



Funded Projects

CYCLE I, July 2014

Tree of Life Earthworks, Clarke Square

Residents turned the first floor of a carriage house into a community gallery space and class studio where they taught free ceramic classes and hosted gallery receptions and art discussions open to everyone interested in the arts.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

South Harambee Alley Cleanup, Harambee

Residents arranged a community electronics collection and taught residents how to recycle properly.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Stand up and Stand out Day Block Party, Sherman Park

Residents provided the neighborhood with a BBQ lunch, popcorn, face paintings, crafts, games, music, and prizes; highlighted the talents of local youth in the community and invited city officials to speak. Residents are committed to promoting salvation, healing, and repairing breaches to all who are lost, ill, broken, and/or wounded in search of wholeness.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Eye on Beauty (Positive Body Image Workshop for Youth girls Ages 12-18), Sherman Park

Residents provided a 2 ½ hour positive body image workshop called "Eye On Beauty" for young ladies, 12-18 years old, who live in the Sherman park neighborhood. Topics covered: What is Self-Esteem, What is Body Image, Dealing with Bullies, Dressing for Your Body Type, Finding Your Voice, Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships/Signs of Unhealthy Relationships, Healthy Eating 101, Hygiene and Personal Care, Makeup Application, Hair Care, Your Body Boundaries, and Walking with Confidence.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Overflowing Life for Harambee, Harambee

Residents focused on water reclamation for a community garden as well as community outreach to teach water reclamation to individual homeowners and landlords.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Healthy Cooking Classes, Layton Boulevard West

Residents led a community walking/exercising club at Burnham Park, every Tuesday from 6 to 7pm. They also offered four healthy cooking classes to the residents who participated in the walking club.

Grant Amount: \$480.00

Tower Hill Curb Appeal Beautification, Tower Hill

Residents improved the curb appeal by refurbishing and repairing owner occupied homes in the Tower Hill neighborhood that were in various stages of despair.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Page Turners, Lindsay Heights

Residents developed a community book club in the neighborhood.

Grant Amount: \$300.00

Metcalfe Park Selfies, Metcalfe Park

Residents participated in a pilot project ran by Groundwork Milwaukee, where residents engaged in environmental work installing rain gardens in neighborhood residents' yards and in some vacant spaces throughout Metcalfe Park. They documented and gained insight into the challenges throughout this experience.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Project Alley Watch, Grasslyn Manor

Residents organized a block watch on each block in the Grasslyn Manor neighborhood to provide safety of residents who may use the alley for parking and a myriad of other family oriented backyard activities, and to provide safety to their own properties. The project was centered on the block watch, located in the 3800 block of North 55th and 56th streets and the 5400-5500 block of West Melvina street. They installed cameras in the alley between the two streets, which stopped at Melvina Street.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Walnut Hill Community Garden Project, Walnut Hill

Residents invited families to an event in their garden on 32nd Brown Street, where they learned about how to plant and maintain an urban vegetable garden.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

CYCLE II, November 2014**Family Unity Through Crafts, Thurston Woods**

Residents planned and facilitated a family event in which residents made heartfelt and fun gifts for one another. At the end, residents sent each family home with their very own to-go bag filled with the basic materials and instructions needed for them to conduct the activities at home with their own families.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Positive Body Image Workshop, Thurston Woods

Due to popular demand, residents provided another 2 ½ hour positive body image workshop called "Eye On Beauty" for young ladies, 12-18 years old, who live in the Thurston Woods neighborhood. Topics Covered: What is Self-Esteem, What is Body Image, Dealing with Bullies, Dressing for Your Body Type, Finding Your Voice, Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships/Signs of Unhealthy Relationships, Healthy Eating 101, Hygiene and Personal Care, Makeup Application, Hair Care, Your Body Boundaries, and Walking with Confidence.

Grant Amount: \$450.00

Community Water Infrastructure and Hook Up, Havenwoods

Residents built a 6x6 sustainable water infrastructure to hold a 275-gallon water rain tote for a community garden. The structure was made to catch rain from a down spout directly into the tote for the residents' community garden.

Grant Amount: \$480.00

Tenant Resource Training Program, Washington Park

Residents offered/facilitated three courses for new tenants and residents of the neighborhood. These courses provided training and information about community resources that are available to those who are new to the neighborhood.

Grant Amount: \$320.00

Healthy Cooking Classes, Layton Boulevard West

After a successful service project, residents initiated another community walking/exercising club at Burnham Park, every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm. They also offered four healthy cooking classes to the residents who participated in the walking club.

Grant Amount: \$480.00

Thurston Woods Garden Renovation Project, Thurston Woods

Residents led a project that enhanced the existing capacity of the Thurston Woods garden, located on the corner intersection of 40th and Florist Avenue.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Martin Drive Branding Initiative, Martin Drive

Residents purchased signs, neighborhood logo stickers, and information boxes to help with the branding of their neighborhood as well as to encourage residents of the community to attend meetings in regards to encouraging a sense of unity as a community.

Grant Amount: \$325.00

Backyard Composting, Sherman Park-Grasslyn Manor

Residents led a project that is designed to place composters in backyards while neighbors, new to this aspect of gardening, learn the pros and cons of composting. The resident's overall objective was to continue to introduce city dwellers to the benefits of growing produce in their backyards.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

CYCLE III, March 2015**53rd St. Alley Watch, Grasslyn Manor**

An expansion in the Sherman Park community from a previously funded project, residents installed security cameras in the alley of 53rd street to ensure safety and reduce the crime in the neighborhood.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Woodlands Community Garden, Woodlands

Residents created opportunities for residents to learn new skills and engage with each other through growing fresh fruit and vegetables.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Five Points Neighborhood Association Youth Talent Show, Harambee

Residents engaged youth in creating a youth talent show. They organized and planned the showcase and got local youth involved in the event.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Project Alley Watch, Sherman Park

Residents installed security cameras in the alley to ensure safety and reduce the crime in the neighborhood.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Walnut Way Neighborhood Peace Project, Lindsay Heights

Residents developed a series of workshops and activities for the young black men in the Walnut Way neighborhood through therapeutic activities that build self-esteem, coping skills around trauma and loss, and also build a positive peer network.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

GET FIT – “Healthy Men & Women Create Healthy Families,” Concordia

Residents led a free community event to educate people about fitness and health topics such as Financially FIT, Physically FIT, Nutritionally FIT, and Emotionally/Spiritually FIT. This event got those who are uncomfortable to become comfortable and work on themselves.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Freedom from the Inside Out-Ex-Offender Symposium, Harambee

Residents hosted an event that brought the community together. The event gathered all available resources and put them under one roof to provide a one-stop environment where they obtained the necessary assistance and information to navigate past roadblocks. This helped residents that are out-ex-offenders operate in the world of business.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Fratney Neighborhood Greenway Project, Riverwest

Residents created stronger connections, both relationships and tangible ones, within the community. They increased healthy, safe transportation alternatives and connected neighbors with one another by creating a friendlier pedestrian/bicycle corridor through the heart of Riverwest- the Fratney Neighborhood Greenway.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Art In the Alleys, Clarke Square

Residents organized a public community ceramics art project in one of the alleys in Clarke Square with the students from the community who participate in the ceramics classes at the studio.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

We're Chess Get'n Started – The Art & Chess Society, Amani

Residents advanced their theory of “EACH ONE TEACH SOME” to help reduce inter-generational illiteracy by providing a service, like chess. Chess aims to enhance and engage each participant, their families, and their neighbor’s overall academic and social skills development.

Grant Amount: \$495.00

ART I AM – Mobile Art Exhibit/Gallery in Harambee, Harambee

Residents created a mobile art exhibit that is designed to set up an “art” tent complete with numerous pieces of art and notable artist. The goal was to expose youth to an African-American perspective, provided by a local artist in Harambee.

Grant Amount: \$475.00

Harambee Community Orchards, Harambee

Residents united the community through teaching recipients of fruit and nut trees how to care for and manage their trees in a way where they can benefit from them by reducing their cost of living, beautifying their neighborhood, and giving them more confidence to take control of their neighborhood.

Grant Amount: \$308.00

Youth & Family Summer Program, Layton Boulevard West

Residents developed a summer school educational youth curriculum.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Riverwest-Harambee Unity Sign Project, Riverwest

Residents created yard signs with specific information, which included how to call in non-ER crimes and city DPW related issues. The sign included a logo/slogan about community strength and diversity. The logo/slogan was created from a resident contest in Riverwest and Harambee.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Capital Heights Community Clean-Up, Capital Heights

Residents organized a neighborhood cleanup (including alleys) of the Capital Heights area (61st-68th – Capital Drive – Congress St.) to rid the area of trash and debris from the winter season. They also provided paper shredding for residents to begin their spring home interior clean up. Residents provided volunteers with hotdogs, chips, and soda for the time commitments.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Miss Cynthia’s Back to School Bash, Metcalfe Park

Residents continued with the annual Back to school Bash, which allowed them to take the event to another level.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Music in Mitchell Park, Clarke Square

Residents organized a community concert at the amphitheater at Mitchell Park.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

SOHI Community Garden Block Party, Concordia

Residents organized a community clean up, block party, ribbon cutting, and seeding day.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Plant to Plate, Clarke Square

Residents built a garden from space provided by a Lutheran Church on 27th and Scott. The garden included herbs and vegetables that will be accessible to all community members, visitors, and members of the Lutheran church.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Neighbors in Action Annual Picnic Event, Lincoln Village

Residents hosted their 1st annual cookout in order to brand the group. Grant resources were used towards item giveaways such as t-shirts and water bottles with logo. This was an opportunity to highlight accomplishments throughout the community.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

KIDS PLAY, Metcalfe Park

Residents posted street signs for traffic safety of the neighborhood children. This occurred during a neighborhood cleanup and block party, which included food and children's activities.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Bring It On Metcalfe Park, Metcalfe Park

Residents hosted an art contest to uncover upcoming artists in the Metcalfe Area. This engagement strategy included the entire neighborhood. The chosen winner will be installed in the garden and will belong to the community.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

2nd and Clarke Intersection, Harambee

Residents worked with community partners to design and paint a street mural in the intersection of 2nd and Clarke in preparation for summer youth programming that occurs around that site.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Stand Up and Stand Out Community Day, Sherman Park

Residents provided a BBQ lunch, popcorn, face painting, crafts, games, music, and prizes. They highlighted the talents of local youth in the community and invited city officials to speak.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

"GET FIT MKE!," Havenwoods

Residents facilitated a comprehensive 1 hour total body workout session for the community (children, ages 10-18, and adults, ages 18 and up). A variety of workout equipment was available for residents to use.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

Landscape Beautification Tower Hill Gateway, Tower Hill

Residents continued the neighborhood beautification efforts by landscaping around the newly built Tower Hill Neighborhood stone pillar signage on the corner of Madison and Randall Streets in Parkview Park.

Grant Amount: \$492.00

Cross Generational Gardening on North 53rd Street, Grasslyn Manor

Residents brought youth and the elder community together through gardening. This presented the opportunity for the cross-generations to understand and learn from each other.

Grant Amount: \$500.00

CYCLE IV, December 2015

Healthy Cooking Classes, Layton Boulevard West

In an effort to decrease obesity, residents will offer healthy cooking classes at three schools with an adult population that, according to statistics, need it most.

Grant Amount: \$744.00

Educational Signage, Washington Park

“Don’t pluck me before my time” is the type of sign you will see in this unfenced garden. Signs are a strategy to encourage onlookers to allow the garden to grow.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

Holiday Workshop, Clarke Square

In preparation for the holidays, residents went door-to-door to encourage families to come to the neighborhood art studio and make holiday ornaments. After making ornaments, residents enjoyed a neighborhood pot luck.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

Feeding the Community – Holiday Banquet Event, Havenwoods

Residents hosted a holiday banquet event to feed the community. In addition to a meal, residents received a turkey, hat, scarves and gloves.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

Woodlands Continuing Garden and Christmas Celebration, Woodlands

As a follow up to the previously funded garden, residents purchased additional garden beds, a fence and supplies for the Community Christmas Celebration.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

KK River Neighborhoods In Action River Spring Clean Up, Lincoln Village

The KK River Neighbors in Action will host their annual spring neighborhood clean-up. The event will be advertised in both English and Spanish and will promote comradery among residents.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

Metcalfe Park Community Baby Shower, Metcalfe Park

To meet the basic needs of residents with children, residents will host a community baby shower as part of an African Cultural baby naming ceremony.

Grant Amount: \$700.50

How To Build A Go-Kart, Amani

In an effort to provide structured opportunities for young people in the Amani neighborhood, youth will learn how to make go carts in teams of four.

Grant Amount: \$750.00

Each One Teach One – Healthy Living, Old North Milwaukee

Residents will offer four CPR/AED and first aid certification classes to up to 50 residents. Residents will learn adult, youth and infant emergency response.

Grant Amount: \$750.00