



Projects Funded in May 2018

Neighborhood Connections, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, will support 101 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland with grants totaling \$293,118. The following details each project, the grant amount, and the neighborhood where the project will take place.

Projects marked with an asterisk (*) are co-funded by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Neighborhood	Grant Amount	Project Description
Bellaire Puritas	\$2,999	Impact Youth Inc. , received \$2,999 to implement a mentoring program designed to provide guidance in fostering positive attitudes and better decision making.
Bellaire Puritas	\$5,000	St Paul AME Community Collaboration received \$5,000 to provide field trips for a summer youth program.
Bellaire Puritas	\$4,000	The Walker Group was awarded \$4,000 for an enrichment program designed to provide information and resources to expectant mothers.
Bellaire Puritas	\$5,000	West 130th Street Tri-League Inc. was awarded \$5,000 to recruit more youth into the program and supplementing their registration fees.
Buckeye	\$3,100	Community Collective received \$3,100 to provide a weekend leadership mentoring program to be held at Camp Mueller.
Buckeye	\$2,000	Elements of Internal Movement received \$2,000 for a community garden and greenhouse.

Buckeye	\$2,000	Morning Star Grand Chapter received \$2,000 for a health awareness program designed to promote healthy eating. The program also involves cooking demonstrations and gardening.
Buckeye	\$2,500	The Meeting Place Learning Center was awarded \$2,500 to provide weekly field trips and hot lunches for their summer youth program.
Buckeye	\$5,000	Woodhill Estates LAC was awarded \$5,000 for a seven-week math and reading enrichment summer program. The program will assist youth with educational skillsets.
Central	\$4,500	Dauntless Dancing Divas* received \$4,500 to provide youth the opportunity of self-expression through the art of motion and dance techniques. Funding will be used for uniforms, awards and traveling fees to dance competitions.
Central	\$1,750	Gem-N-Me was awarded \$1,750 for a self-help initiative. The project promotes self-esteem, self-care, self-respect and self-defense. The program will focus on physical, mental and emotional health.
Central	\$4,000	HEAL was awarded \$4,000 for their biking safety field trip program. The funds will be used to rent bikes, purchase locks, helmets, water and lunch. Field trips will involve biking through various parts of the City.
Central	\$2,500	Marshal Avenue Safety Group will receive \$2,500 to host their back to school safety fair. Funds will be used to create packets of school supplies, purchase food and the rental of tents and chairs. The purpose is to increase safety awareness and bring community together.
Central	\$4,000	Urban Wait Lifted was awarded \$4,000 to promote a tour of Historical Black Colleges and Universities. Funding will be used for travel expenses and room and board. The project is designed to reinforce the importance of education.
Clark Fulton	\$4,844	LatinUs Theater* was awarded \$4,844 to do theater presentations using the street as a venue. The show is free to the public and will feature the use of Big Heads (cabezones) that are popular at festivals in the Caribbean, Central America and Latin America.
Clark Fulton	\$500	Mercedarian Walkers was awarded \$500 to promote their physical fitness program. The program is designed to increase and improve the physical and mental health of the elderly.
Cudell	\$3,600	Mideast Cudell Judo Club received \$3,600 to instruct a martial arts self-defense program. The program is designed to teach self-defense, self-respect, building confidence and cultivating leadership.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,890	Gordon Square Classical Concerts* received \$3,890 to host a series of classical music concerts throughout the neighborhood. The concerts will be free and open to the public.

Detroit Shoreway	\$2,432	Legacy Garden was awarded \$2,432 to create a gateway with signage to beautify a community garden. Funds will be used to install a DIY watering system and to rebuild garden beds.
Detroit Shoreway	\$2,300	Mexico's Independence Day Project was awarded \$2,300 to host a cultural celebration to introduce traditional games, typical dances and showcase the values that Mexican culture has to offer.
Detroit Shoreway	\$3,475	Re-Inspired, Inc. was awarded \$3,475 to host an event designed to teach youth negotiating skills, strengthen leadership skills and showcase their athletic talents. Funds will be used to purchase food items and update equipment.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Cardinals Unlimited was awarded \$2,000 to host a recreational cardiovascular line dance program designed to prevent and or reduce obesity. The program is for all ages, shape and sizes and free to the public.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Creative Cooks received \$2,000 to host a 9-month life skill cooking and food literacy class for youth ages 9-15. The program will teach youth table etiquette, food safety and how to manage their health.
East Cleveland	\$3,000	Donte's Gift Express was awarded \$3,000 to host a holiday gift giving program to award 500 random families in the East Cleveland neighborhood with a gift that can be enjoyed by the entire family. This event will take place on December 24th.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	East Cleveland Fresh Camp* to promote a neighborhood hip-hop performance. The funds will be used for food, art supplies, t-shirts and stipends for local artists and mentors.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	EC Grows Community Garden received \$2,000 to improve a neighborhood garden. Funds will be used to purchase food and supplies.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Edward E. Parker Museum of Art* was awarded \$2,000 to host a festival to promote health and wellness through a healthy food initiative. Funds will be used to provide entertainment.
East Cleveland	\$2,400	Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library was awarded \$2,400 to expand their musical mentorship program to drumming, African dance, and spoken word.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	Lawn Life was awarded \$2,500 to create a 10-week course on lawn mower repair on residential and commercial mowers. Funds will be used for tools and the collection of broken lawn mowers.
East Cleveland	\$1,482	Lylesart* received \$1,482 to create a portrait taking project to cultivate community engagement through the enrichment of film documentation, media literacy and social commitment. Funds will be used for supplies and printing.

East Cleveland	\$1,000	Mary & William Association for Societal Benefit, Inc. was awarded \$1,000 to host a summer basketball tournament for neighborhood youth. Youth ages 10 to 17 male and female are eligible. Funds will be used to food, supplies and team uniforms.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Neighbors with A Vision was awarded \$2,000 for a neighborhood beautification project. Neighborhood volunteers will participate in collecting debris to be hauled away. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for the cleanup project.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Next World Cultural Arts Center* was awarded \$2,000 to teach youth the art of making music. Youth will have access to a select choice of musical instruments to learn and play while strengthening their knowledge of music theory.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	Roxbury Road Street Club was awarded \$2,500 to provide a garden site and common outdoor gathering space for residents. Funds will be used to purchase tools and supplies.
East Cleveland	\$1,500	T & C Cares Development Group received \$1,500 to provide a space for women in transition to come together to share experiences and empowerment. Funding will be used for food and supplies.
East Cleveland	\$2,500	The Positive Change Development Association was awarded \$2,500 to address the issue of bullying amongst high school students. Funding will be used to provide Safety First hand books and pamphlets designed to address this issue.
East Cleveland	\$1,720	Trinity Project was awarded \$1,720 to provide assistance with the ACT/SAT preparation course. The program will teach children finance, science, math, history, and technical writing to increase literacy skills.
East Cleveland	\$2,000	Voices for My People was awarded \$2,000 for a beautification project to rid the neighborhood of debris. The funding will be used to purchase T-shirts, supplies and equipment.
Fairfax	\$700	Antioch Baptist Church received \$700 for their community garden healthy eating and wellness initiative. Funding will be used to purchase supplies, wheel barrows, planting pots and fertilizer.
Fairfax	\$4,000	Reality Check Dance Team was awarded \$4,000 to host a healthy lifestyle showcase competition to address the issue of childhood obesity. Funding will be used to purchase t-shirts, healthy snacks and supplies.
Fairfax	\$3,900	Trinity Outreach Ministries was awarded \$3,900 to host a community arts festival focused on stopping violence within the neighborhood while celebrating the talents and gifts of the residents. Funding will be used for the rental of equipment.
Glenville	\$4,500	All Out Nation received \$4,500 for their youth boxing program designed to teach discipline, self-defense, and build character. Funding will be used to purchase equipment, refreshments, supplies and materials for participants.

Glenville	\$4,000	Educate 2 Empower Services was awarded \$4,000 to educate and motivate individuals to become entrepreneurs. The program is designed to improve the social and marketable skills of the participants. Funding will be used for equipment, supplies, food and transportation.
Glenville	\$2,500	Elk Street Club was awarded \$2,500 to create a Candyland Pocket Park featuring pieces that mimic the Candyland game board. The park will have candy sculptures, theatrical pieces and multi-colored sidewalks.
Glenville	\$2,500	Gardening in The District Community Garden received \$2,500 for their book bag give away project. The project will offer neighborhood children book bags and school supplies, free haircuts and fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden.
Glenville	\$5,000	Incorporated Career Employment was awarded \$5,000 to host a job fair designed to provide resume writing and obtaining GED assistance. The funds will be used for the purchase of food, supplies and printing of materials.
Glenville	\$5,000	McCall Consulting & Associates was awarded \$5,000 to assist in the healing of those experiencing trauma from the effects of grief, loss and separation. Funding will be used for equipment, materials and supplies.
Glenville	\$2,500	Neighbor to Neighbor received \$2,500 to host their 2nd Community Heritage Street Festival to highlight the history, beauty and talent of neighborhood residents. The festival will feature a heritage walking tour sharing stories and showcasing various homes within the area.
Glenville	\$4,500	Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center was awarded \$4,500 to host a youth empowerment seminar for women ages 12-15 to address the issue of premature teenage pregnancy while increasing self-awareness and goal accomplishments.
Glenville	\$4,000	Sickle Warriors received \$4,000 to host a picnic and parade designed to bring awareness and empowerment to those affected or impacted by sickle cell anemia. Funding will be used for permits, food, security and entertainment.
Glenville	\$2,200	University Tower Tenant Council was awarded \$2,200 to host a safety awareness and health awareness program for building residents. The program will focus on activities, community meetings and door knocking designed to encourage collaboration and community engagement.
Hough	\$5,000	Faith Temple Youth Group* was awarded \$5,000 to provide field trips to Ohio Museums to expose youth to the history of famous people, landmarks, inventions and lifestyles. Funds will be used to rent buses, vans, provide food, beverages and compensate chaperones.
Hough	\$3,500	New Direction Church was awarded \$3,500 to host an amusement park festival. The festival will provide pony rides, clowns, puppet shows and face painting.
Hough	\$2,250	Re-Entry Alumni Association received \$2,250 to assist and provide ongoing mentoring support for adult ex-offenders. Funds will be used for supplies, rental equipment and banquets.

Hough	\$2,200	Validity Sports & Enrichment was awarded \$2,200 for a health and wellness program for seniors. The program is designed to teach the essentials of cooking healthy, eating healthy and exercising.
Hough	\$5,000	Ward 7 RCA* was awarded \$5,000 to promote a water awareness program designed to provide empower the community in taking action toward solving complex water issues. Funds will be used for educational materials, training workshops and a water festival.
Kamm's Corners	\$3,602	Kamm's Corners Farmers Market Committee was awarded \$3,602 to increase awareness of the Farmers Market hours of operation. Funds will be used to replace cash register, market pole signs and provide t-shirts to Farmers Market volunteers.
Lee Harvard	\$1,800	Caring Individuals was awarded \$1,800 to educate and bring awareness to the community on the issue of breast cancer, early detection and treatment options.
Lee Harvard	\$3,125	Fifth Christian Church received \$3,125 for an African American Cultural Camp experience. This event will provide children with knowledge of the unknown/invisible character of the African American heritage. Funds will be used for field trips, community activities, supplies and books.
Lee Harvard	\$2,000	Going GodWard Ministries was awarded \$2,000 to assist with literacy skills through tutoring, organizing a summer camp for children and providing enrichment in math, reading. This program will provide support to the families of the children and connect them to resources and opportunities.
Lee Harvard	\$3,200	Harvard Square Center received \$3,200 for a community cleanup project. Funding will be used for supplies and equipment.
Lee Harvard	\$4,645	North Coast Urban Farms was awarded \$4,645 to refurbish the garden by upgrading the wood for the raised beds, purchase of a storage container, and provide fresh soil for the garden.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Many Hands Make Light Work* was awarded \$2,500 to finance the creation of a mural that will engage the community as well as local artists.
Mt. Pleasant	\$3,500	Buffer Charity was awarded \$3,500 for its annual Back to School Rally with face painting, balloon animals, free haircuts, and back to school supplies.
Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000	Cleveland Bike Life was awarded \$5,000 to provide youth in Mt. Pleasant with impromptu bike rides in a group setting.
Mt. Pleasant	\$3,000	The Ferris Coalition was awarded \$3,000 to conduct bi-weekly street clean ups, lawncare and maintenance.

Mt. Pleasant	\$3,000	First Street Coalition was awarded \$3,000 for its project in neighborhood beautification, conversations, and safety.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Life Exchange Center was awarded \$2,500 for its Garden of Hope for those struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Literacy in The Hood was awarded \$2,500 to deliver books to parents as well as provide them with tips when reading with their children.
Mt. Pleasant	\$3,500	Starmakers was awarded \$3,500 for the Survivors of Violence Conference May 11th-12th that will show free concerts and offer teens an alternative to violence.
Mt. Pleasant	\$2,500	Welcome to Sisterhood was awarded \$2,500 for its Empowerment through Unity mentoring program for young women.
North Collinwood	\$1,500	Burning River Soccer Club was awarded \$1,500 to plan a 3 vs. 3 youth soccer league and co-sponsor a soccer camp June 18th-22nd.
North Collinwood	\$2,500	Collinwood Community Potluck Planning Committee was awarded \$2,500 to host a 'zero waste' community potluck and conversation on June 24th.
North Collinwood	\$1,500	Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project* was awarded \$1,500 to bring together seniors and youth to paint and decorate 6 banners that will be used to brighten up the center.
North Collinwood	\$2,000	East 185th Street Merchants Association was awarded \$2,000 to host a Walk & Roll East 185th avenue. This event is designed to encourage physical activity with biking, walking, and hula hooping.
Ohio City	\$500	1942/1946 West 47th Community Garden Group was awarded \$500 to continue operating its community garden and purchase vegetable plants.
Ohio City	\$5,000	Gather Round Garden was awarded \$5,000 to provide a reading nook for the neighboring child care center, educational workshops, and tabletop beds.
Ohio City	\$2,251	Lakeview Community Center Outreach Committee was awarded \$2,251 to enhance their summer program, Teaching for Our Stars, with self-esteem, conflict resolution, and cyberbullying lessons.

Old Brooklyn	\$1,938	Furaha Forever Productions was awarded \$1,938 to help teens develop their talents and earn community service hours, attend field trips and the Building Present and Future Leaders Conference.
Shaker Square	\$1,530	Drum Woman Productions* was awarded \$1,530 for its educational manual for both educators and students to have greater success in mastering African Drums.
Shaker Square	\$3,300	Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation was awarded \$3,300 to host its GCUFF Community Celebration on day 9 of the Greater Cleveland Urban film festival.
Slavic Village	\$3,000	Broadway Christian Church was awarded \$3,000 to continue its Summer Reading Program and hire teens in the area to act as tutors.
Slavic Village	\$4,000	Just for Girls was awarded 4,000 for its afterschool program to provide girls with tutoring, crafts, exercise, social skills, and a healthy meal.
Slavic Village	\$3,655	Skaters Next Door was awarded \$3,655 to offer skateboarding lessons and host the 11th Annual East meet West Game of Skate.
Slavic Village	\$1,240	Slavic Village Artist Collective* was awarded \$1,240 to create a network of art gardens containing installations by local artists.
Slavic Village	\$1,500	Speak into the Light was awarded \$1,500 for its Don't Be Rude etiquette class and field trip for youth.
Slavic Village	\$2,500	Stella Walsh Recreation was awarded \$2,500 for its Dancing in the Village program for youth.
Slavic Village	\$3,270	Village Food Group was awarded \$3,270 to host The Village Feast for a meal and conversation across boundaries.
South Collinwood	\$3,500	Lady Kay's Dance Company was awarded \$3,500 for the "Let's Stretch" project, to provide aerobic instruction to seniors living in nursing facilities and senior buildings.
St. Clair Superior	\$4,386	Across the Lines-Cleveland* was awarded \$4,386 to establish and arts studio for individuals living in shelters or otherwise on the margin.

St. Clair Superior	\$2,500	Diamond Makerzs was awarded \$2,500 for their "All Hands on Deck: Making Technology Connect" program, which connects youth with seniors to assist them in using and understanding technology.
St. Clair Superior	\$2,000	Shiloh Temple House of God was awarded \$2,000 for their Annual Back to School Giveaway, which provides backpacks, school supplies, uniforms, and personal hygiene products to youth.
Stockyards	\$873	Garden Leaders Cleveland was awarded \$873 for a <i>Toolbank Maintenance Project</i> . Funds will be used to maintain and replace tools that the whole neighborhood can use.
Stockyards	\$2,007	Metro West Safety Committee was awarded \$2,007 for <i>Cookouts with Cops 2</i> . New members of the community will get a chance to meet longtime residents and local police officers for a day of food and fun.
Stockyards	\$4,133	Stockyard Neighborhood Bike-A-Thon was awarded \$4,133 for their <i>12th Annual Stockyard Neighborhood Bike-A-Thon</i> . Neighbors will learn about bike safety, receive a bike safety check, and participate in a community bike ride with refreshments after.
Union Miles	\$2,598	East 108th Street Club was awarded \$2,598 for their <i>6th Annual Intergenerational Community Day</i> . This event brings the community together for a day of food and fun.
Union Miles	\$4,500	Jr Barnes Foundation was awarded \$4,500 for <i>F.U.T.U.R.E. Initiative</i> . Local youth will learn soft-skills for entering the workforce through a variety of workshops and be provided with shadowing opportunities.
Union Miles	\$1,475	Phenomenal Women was awarded \$1,475 for a <i>Moms and Babies Baby Shower Workshop</i> . This educational event helps educate mothers in an effort to reduce the infant mortality rate.
University	\$1,848	Restore Cleveland Hope was awarded \$1,848 for <i>Hope Freedom Festival</i> . This family-friendly event celebrates a time when Cleveland neighbors helped freedom seekers escape.
University	\$3,500	Sankofa Cultural Heritage Institute* was awarded \$3,500 for a <i>Theatrical Production</i> . This production will address crime-related issues, religion, ethnic issues and intolerance.
Westown	\$5,000	West Park Community Coalition was awarded \$5,000 for their <i>West Park Community Festival</i> . This annual event brings neighbors together for food, fun, and entertainment.