales**



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	15	Humans
Volunteers	100	Humans
Volunteer Hours	325	Hours
Estimated Participation	90	Humans

Squier Park Neighborhood Association

Squier Park
Gardens
Pavilion

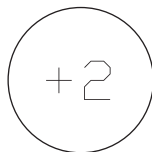


Squier Park Neighborhood Association constructed a Garden Pavilion in their community garden area. The structure is designed to be used to host a number of community events and classes, from gardening to yoga and meditation. The process of construction brought together a number of residents for a fun, communal process and a large degree of bonding, while learning practical skills. The result was an amenity that will be used by the neighborhood for years to come.

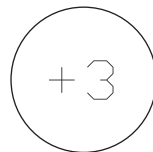
Squier Park (Kansas City, MO)



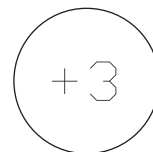
“We learned how well we work together as a community and as neighbors. For many of us, this was the first time being involved in major construction project. So not only did we learn practical skills, we learned how to organize and manage a project and each other. We learned how well we work together as a community and as neighbors.” – Johnathon Bish



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$3,800	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	15	Humans
Volunteer Hours	65	Hours
Estimated Participation	15	Humans

**Strawberry Hill
Neighborhood Association**

Solar Lights
for Community
Safety

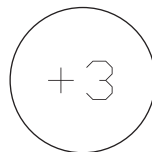


Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association installed five municipal-grade solar streetlamps along one of the busier roads in their neighborhood. These lamps provided supplemental, sustainable lighting to an otherwise dark street, providing a more welcoming atmosphere for residents to linger in the community garden and walk the street. They were also able to install a rubbish bin and a decorative arbor to the garden, enhancing the streetscape along the corridor.



“Projects like these go a long way to instill a sense of safety and confidence in our community, as attractive lighting evokes a feeling of a well looked after and safe environment for residents and visitors.” – Justine Underwood-Jones

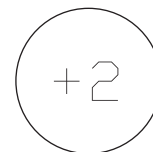
Strawberry Hill (Kansas City, KS)



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$177	USD
Organizers	3	Humans
Volunteers	2	Humans
Volunteer Hours	20	Hours
Estimated Participation	70	Humans

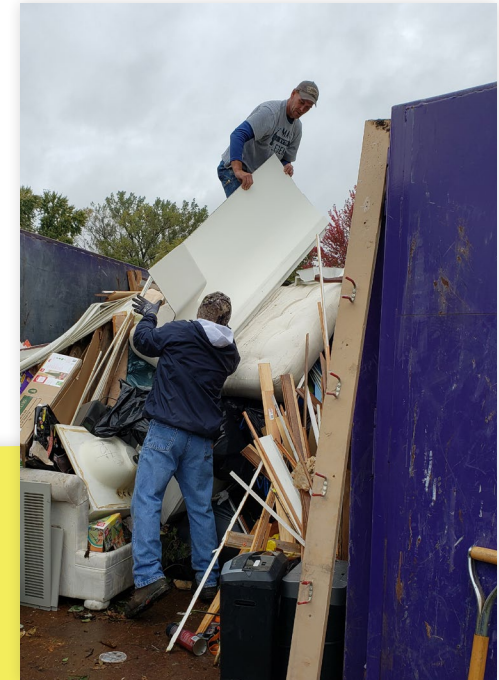
Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association

Spring and Fall
Neighborhood
Cleanups and
Neighborhood Sign
Painting Project

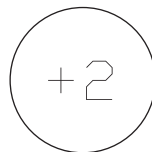


SunsetDixonNeighborhoodAssociation hosted two cleanups in 2019; one in the spring and one in the fall. 79 families in the area participated in these events. At each cleanup, neighbors filled dumpster with trash from dumping sites in the community, tended to yards, and deposited yard waste. Residents from the community commented on the cumulative value of the events, how more residents are spending time outside, and enjoying the cleaned-up common spaces.

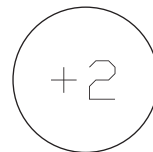
Sunset Dixon (Kansas City, MO)



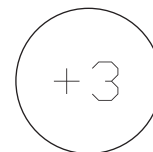
“The impact of the NRF project in our community is huge, without it we couldn’t have the community of volunteers and their working together to create such an impact in such a short amount of time. The fact that we receive funding for our neighborhood creates a sense of paying it forward. We are paying it forward to the residents and our city, and the families that call our neighborhood home can be proud of where they live – creating a strong community.” – Jennifer Galatas



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$385	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	4	Humans
Volunteers	28	Humans
Volunteer Hours	108	Hours
Estimated Participation	79	Humans

**Swope Parkway-Elmwood
Neighborhood Association**

Neighborhood
Cleanups,
Community Picnic,
Christmas Party

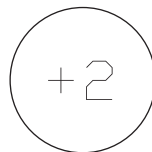


Swope Parkway-Elmwood Neighborhood Association hosted several events throughout the year: two neighborhood cleanup days, a community picnic in September, and a Christmas Party. Each of these events helped foster positive community relationships. The association also installed 10 dusk to dawn light bulbs to the homes that did not have functioning lights, providing a safer, well-tended feel to their community.

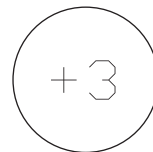
*Swope Parkway-Elmwood
(Kansas City, MO)*



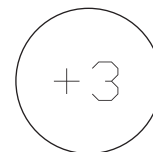
“The Neighborhoods Rising Fund helped us meet new people that have moved into our community. Neighborhood cleanups are needed, because some things cannot go into weekly trash. Our community picnic and the Christmas Party is a way for us to socialize and know each other.” – Cynthia Canady



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$2,340	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$400	USD
Organizers	2	Humans
Volunteers	-	Humans
Volunteer Hours	-	Hours
Estimated Participation	203	Humans

The Asylum Orchard

The Asylum Orchard and Garden

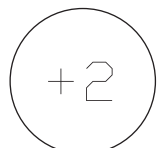


The Asylum Orchard expanded exponentially over the course of 2019. Using grant funds, they were able to add four elevated garden beds, and replace four trees in the orchard: 1 apple, 1 pecan, and 2 apricot. The Asylum Orchard was also able to involve the community youth, employing and paying them to do smaller jobs like tending the garden and orchard, mowing, trimming, and harvesting the produce. The result of the combined orchard and garden growth was 2000 pounds of fruit and vegetables produced throughout the year. The garden and orchard provided healthy food to residents of the Blue Hills neighborhood, a recognized food desert. Overflow was donated to St. Teresa Catholic Church Food Bank.

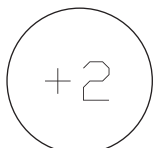
Blue Hills (Kansas City, MO)



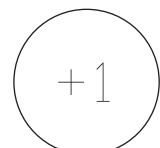
“Our goal was to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to our neighbors and to bring neighbors together to plan and produce – and we did.”
– Fred Burns



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge

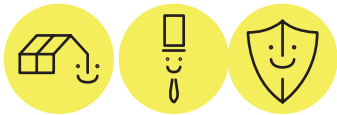


Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,800	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$1,100	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	40	Humans
Volunteer Hours	480	Hours
Estimated Participation	15	Humans

**Town Fork Creek
Neighborhood Association**

Resident
Engagement
and Membership
Drive

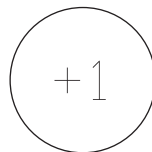


With the neighborhood association members becoming older, and a need to draw new and younger members, the Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association completed a membership drive to increase the reach and capacity of their organization. They were able to deliver key information on their mission and history of accomplishments as an organization to every household in Town Fork Creek. Additionally, during a dinner hosted by the Association, residents had the opportunity to hear from partners and ask questions about the organization and its mission, and more ways to get involved with it.

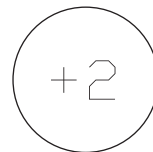
Town Fork Creek (Kansas City, MO)



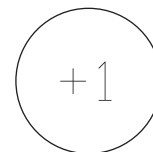
*"We learned that it is very hard to draw our younger residents. In the future, we must figure out a process that will peak their interest. We also know that we must not give up and continue to strive to make Town Fork Creek a great neighborhood."
- Jessie Jefferson*



Involvement



Skills and
Knowledge



Sense of
Community

Grant Amount	\$2,600	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	\$50	USD
Organizers	10	Humans
Volunteers	2	Humans
Volunteer Hours	208	Hours
Estimated Participation	60	Humans

Turtle Hill Community Association

Neighborhood Community Banners Project



Turtle Hill Community Association hosted the Neighborhood Community Banners Project. In collaboration with numerous community partners, the banner project was designed and completed by Summer Youth Arts Camp students over the course of a week. Healthy meals were provided for each student, as well as instruction from artists and teachers, which encouraged creativity in each student. The students also prepared performances for a final talent show. The final product was unveiled at a Neighborhood Community Banner Picnic and Showtime at Sumner talent show.

Turtle Hill (Kansas City, KS)



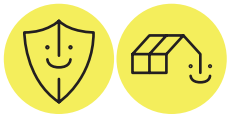
"Art helps build self confidence and motivates educational skills in reading, writing, public speaking...and music improves math skills by keeping count to the beat, sequencing and measures. Visual arts promotes scale, color coordination, transfer of emotions in color selection and visual storytelling. Most importantly, Youth Arts motivates and builds self confidence and self value!" – Karen French



Grant Amount	\$3,000	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	15	Humans
Volunteers	20	Humans
Volunteer Hours	210	Hours
Estimated Participation	150	Humans

Vineyard Neighborhood Association

Vineyard 50-Year Anniversary/
Night Out
Against Crime

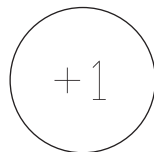


Vineyard Neighborhood Association hosted their 50-year Anniversary/Night Out Against Crime. The event was attended by residents and community members, and included a drill team, six speakers, multiple food vendors, and 10 police officers. The celebration was a great morale booster for the community. Additionally, Vineyard hosted monthly crime and safety meetings, with information and resources provided in collaboration with KCPD. Using funds, they are able to give residents tools like gun locks, smoke detectors and other safety resources.

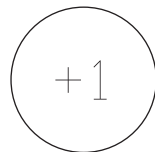
Vineyard (Kansas City, MO)



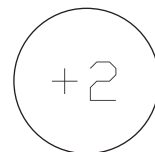
“We learned that bringing people together to fellowship makes us bigger, better and stronger as a community and this needs to continue for us to survive another 50 years.” – Ike Graham



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$2,300	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	8	Humans
Volunteers	18	Humans
Volunteer Hours	225	Hours
Estimated Participation	150	Humans

Wyandotte Countians Against Crime

Little Libraries



Wyandotte Countians Against Crime built and installed “Little Libraries” at key locations along the USD 500 school bus route in Kansas City, Kansas. The construction of the little libraries was completed by local students as a team-building project. They each had the opportunity to paint a box and chose books to fill it with; ones they believed that other students would enjoy. The books helped encourage reading proficiency in youth across the city.

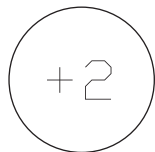


**“Hope is for kiddos to read more and to be better people for it.”
– Paul Soptick**

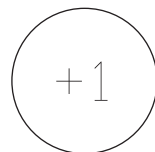
Kensington (Kansas City, KS)



Involvement



Skills and Knowledge



Sense of Community

Grant Amount	\$1,705	USD
In-kind Donations	-	USD
Other Funds Total	-	USD
Organizers	6	Humans
Volunteers	23	Humans
Volunteer Hours	96	Hours
Estimated Participation	10	Humans

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