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Neighborhood Connections Announces \$322,453 in Funding for 91 Projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland Neighborhoods

2023 marks 10 years of a successful partnership

CLEVELAND (December 20, 2022) – Neighborhood Connections has approved \$322,453 in grants to support 91 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC), the local public funder for arts and culture, will co-fund 17 of these resident-led arts and culture projects through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections.

Highlights of the grants include:

- **Canaan Community Garden** received \$5,000 for their Canaan-Clara Tagg Brewer Community Garden in the Lee Harvard neighborhood that will be filled with organic, pesticide-free vegetables for members of the community to enjoy, as well as milkweed plants that will attract the Monarch butterfly in an attempt to address the issue of their near extinction.
- **Cleveland Dance Movement** received \$4,000 for their dance project, Supporting the Unsung, which seeks to address issues of systemic racism and inequality by providing a safe space for minority community dancers, choreographers, and activists to process cultural trauma, create cathartic forms of release, and address social issues using movement as a catalyst.
- **Future Ink Graphics** received \$3,000 to host the Accessible Digital Arts Open Studio Series, an open studio design and training workshop in the Clark Fulton neighborhood that is open to anyone but particularly geared towards artists with disabilities.
- **One Love** received \$4,000 for their senior appreciation project aimed at bringing together the seniors of the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhoods to bond over shared interests and activities, as well as compiling a 117th Street Business Directory with complimentary gift certificates and access to goods and services.

“These grassroots organizations demonstrate the creativity and ingenuity that permeate Cleveland’s neighborhoods. And the individuals organizing these initiatives are just a few of the tens of thousands of people who are contributing to making our community a better, more just, and connected city.” said Tom

O'Brien, program director of Neighborhood Connections. "Our partnership with CAC allows Neighborhood Connections to support many grassroots arts and culture organizations that otherwise would not get essential financial support."

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture granted \$50,000 to Neighborhood Connections in 2022 to support community-based arts and culture activities organized by and for Cuyahoga County residents. CAC defines arts and culture broadly to include nature, science, cultural heritage, and history in addition to other art forms. Through this partnership with Neighborhood Connections, CAC has co-funded more than 420 resident-led arts and culture projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland since 2013.

"We are proud to continue our partnership with Neighborhood Connections for a tenth year," said Jill M. Paulsen, executive director of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. "Our investment in Neighbor Up grants acknowledges the power and importance of arts and culture as a tool for change, connection, and community."

Since 2003, Neighborhood Connections has invested more than \$14 million in resident-led projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland.

Neighbor Up grants are offered several times each year to groups of residents in Cleveland and East Cleveland and, for projects related to the pandemic, to residents in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties, to do projects that improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Groups are encouraged to work with partners and to propose creative solutions to challenges in their community.

About Neighborhood Connections

Neighborhood Connections is a nationally recognized community-building program established in 2003. Its mission is to fuel the power of neighbors to create, together, an extraordinary world right where they live. Our small grants program is one of the largest in the country. For more information, visit NeighborUpCLE.org.

About Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) is the region's largest funder for arts and culture, helping hundreds of organizations in Cuyahoga County connect millions of people to cultural experiences each year. Since 2006, CAC has invested \$230 million in 472 organizations, making our community a more vibrant place to live, work and play. CAC is a separate government entity and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. For more information, visit cacgrants.org.

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Projects Funded in December 2022

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Organization Name	Project Name	Neighborhood	Brief Summary
1,000 Ties	1,000 Ties Back to School Hygiene Kit Distribution	South Collinwood	1,000 Ties was awarded \$4,000 for their Back to School Hygiene Kit Distribution that serves families in the South Collinwood area.
AGI Group - Gertrude Garden	Gertrude Garden Update	Broadway-Slavic Village	AGI Group - Gertrude Garden received \$2,500 for the revolving update of the outdoor art installation in the Gertrude Gardens in the Broadway-Slavic Villa area.
Art for Resistance Through Change	Community Justice Art	Buckeye-Woodhill	Art for Resistance Through Change was awarded \$5,000 for its Community Justice Art Project, which will engage with residents, community organizations, small businesses, and schools to create art exhibitions and publish book(s) identifying social, community, emotional, and environmental strengths and challenges to promote justice, equity, diversity, and humanity. The artmaking will be exhibited in public art galleries.

Ashley B. childHOOD Advocate	"Youth is TRUTH"	Lee Harvard	The Youth is TRUTH school tour started by Ashley B. childHOOD Advocate, received \$2,000 for their 2-part workshop that seeks to empower students ages 13-18 in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to discover their own personal strengths and learn to work together on an event that address issues they have identified in their school and larger community.
Bigman's Family Center*	BFC Kwanzaa Camp '22	Central-Kinsman	Bigman Family Center (BFC) was awarded \$3,000 for hosting the BFC Kwanzaa Camp '22 for children in the Central-Kinsman neighborhood and surrounding areas to educate and celebrate the history and rich culture of Kwanzaa, enhance reading and math skills, host various skill-building workshops, offer entertainment and engagement with arts and crafts, and empower campers to maintain good character and self-esteem. The camp will maintain BFC's mission of eradicating food insecurity by providing healthy meals throughout the day and a meal to take home at the end of the day.
Black Men Who Excel*	Piano lessons	Fairfax	Black Men Who Excel has partnered with Ambitious Artists to offer free piano lessons for youth in the Fairfax neighborhood ages 4-18 years old. They were awarded \$3,000 in support of this initiative.
Brandnew Community INC	Brandnew Comunity Family love and community brunches and hoiliday giveaway	Multiple Neighborhoods	Brandnew Community INC received \$5,000 for the community meals they host monthly/bi-weekly and their holiday giveaway.

Buck Out Foundation	Halftime HBCU Dance Weekend	St. Clair Superior	Buck Out Cleveland was awarded \$5,000 to host the annual Historically Black College and University Halftime dance competition showcase weekend even for young dancers from school and community-based dance teams to perform for the broader community. The Halftime weekend events allow young dancers from under-resourced communities to connect with colleges, scholarship resources, and dance professionals.
By Leaps And Bounds	From S.T.E.M We Learn	South Collinwood	By Leap and Bounds received \$4,500 for their From S.T.E.M. We Learn program that seeks to educate youths ages 13-18 in the South Collinwood area how to develop a knowledge of systems and advanced digital and electronic tools to repair the more technologically advanced automobiles of today's society.
Canaan Community Garden*	Canaan- Clara Tagg Brewer Community Garden	Lee Harvard	Canaan Community Garden was awarded \$5,000 for their Canaan-Clara Tagg Brewer Community Garden in the Lee Harvard neighborhood that will be filled with organic, pesticide free vegetables for members of the community to enjoy, as well as, milkweed plants that will attract the Monarch butterfly in an attempt to address the issue of their near extinction.
Caring and Sharing Neighbors	Combatting Social Isolation and Loneliness	Euclid	Caring and Sharing Neighbors received \$4,020 in support of their Combatting Social Isolation and Loneliness project which seeks to plan activities throughout the year to build community and connection with isolated seniors in the area.
Citizens to Bring Back North Broadway	North Broadway Neighbor Night Engagement	Broadway-Slavic Village	Citizens to Bring Back North Broadway received \$4,500 for their North Broadway Neighbor Night Engagement which seeks to promote community engagement.

Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association*	Asian Evergreen Community Garden	Asiatown	The Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association was awarded \$2,577 for their project, the Asian Evergreen Community Garden, a garden located in Asiatown that will create a safe environment for Asian Evergreen residents to grow fresh vegetables to promote healthy eating, and to promote social bonds to reduce senior social isolation.
Cleveland Dance Movement*	Supporting the Unsung!	Multiple Neighborhoods	Cleveland Dance Movement was awarded \$4,000 for their dance project, Supporting the Unsung, which seeks to address issues of systemic racism and inequality by providing a safe space for minority community dancers, choreographers, and activists to process cultural trauma, create cathartic forms of release, and address social issues using movement as a catalyst.
Cleveland Lead Advocates for Safe Housing	Lead Safe Awareness Project	Multiple Neighborhoods	Cleveland Lead Advocates for Safe Housing received \$4,000 in support of their Lead Safe Awareness Project which seeks to conduct research around the lead crisis in Cleveland and offer resources to the families impacted by lead poisoning.
Cleveland Litter Reduction and Beautification Project	Cleveland Litter Reduction and Beautification Project	Mt. Pleasant	Cleveland Litter Reduction & Beautification Project received \$3,500 for their initiative that seeks to empower students to envision a more beautiful Mt. Pleasant and to brainstorm and implement ways to clean up and maintain the community.
Cleveland Owns	Launching the Cleveland Cooperative Fund	Multiple Neighborhoods	Cleveland Owns received \$3,250 for their new project, The Cleveland Cooperative Fund, which will offer non-extractive loans to co-op leaders looking to start cooperative businesses in Cleveland that will aid in the development of an economically democratic city.

Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project	Torch Song	Ohio City	The Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project (CUSP), an arts and culture initiative, has partnered up with Cleveland-based music curator, Melanie Em to put on Torch Song in Ohio City. Torch Song is a concert production programmed with a collection of various local female-identifying artists. It will serve as a cathartic release regarding the overturning of Roe v. Wade, and a movement toward social progress. Donations for the Ohio Women's Alliance Action Fund will be collected at the show. \$1,550 was awarded to CUSP for Torch Song.
Comics at the Corner	Buckeye Residents 4th Annual Trunk or Treat	Buckeye-Woodhill	Comics at the Corner received \$2,500 in support of the Buckeye Residents 4th Annual Trunk or Treat which offers a safe place for families to trick or treat and also passes out adult goodie bags full of hygiene products, PPE, and household items.
Comité Mexicano	Camino a Mictlán (Tapetes para el Día de Muertos) Road to Mictlán (Day of the Dead "Carpets")	Detroit Shoreway	Comité Mexicano was awarded \$5,000 for their community art project, Camino a Mictlán (Tapetes para el Día de Muertos) "Road to Mictlán (Day the Dead "Carpets")," which seeks to preserve the tradition of laying out a road for the spirits to follow on the Day of the Dead and will educate schools and community groups about the history and techniques of creating the carpets.
Community Valet Service	Community Valet Service 2.0 (CVS Phase II)	Multiple Neighborhoods	Community Valet Service received \$3,500 for their Community Valet Service 2.0 which connects young people with the opportunity to develop civic engagement and workforce skills through the delivery of weekly meals to homebound elders in various neighborhoods around Cleveland.

Cosmic Bobbins Students*	Cleveland Sews Common Ground Through The Circular Economy	St. Clair Superior	Cleveland Sews and Cosmic Bobbins Students were awarded \$5,000 for the Cleveland Sews Common Ground Through the Circular Economy which is a Farm-to-Table initiative in the St. Clair Superior area that offers an opportunity to teach people about sustainability through regenerative agriculture remanufacturing, and reuse, while connecting isolated seniors to younger generations through a conversational learning exchange.
Cuyahoga County Section National Council of Negro Women Inc	Season of Thanks (Thanksgiving Meals for Families in the City of Cleveland)	Multiple Neighborhoods	Cuyahoga County Section National Council of Negro Women Inc received \$5,000 in support of their Season of Thanks which will supply healthy Thanksgiving meals and useful utensils for families in the communities of Kinsman, Buckeye/Woodland, Mt. Pleasant, and Union Miles.
Denison Avenue United Church of Christ	Denison Equity Lab	Multiple Neighborhoods	Denison Avenue United Church of Christ received \$4,702 for their Equity Lab which seeks to engage the teenage youths in the area through an empowering "youth program" that builds a deeper, stronger sense of community and develops cultural awareness, social justice-mindedness, and civic agency.
DOING BETTER THAN EXCELLENCE	Therapeutic Release	East Cleveland	Doing Better Than Excellence, LLC received \$750 for their therapeutic release program for domestic violence survivors from East Cleveland to find solace in community and learn to develop a new perspective about their traumatic experiences.
Donté's Gift Express	Donté's Gift Express	East Cleveland	Donté's Gift Express received \$5,000 for their holiday gift exchange which will offer family-friendly holiday gifts to residents in the East Cleveland and Cleveland neighborhoods.

E.R.A.C.E	Our Lives Matter	South Collinwood	E.R.A.C.E. received \$2,500 for the Our Lives Matter project that seeks to empower 8th grade scholars in the South Collinwood neighborhood to conduct research on the disparities African Americans face in their neighborhoods and host a 5k to bring community members (including law enforcement) together to initiate conversations, share information, foster positive relationships, and address the disconnect between community members and law enforcement.
Edward F. Hardy Sickle Cell Foundation	COVID-19 INIATIVE	Multiple Neighborhoods	Edward F. Hardy Sickle Cell Foundation was awarded \$3,500 for their COVID 19 Initiative which seeks to offer further support, education, and resources from health professionals for sickle cell patients who have contracted COVID- 19.
Everlasting Covenant Ministries	My Sister's Keeper	Central-Kinsman	Everlasting Covenant Ministries received \$2,600 in support of their My Sister's Keeper initiative which seeks to offer events in the Central-Kinsman neighborhoods for victims of Intimate Partner Violence and their children which will offer opportunities to connect with one another in solidarity.
Fab House*	See Our Light	Glenville	Fab House was awarded \$1,620 for their Glenville community project called, See Our Light, which seeks to promote Glenville community storytelling through an art installation project that combines history, arts, STEM, and culture.
Ferris Coalition	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	Union Miles	Ferris Coalition received \$2,750 for the continuation of their Neighbors Helping Neighbors project that offers services to the Union Miles community such as providing school supplies, personal supplies, salt for snowy days, and neighborhood cleaning supplies.

Five Ladies	Assist and Build Relationships	Multiple Neighborhoods	Five Ladies received \$2,500 for their mission of assisting those are who in need due to the long-lasting ramifications of COVID by offering financial assistance for community members in need.
Food Strong	The Train Avenue Beautification and Education Project	Tremont	Food Strong received \$3,500 for the Train Avenue Beautification and Education Project which partners with Benjamin Adelowo to expand food access, teach community members about healthy foods and gardening, and offer physical and mental health exercises to the Tremont community members by including them in beautifying and cultivating process of the garden.
Footpath Foundation*	CMHA Afterschool Program	Multiple Neighborhoods	Footpath Foundation received \$3,700 for their CMHA Afterschool Program that seeks to eliminate the barriers many low-income youths face when trying to access nature and green space by offering transportation for nature field trips and outdoor mindfulness classes for the youth that attend CMHA Community Centers.
For Spectrum Sake	WE R THE CHAMPION (CAREGIVERS)	East Cleveland	For Spectrum Sake was awarded \$2,000 for the WE R THE CHAMPION (CAREGIVERS) project which offers community programming that seeks to improve the wellbeing of families and vulnerable children and adults in the East Cleveland area.
Fr3e Ministries	Girl Gab	Union Miles	Fr3e Ministries was awarded \$4,000 for their Girl Gab Spa-Days which seeks to offer self-care days for female homeless students ages 12-17 in the Union Miles area where they will also receive a care package which will include items such as toiletries, underwear, and feminine products.
Friends of Cudell Orchards*	Recess Cleveland at Neal Terrace Annual Fall Event	Cudell/Edgewater	Friends of Cudell Orchards received \$1,700 for their Recess Cleveland at Neal Terrace Annual Fall event that offers a family-friendly community event for residents of the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhoods.

Friends of Greenwood Park	Street Painting at Greenwood Park	Ohio City	Friends of Greenwood Park were awarded \$2,012 for their Street Painting at Greenwood Park project in Ohio city that seeks to paint the crosswalk at the intersection of W 38th and Bailey to better protect community members enjoying the park from cars speeding through that intersection.
Friends of Harmody Park	Harmody Park Improvement Project	Old Brooklyn	Friends of Harmody Park were awarded \$1,500 for the Harmody Park Improvement Project which seeks to install lights in the park to make it more accessible for residents and to inspire other community members to make changes on their blocks too.
Friends of Rice Library	The "Welcome Back to your Library" Initiative	Buckeye-Woodhill	The Friends of Rice Library received \$3,500 for their Welcome Back to Your Library initiative which seeks to attract residents of the Buckeye-Woodhill area back into their local library branch after the isolation of the pandemic years. They seek to do this through elevated youth programming and classes for adults that focus on wellness, self-improvement, relaxation, etc.
Full Court Press**	Fortify	Hough	Full Court Press was awarded \$4,000 for their Fortify initiative, a project which will transform several empty lots into compost areas that will practice three types of composting.
Future Ink Graphics*	Accessible Digital Art Open Studio Series	Clark Fulton	Future Ink Graphics was awarded \$3,000 to host Accessible Digital Art Open Studio Series, an open studio design and training workshop, in the Clark Fulton that is open to anyone but particularly geared towards artists with disabilities.
Gardening in the District	Annual Book Bag Giveaway	Glenville	Gardening in the District was awarded \$4,200 for their Annual Book Bag Giveaway which will offer a book bag and school supply giveaway to students in the Glenville community.

Garfield Human Development Corporation	Community Food Pantry, PPE, and Hygiene Program	Garfield Heights	The Garfield Human Development Corporation, which operates one of the largest food pantries in the area, received \$5,000 to offset food and delivery costs associated with the food pantry that has doubled since pre-COVID, and to continue to purchase and/or distribute additional hygiene and PPE items.
Griot Project*	Articulate Literacy Guild	Mt. Pleasant	The Griot Project in Mt. Pleasant, was awarded \$3,000 for the Articulate Literacy Guild, a mixed media art campaign that encourages literacy in young adults through the literacy, visual, and performing arts.
H.O.P.E. Bereavement	Annual Holiday Giveaway	Lee Harvard	The HOPE Bereavement Fund received \$3,000 to support their annual turkey give away and their annual Christmas Bike giveaway in the neighborhood.
Hasani Management**	Hasani Garden Camp	Bellaire Puritas	Hasani Management Inc. was awarded \$5,000 to host the Hasani Garden Camp in the Bellaire Puritas neighborhoods. The camp seeks to educate the youth on gardening, nutrition, sustainability, environmental awareness, conservation, and natural disaster, as well as incorporate art therapy and storytelling in their online and in-person formats.
HOUGH HERITAGE TENANT COUNCIL	Goodtime III Project	Hough	The Hough Heritage Tenant Council was awarded \$3,750 to take 20 residents of their community on a luncheon cruise on the Goodtime III. Many seniors do not have transportation, and transport services are not viable for a group of 20. This will allow many seniors, who have been shut-in during COVID-19, an opportunity to get out and have some fun.

Inner City Ski Club	RAY ROBINSON YOUTH PROGRAM	Multiple Neighborhoods	The Inner City Ski Club was awarded \$3,750 to further its pursuit in the introduction of African American Youth to the winter sport of skiing and snowboarding; and to further promote, encourage and assist with the enhancement and improvement of their skills and ability levels. The core of the Ray Robinson Youth Program is to teach African American youth, athletic sportsmanship, professional development, leadership in their communities, and success in their personal lives.
It's Not a Moment It's a Movement	Mentally Mangled: Helping the Helpers	Downtown	It's Not a Moment It's a Movement received \$5,000 for their wellness workshop to be held in 2023, Mentally Mangled: Helping the Helpers, which will serve frontline personnel who have been detrimentally impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by offering education and resources on health literacy, social support, coping strategies and stress management.
Jarvis Gibson Foundation	"Honorable Men of Tomorrow" Hygiene Kits, Healthy Snacks and Exposure Trips.	Central-Kinsman	Jarvis Gibson Foundation received \$5,000 in support of their "Honorable Men of Tomorrow" program which seeks to fulfill the need of hygiene kits, healthy snacks and exposure trips outside of their neighborhood for students in the Central-Kinsman neighborhoods.
JB'S Lunch and Literacy Outreach Program for kids	Community Block Party Giveaway	Broadway-Slavic Village	JB's Lunch & Literacy Outreach Program for Kids LLC received \$3,000 for their Community Block Party Giveaway where community members from the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhoods can receive free meals, household & cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, and PPE supplies.

Jones Road Family Development	JRFD Band Aids	Broadway-Slavic Village	Jones Road Family Development was awarded \$3,000 in support of the Broadway-Slavic Village youth band "Broadway Band Aids," facilitated by JRFD. The youth band seeks to expand music education to the youth of this neighborhood as a way of healing the community and the youth, offering essential skill enhancement, and teaching the band participants team-building and discipline skills.
Legacy Garden**	Legacy Garden Renewal Project	Detroit Shoreway	The Legacy Garden was awarded \$2,677 for the Legacy Garden Renewal Project that seeks to rejuvenate and enhance the 11-year-old community garden in the Detroit Shoreway.
Let's Pray Ministries	This Little Light of Mine (As long as there is a little light in you there is hope).	Downtown	Let's Pray Ministries received \$4,000 in support of the This Little Light of Mine project which seeks to offer emergency kits that will include items like book bags, sleeping bags, hygiene products, and more to homeless residents in the Downtown Cleveland area.
LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County	LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County COVID-19 Relief	Lake County	The LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County received \$4,000 for their LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County COVID-19 Relief project which seeks to provide a safe space for any LGBTQ+ youth or youth allies in the county, connecting them with support, social engagement, and leadership development.
Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives	Great Lakes African American Writers Conference	Downtown	The 2023 Great Lakes African American Writers Conference (GLAAWC), hosted by Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives and the Cleveland Public Library Main Branch, was awarded \$3,000 for their annual conference. This conference celebrates the impact that African American literature has on the world.

Making The Change Foundation INC	Youth Culinary & Leadership Program	East Cleveland	Making the Change Foundation INC received \$2,500 in support of their Youth Culinary & Leadership Program which offered group and one-on-one self- development, leadership training, and hands-on cooking instruction for teenage youths in various schools around East Cleveland and Cleveland.
Masjid Bilal	Family Fun Events	Multiple Neighborhoods	Masjid Bilal received \$3,500 for their Family Fun Events which will occur monthly in various neighborhoods around Cleveland.
Nannys On The Move	Rebuilding Health Managment	Downtown	Nanny's On The Move received \$5,000 for their downtown Cleveland project, Rebuilding Health Management, which seeks to educate young adults on mental and nutritional health, connecting them with the appropriate resources to nourish their minds and bodies, and fully recover from COVID-19.
North Collinwood Thundercats Youth Organization	All-Star Cheerleading Program	North Collinwood	North Collinwood Thundercats Youth Organization was awarded \$5,000 for their All-Star Cheerleading Program, the only program of its kind in the city of Cleveland, that offers basic and enhanced coaching for 40 female students each season.
Oh Sew Powerful, Inc.	Creating PEACE by PIECE	Lee Harvard	Oh Sew Powerful, Inc. (OSPI) was awarded \$5,000 to engage with the community to design and create two public art quilts for permanent display in the community. This project is a collective undertaking with each block created by a different member of the community force sewing and crafting proficiencies.

One Love*	Senior Appreciation Project	Cudell/Edgewater	One Love received \$4,000 for their senior appreciation project aimed at bringing together the seniors (60+) of the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhoods to bond over shared interests and activities, as well as, through compiling a 117th Street Business Directory complete with complimentary gift certificates and access to goods and services.
Papa Grandparents Family Education & Resource Family Day	Grandparents Family Day & Resource Fair	Mt. Pleasant	Grandparents Education and Resources Family Day Picnic was awarded \$5,000 for a fun but informative day connecting intergenerational families with a plethora of resources to aid in the healthy development of their children.
Positively Empowering and Restoring Ladies Self-Esteem	PEARLS “Boutique in a Box” School Closet Project	Buckeye-Woodhill	Positively Empowering and Restoring Ladies Self-Esteem received \$2,200 for the PEARLS "Boutique in a Box" School Closet Project which provides stationary school closets inside three schools in the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhoods, offering quality clothing and hygiene products to students and families.
Possibilitarian Garden**	Possibilitarian Garden Revival	Buckeye-Woodhill	The Possibilitarian Garden received \$5,000 for the Possibilitarian Garden Revival in the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood which seeks to invest in the soil, water, and physical infrastructure of the garden to make it more productive and sustainable for the community to grow and enjoy food together.
Puerto Rican Parade & Latino Festival Committee	Puerto Rican Parade 2023	Clark Fulton	The Puerto Rican Parade & Latino Festival Committee was awarded \$5,000 for the planning and implementation of the Puerto Rican Parade 2023 the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The parade celebrates the rich culture of the area and empowers residents to share a sense of unity and pride for their neighborhood and culture.

R.O.A.D TO ZAMBIA FOUNDATION*	Musical/competition	West Park	R.O.A.D. TO ZAMBIA FOUNDATION, a West Park organization, received \$3,000 for hosting a musically and academically inclined dance program in the local school system that encourages youth to channel dance as a mode for self-expression.
Release Grief and Heal	Release Grief and Heal	Multiple Neighborhoods	Release Grief & Heal received \$4,000 for their grief educational support and recovery program that offers healing and therapeutic services for members of the community who have suffered loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Removing The Stigma	A Day To Remember 2022 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day	Buckeye-Woodhill	Removing the Stigma received \$2,000 in support of their first annual International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event which offered programming and a time of connection in support of loved ones who have been impacted a loss from suicide.
Reviving Cleveland's Community Gardens*	Johnson's Community Garden	Union Miles	Reviving Cleveland's Community Gardens was awarded \$2,500 for the Johnson's Community Garden located in Union Miles that seeks to rejuvenate the area and bring people together while providing healthy vegetables for community members to enjoy.
Roberto Clemente League	Roberto Clemente League	Multiple Neighborhoods	The Roberto Clemente League received \$5,000 for the revival of the league which baseball will be accessible for 13-15-year-olds in the Cleveland area as the league will cover all costs in an effort to remove the barriers to entry that many middle-low income families face with other leagues.
Sierras Mission	Sierras Mission Christmas Give Back Event	Euclid	Sierras Mission received \$2,500 in support of their Christmas Give Back Event which seeks to provide Christmas dinner and hygiene packages to the residents of Euclid, Ohio.

Solflower Studio	Chase The Sun	Central-Kinsman	Solflower Studio received \$2,500 in support of their initiative, Chase the Sun, a series of community events held during the winter months in the Central- Kinsman neighborhoods for community members to come together and battle seasonal depression.
South Hills Neighborhood Association	Connecting Through Place in South Hills	Old Brooklyn	The South Hills Neighborhood Association received \$2,500 for their initiative, Connecting Through Place in South Hills, a project that seeks to designate a section of The Circle in Old Brooklyn for community use by beautifying it and making it more safely accessible for community members to enjoy the space.
Speak Life Into Existence	SLIE Mentoring	Buckeye-Woodhill	Speak Life Into Existence (SLIE) received \$5,000 for their program for girls ages 11 to 18, has a mentoring program that operates inside CMSD schools. SLIE's vision is to support teen girls, lead them in the right direction and inspire. The program will consist of recruiting, through teachers, parents, children and staff at the schools. The program is a 12-week session that will rotate from different school during the course of the school year. This program spotlights girls in the areas of confidence, character and care.
St. Colman 100th Anniversary Committee	Fr. Bob Begin Courtyard	Detroit Shoreway	St. Colman Church received \$5,000 for the Fr. Bob Begin Courtyard, a green space project that seeks to offer a beautiful outdoor space for residents in the surrounding Detroit Shoreway area to enjoy.
St. Paul United Methodist Church	Holiday meal/Community Night	Lee Harvard	St. Paul United Methodist Church was awarded \$2,800 for their Holiday Meal Community Night which seeks to serve the seniors in Lee Harvard by bringing them together for an evening of social connection, nutritional food, and familiar games in an effort to reduce the social isolation that has resulted from COVID-19.

the caring	Loving on our Community	Multiple Neighborhoods	The Caring received \$5,000 for their Loving on Our Community event which seeks to provide supplies and educational information regarding COVID-19 to the elderly in multiple neighborhoods around Cleveland.
The Final Touch Fencing Club	L.U.N.G.E. (Leading the Underrepresented to New Grounds of Excellence)	Cudell/Edgewater	The Final Touch Fencing Club received \$5,000 for the L.U.N.G.E. (Leading the Underrepresented to New Grounds of Excellence) project which seeks to introduce the sport of fencing to African American youths in the Cudell/Edgewater neighborhoods.
The LGBTQ Community Health and Wellness Foundation**	The CommUNITY Garden at Studio West 117 (CommUnity Garden)	Cudell/Edgewater	The LGBTQ Community Health and Wellness Foundation was awarded \$3,000 in support of their CommUNITY Garden at Studio West 117 which will create an intergenerational venue that will serve as a safe, therapeutic space for LGBTQ+ community members, improve their quality of life and respond to a dynamic need: food and nutrition.
Universal Love ENT*	Honors Art	Multiple Neighborhoods	Universal Love ENT, an honors art program for youth in various neighborhoods around the city of Cleveland, was awarded \$1,500 for its efforts to positively empower youth through creative arts.
Vicki's Home, Inc.	VOICES	East Cleveland	Vicki's Home, Inc. received \$2,750 in support of the VOICES therapeutic program which seeks to offer East Cleveland teenage youths (13-18) the ability to raise mental health awareness through artistic expression.
Warszawa Triangle Block Club*	Summer Art Connect Fest	Broadway-Slavic Village	Warszawa Triangle Block Club received \$4,000 in support of their Summer Art Connect Fest which is resident-led music, children's games, activities, food and resource distribution, and a community art project in the Broadway-Slavic Village community.

Waterloo Arts	Walkable Waterloo	North Collinwood	Waterloo Arts in North Collinwood received \$4,800 for their city repair project Walkable Waterloo, which seeks to install a painted curb extension at the intersection of Waterloo Rd and E 156th St. to narrow the intersection and slow traffic for a safer and better pedestrian experience. They also hope the painted curb will spark community engagement and conversations around the public space in the neighborhood.
We Progress*	The We Progress Talent Show and Pizza Party	Buckeye-Woodhill	We Progress, a resident led organization in the Buckeye-Woodland neighborhood, was awarded \$2,775 to organize a community talent show that will include all residents and feature comedians, rap artists, and inspirational singers and more.
Wisdom Community	The Guardian Program	East Cleveland	Wisdom Community received \$3,000 for their Guardian Program which seek to educate young adults (19-35) in East Cleveland by offering 4 five-hour workshops that will teach free business skills.
Women of Destiny	Street Outreach Program	Midtown	Women of Destiny received \$3,700 for their Street Outreach Program which seeks to equip community members facing homelessness in the Midtown area with protective kits that can help residents stay safe and healthy during COVID-19.
Y.O.U.R Wellness	Y.O.U.R Wellness	Mt. Pleasant	Y.O.U.R Wellness received \$3,000 in support of their program which will utilize interpersonal initiatives through workshops, hands-on activities, and therapeutic therapy centered around nutritional & dietary education, physiological wellness, and personal meditation for Mt. Pleasant residents.

Zygote Press	The Queer Ecology Hanky Project, 2023	Asiatown	Zygote Press in Asiatown received \$3,000 for their partnership with Vanessa Adams and Mary Tremonte in the return of The Queer Ecology Hanky Project in the spring of 2023. This outdoor art exhibit seeks to celebrate the divergent possibilities for gender and sexuality, a sense of oneness with nature and each other, and a tribute to the history of the original gay hanky code which had originated in the 1970s.
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