NC Grant Recipients
Spring 2011

Bellaire Puritas

The Riverside Park Estates Local Advisory Council received $3,000 for their youth summer program called “Turn it Around”. The program will provide crafting classes, cooking classes, Spanish classes and puppeteering classes for children ages 5-14. The program seeks to teach healthy lifestyle choices, from nutrition to positive social interaction, to the children in the neighborhood.

The Young Men of Integrity received $4,500 for a mentoring program for young men in the Bellaire Puritas neighborhood. The participants will receive a stipend to do yard work and chores for seniors in the area and learn, from their mentors, budgeting and money management skills. Additionally, the boys will go on educational field trips throughout the fall months.

Buckeye

The Network for Neighborhood Success received $2,850 for their Neighborhood Leadership Youth Program, a 37 week coaching and training program for youth in the Buckeye neighborhood. Participants will receive guidance in reading, writing, math, journalism, community/civic action, and college prep.

The East 128th Street Block Club Association received $1,400 for debris clean-up, light pole repairs, and general beautification of the street.

Resident Unity on Mt. Carmel received $1,000 to support their Pocket Park, a safe, green-space where children can play, in the Buckeye neighborhood. Funds will be used to purchase playground equipment.

The Neighborhood Leadership Adults and Youth Project received $3,850 to support a Grandparents dinner in the Buckeye neighborhood. Each grandparent that attends will get a portrait with their grandchild.
Central

**Project Save** was funded $2,400 to support their hot meal program for those in need in the Central area. The funds will go towards small stipends for volunteers who help with the program on a regular basis.

**Shiloh Baptist Church Outreach Ministry** received $3,800 in support of their Singing Chefs program that teaches youth in the Central Neighborhood to cook healthy food from scratch.

**Iota Phi Theta** received $3,000 in funding for their Young Men Mentoring Program that pairs students from East Technical High School with Iota Phi Theta brothers to increase decision making ability, strengthen leadership skills and prepare for college.

**Friends of Harmony Park** received $5,000 to support Phase 1 of the Harmony Park Project, the creation of a community mural in the Central Neighborhood. The project also included community art classes.

**Marshall Avenue Safety Group** was funded $2,900 towards the Marshall Avenue Back-to-School Safety Fair. This year the safety group will bring the Cleveland Fire Department, EMS and police to the event to help teach residents, of all ages, about neighborhood safety.

**The Lonnie Burten Cheerleaders** received $3,060 for 45 new uniforms for the cheerleading squad. The squad is made up of youth from the Central Neighborhood ages 6-15.

**We Have a Dream Kickball Team** received $3,500 towards their kickball program for youth in the Central Neighborhood. The funds will go towards equipment, uniforms and school supplies that are also given to the team members.
The Men of Central received $5,000 to support their Historical Exhibit of Central Community. The project is an exhibit of artistic murals and prints of various sizes showcasing the history of the Central community. It will be designed by community members of all ages.

People’s Rebuilders Foundation received $1,500 to support their Rebuilding Cedar Central program that provides motivational and educational sessions for ex-offenders in the Cedar Central neighborhood at the Tri-C Metro Campus.

The Cedar Hi Rise Geek Squad received $5,000 to support their Computer Literacy program for seniors. The funds will go to the purchase of computers, a printer and tutorial software to assist the residents who wish to improve their computer skills.

Clark Fulton

Daisy Avenue Block Club received $4,000 to support several Daisy Avenue projects including the expansion of their community garden, installing post lamps on the avenue, and reflective vests for the safety walking patrol.

The Community Partners for Affordable Accessible Health Care will use $4,500 to conduct a community survey on health care access at MetroHealth Hospital. In addition to collecting data the survey will build leadership and capacity within CPAAHC.

Cudell

Safe 16 was awarded $3,667 to support safety projects in the Cudell neighborhood, specifically Night Out Against Crime, a national community event designed to reclaim areas in neighborhoods affected by gang activity and crime.

Detroit Shoreway

The Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. will use $3,000 to provide programming for Asian seniors and women from low income families that often speak little English and are isolated from any type of community. The programming will include weekly meetings with guest speakers, information about health care, jobs nutrition, etc.
West Clinton Historic Haunts received $4,100 to support their walking tours of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood around the time of Halloween.

The West Clinton Block Club received $900 for a neighborhood gathering to strengthening relationships between residents and different community groups with the central activity being a blanket the community creates together.

The Egdewater Hill Block Club received $5,000 to support their “Kids of the Future” project which will provide 5 events for youth in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood over the course of the year. The events will incorporate arts events, holiday carnivals, and block parties.

The Detroit Shoreway Merchants Association will use $2,000 to advertise and market the second Discover Gordon Square Arts District Day.

Society of Saint Stephen was awarded $3,200 for their “Growing the Neighborhood” project that will provide mentoring opportunities for youth in the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood through gardening instruction and activities.

Ebenezer Seventh Day Adventist Church received $3,000 to support their provision of food and medical services to low-income families in the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood.

West End Urbanteers Block Club received $5,000 in support of the West 83rd St. Project that consists of the creation of a community space on the existing City Landbank lots where the tragic explosion of a vacant house occurred in January of 2010.

Northcoast Development Corporation received $1,750 to support the Cleveland West Time Bank.
Fairfax

**Strengthening Our Students** was awarded $4,115 to support their “Let’s Getting Cooking” classes that teach neighborhood youth basic cooking skills, how to prepare a menu, information on healthy eating, and problem solving and math.

**Cleveland Inner City Boxing** will use $5,000 to purchase gloves and protective gear to support their program that teaches at risk youth in the neighborhood the fundamentals and principles of boxing.

**Extended Family** received $5,000 in support of their collaboration with the Cleveland Museum of Art to design pieces for the annual Parade the Circle celebration. Extended Family invites 100 participants from the Fairfax neighborhood to attend weekly workshops with the museum where they create a banner, build floats, sew costumes, etc in preparation for the celebration.

**Forest Hills**

**Helping Hands Ministry** received $5,000 in support of their Recycle to Feed—Sundays Community Dinner program, a free community dinner every fourth Sunday of the month for those in need. The meal and dining space is prepared and decorated by youth from the neighborhood.

**Glenville**

**Fathers Active in the Hood (F.A.I.T.H.)** was awarded $3,000 to support their job readiness program that aims to teach Glenville youth vocational skills like construction, landscaping, auto-mechanics, culinary, and technical assistance.

**Glenville Superstars Pathfinder Drum and Flag Corp** received $2,500 for their Musical Arts Percussion program that teaches children in the Glenville neighborhood to play percussion instruments.
Mary B. Bethune School Student Parent Organization was awarded $2,500 in support of two community beautification events.

Mentoring Matters received $1,000 towards the implementation of leadership development trainings to their existing mentoring program in the Glenville neighborhood.

Safiri Rites of Passage was awarded $2,500 in support of their community, mentoring program for females of Afrikan decent. They will use the funds to provide African dance lessons to the participants.

African American Men Who Excel received $3,000 to support their Summer Mentoring Camp for young men in the Glenville neighborhood ages 12-15.

Ohio City

Coalition of Ohio City Park Friends received $1,589 to install boards displaying neighborhood information such as programming and maps with highlighted points of interest. This community announcement center will keep resident in the Ohio City community informed of upcoming neighborhood events.

West 33rd St. Block Club will use $4,100 in funding to purchase supplies and materials in order to paint abandoned houses and plant flowers in Ohio City.

Old Brooklyn

Ben Franklin Community Garden received $2,000 for their Operation SafeGuard program located in Old Brooklyn neighborhood. The grant will be used to remove overgrown weed, trees and bushes in the garden.

Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs received $4,000 for their after school program at Denison School in Old Brooklyn. The Jitterbugs are a group of outstanding students who are interested in learning and performing swing dance styles.
St. Clair Superior

Community Greenhouse Partners received $2,500 to engage community volunteers in the building of 20 composting boxes that will be shared with residents of the St. Clair Superior neighborhood as they are trained to develop their own individual gardens while promoting healthier eating.

Masjid Al-Warith Deen Garden Club located in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood received $4,998 to provide in-depth information on the study of how to improve dietary nutrition. Through the knowledge of farming and gardening, seniors will work with youth to teach them the history of seeds, food consumption and what influenced the planting of certain vegetables.

North Presbyterian Church received $3,200 for their Peace Camp project located in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood. The goal of the program is to teach kindergarten through fourth grade children how to foster an attitude of peace as an alternative to negative self images and a culture of violence.

Shaker Square

Committee for Larchmere PorchFest received $3,535 for residents in the Shaker Square of Larchmere to host their third annual one-day musical festival of performances on their porches June 25th. The festival is free and open to all, with a diverse mix of musical genres performed by local musical acts.

Committee for the Neighborhoods of Shaker Square Home Tour received $3,998 for neighborhood residents in Shaker Square to graphically design and print posters, postcards and event passes for those attending the “walking tour”. The tour will highlight 7-9 homes that represent a wide range of living styles in the area, including single-family homes, an apartment, condominiums and a Cleveland Double.

Larchmere Community Association received $1,675 for their Operation SafeGuard program located in Shaker Square neighborhood. The grant will be used to remove overgrown weed, trees and bushes in the garden.
**Larchmere Merchants Association** received $4,500 for their Larchmere Neighborhood Festival July 2nd program located in Shaker Square. This diverse group of independent merchants will expand the already successful event. In addition to the usual vendors and entertainment, they will promote green living, and have a designated family activity area.

**Slavic Village**

**Broadway Christian Church** in the Slavic Village area received $3,000 for a summer reading program. The program is designed to provide tutoring to neighborhood children while addressing at risk academic levels. In addition to providing pre and post testing, the program will offer leadership and job opportunities for teens.

**Broadway Public Art** was awarded $2,600 to organize a series of events that leverage human creativity to energize people, strengthen relationships, and enhance the neighborhood. Projects include dance parties at E. 55th and Broadway in the Landmark District, concerts at Mill Creek Falls, and much more.

**Elizabeth Hyacinth Community Gardeners** located in Slavic Village, received $5,000 to transform a vacant lot into a community garden. Gardening, beautification and outdoor green space are high priorities for this neighborhood. The garden will provide produce in an area where access to fresh, affordable food can pose a dilemma to most families.

**Friends of the Morgana Run Trail** located in Slavic Village, received $2,765 for their project. The projects aim is to select up to 20 local artists who will create 20 environmentally themed artworks for the growing public art collection along Slavic Village’s Morgana Run Trail, Cleveland’s first multi-purpose rails-to-trails project.

**Holy Name Parish** received $4,700 for their Community Garden project located in Slavic Village. The garden will provide an opportunity for those in the local community to grow fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to sharing a common activity.
**Literacy Through The Arts** in the Slavic Village neighborhood received $3,000 for their leadership training and sports program. The six week program will allow adults and youth to work together in developing a soccer league as well as provide games to be enjoyed by those in the community.

**Musicworks IV, Inc.** in the Slavic Village neighborhood received $750 to provide the neighborhood and its residents an opportunity to participate in an instrumental / vocal music, dance and theater summer literacy through the arts program. The program also provides an opportunity for youth to discover and develop their talents and gifts.

**Pulaski Franciscan Community Development Corp.** received $3,900 to provide summer concerts to resident in the Slavic Village neighborhood. This project will continue its tradition of providing the Warszawa Music Festival every Monday through the end of August. It presents music in a wide range of styles. Diverse audiences accustomed to their individual style of dance have participated in dancing the polka and swinging their hips to R&B.

**Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus** received $3,000 to provide musical instruction to children in the Slavic Village neighborhood. The funds will also be used to repair existing instruments and upgrade and purchase additional ones.

**South Collinwood**

**Dream On Foundation** located in the South Collinwood neighborhood received $4,500 for an After School Program which will host two plays. Funds will be used for designing and sewing costumes in addition to designing and building the set for the plays.

**Ministry of Reconciliation** located in the South Collinwood neighborhood received $3,000 for an Adopt-A-School mentoring program involving 2 schools that have been adopted by the church. The project will implement tutoring and mentoring of children enrolled in the schools along with a 40 day Stop the Violence program.

**NEO Restoration Alliance** located in South Collinwood received $2,565 for a “Growing Center” to address hunger and food insecurity at transitional housing facilities for men and
women. The program will provide access to nutritious fresh food year round and job training opportunities by gaining entrepreneurial skills and agricultural knowledge.

**Nottingham Youth Center** located in the South Collinwood neighborhood received $2,750 for a Tutoring Youth Enrichment program designed to provide new books, supplies, learning incentive projects and educational computer software.

**Stockyards**

**Green Triangle** located in the Stockyard neighborhood received $3,265 to transform a vacant lot into a forest garden. Funds will be used to provide hands-on workshops to teach neighbors of all ages the importance of healthy soil and to show how materials from the natural world can be used in art projects.

**International Village Block Club** received $2,800 to purchase topsoil, mulch and seedlings for their community garden located in the Stockyard neighborhood. Funds will also be used to replace annuals and perennials around the community garden enhancing the overall appearance.

**Moving Forward** a program located in the Stockyard neighborhood received $2,306 to host a skateboard program for youth. The program will provide youth with a safe and controlled environment while teaching skate etiquette and mentoring others interested in the art of skateboarding.

**NxGen Preserve** received $4,500 to revitalize a vacant lot located in the Stockyard neighborhood. Beautifying the lot creates an opportunity for the neighborhood to fellowship and bridge the generation gap between seniors and youth.

**Tremont**

**Friends of the Tremont Farmers Market** located in Tremont received $3,580 to continue the farmers market providing residents with fresh, locally grown produce as well as meats, cheese, and baked goods. Cooking demonstrations will take place while showcasing talents of local musicians.
**Friends of Tremont School** located in Tremont received $3,809 for their neighborhood resource program. The program will offer children in the neighborhood Spanish lessons, Spellmaster, nutritional education, arts and crafts and environmental programs.

**Seeds of Love** located in Tremont received $3,000 to transform vacant land into productive green space thereby enhancing the quality of the neighborhood. Youth will be given the opportunity to acquire job and social skills as well as positive work ethics.

**ZeroLandfill** located in Tremont received $2,000 to address the issue of excessive landfill. Discontinued materials such as carpet tiles, fabric swatches, ceramic tiles and glass samples are offered to local artists, teachers and students for transforming into works of art and enhancing the arts education process.

**Union Miles**

**Ferris-Marston Street Club** located in Union Miles received $3,000 to create a beautification gateway to the neighborhood. The project includes landscaping the lawn medians on Ferris-Marston Streets between East 127th, East 131st and East 136th Streets.

**Neighbors Together East 126th Block Club** located in Union Miles received $3,000 for a community garden through the engagement of youth and seniors. The project is designed to build relationships and provide services to seniors and low income residents.

**Westown**

**Hirst Avenue Garden Club** located in Westown received $5,000 to purchase, repair and upgrade garden equipment to renovate their neighborhood garden project. This existing green space offers residents an opportunity to meet, socialize and share in the harvest of low-cost, fresh fruits and vegetables.