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Community Capital Fund Announces Youth-Led Neighborhoods Rising Fund Grant

KANSAS CITY, MO – Since 2015, Community Capital Fund (CCF) has earned the reputation of fostering positive change, innovation, and growth for Kansas City by providing much-needed financial support and resources within the region's neighborhoods. Now, CCF is strengthening that investment with the launch of the Youth Neighborhoods Rising Fund (Youth NRF).

With an unwavering commitment to the development and well-being of Kansas City's young leaders, Community Capital Fund has allocated \$25,000 in grants for youth-led projects that address various social, economic, and environmental challenges facing our community. This fund seeks to empower young individuals to become active change-makers and drive sustainable progress throughout our neighborhoods.

Teams of at least 4 high school-aged youth, supported by an adult advisor, will be eligible to apply for neighborhood grants up to \$5,000 to improve their communities. Youth projects will have to align to one of NRF's funding areas: Celebration of Arts and Culture, Environmental Stewardship, Public Safety, Digital Inclusion, Neighborhood Clean-Ups, Membership Development + Social Cohesion, Creating or Maintaining Public Spaces, Parks + Gardens.

"By involving youth in community development initiatives, we nurture their leadership skills, foster creativity, and build their confidence to tackle the challenges they face." said Phyllis Hardwick, Executive Director at Community Capital Fund. "Their energy, passion, and idealism inject new life into our communities, propelling us forward towards positive change."

Interested youth-focused organizations, including but not limited to schools and nonprofits, can participate in the pre-application period opening July 31st, 2023. For more information on the Youth Neighborhoods Rising Fund and the application process, please visit www.ccfkansascity.org/youthNRF or contact CCF's Program Team at info@ccfkansascity.org.

About Community Capital Fund:

Community Capital Fund is a non-profit organization committed to supporting community-driven initiatives that promote sustainable growth, economic development, and social progress. Through strategic investments and collaborations, we strive to create a positive and lasting impact within our neighborhoods.