

Future Heights

Neighborhood Mini-Grants

Awarding small grants to fund citizen-led neighborhood projects,
events & activities that benefit Cleveland Heights.

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Millikin Neighbors - Community-Building and Playground Improvement
Friends of Art in the Park - Rocks of Kindness



Noble Neighbors

Flower Planting for Beautification

Noble Neighbors, a neighborhood organization in Cleveland Heights, was awarded a grant to fund a flower planting project to beautify the neighborhood and enhance community pride.

Amount Funded: \$990.00



RAFT

Coexist

RAFT Coexist is a piece of interactive artwork intended to promote community building and self-reflection by providing a place for community members to sit, reflect or talk with neighbors. Funding was provided to create and decorate the piece of art.

Amount Funded: \$414.08



Cedar Taylor Development Association

Public Art

The Cedar-Taylor Development Association, a grassroots community organization that engages with local merchants and residents, was awarded a grant to fund an installation of public art in the Cedar Taylor Business District. The art is intended to beautify the neighborhood and enliven the community, while engaging artistic community members in the project.

Amount Funded: \$1000.00

Spring 2016



Forest Hills Homeowners Association *Boulevard Elementary Outdoor Class*

This project was a collaborative community effort between Forest Hill Home Owner's Association, Boulevard Neighbors and Boulevard Elementary. The grant award was used to enhance the school's outdoor learning space.

Amount Funded: \$830.00



Montford Community Garden *Garden Shed*

Montford Community Garden, located at Montford and Windsor roads in the Noble Neighborhood, was awarded a grant to build a shed to store tools, equipment and supplies. The garden was created and is maintained by area residents and serves as a key anchor in the community.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00



Noble Neighbors *Signage for May 2016 Event*

One of its events is an annual community home and yard sale. The event brings together residents, businesses, and local institutions over the course of a weekend and serves as a community building effort that creates lasting connections within the community.

Amount Funded: \$910.00



Oxford Community Garden *Garden Tasting & Pollinator Garden*

This is a neighborhood-run garden that is maintained by local residents. The group was awarded a grant to improve and expand the garden, with plans to add a small orchard and make an addition to the children's garden area.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00

Fall 2016



Urban Oak School

Coventry Village P.E.A.C.E Park Garden Project

The Urban Oak School third grade class has chosen to revitalize the garden space at the Coventry Village P.E.A.C.E Park playground for its annual gardening project curriculum. The class was granted an award to purchase gardening supplies. The project will teach children about gardening, beautify the playground, and create an opportunity for community involvement.

Amount Funded: \$610.00



Forest Hills Homeowners Association

Historical Signage Beautification

Forest Hills Homeowners Association seeks to revitalize the historic neighborhood of Forest Hills through beautification projects. The group was granted an award to assist in the creation of neighborhood signs to bring a sense of historic importance and community back into the neighborhood while creating a welcoming space for newcomers.

Amount Funded: \$250.00



Oxford Community Garden

Garden Shed Repair

The Oxford Community Garden was granted an award to repair its garden shed. The group will use the funding to repair and improve the shed in order to create a safe space for gardeners to store their tools and supplies, while also creating a more beautiful structure in the community.

Amount Funded: \$480.00

Fall 2016



The Welcome Hub

Driver's Education Scholarships for Refugees

The Welcome Hub serves as a source of information and resources for resettled refugees in the Cleveland Heights community. As part of that resettlement process and integration into the Cleveland Heights community, the Welcome Hub saw a need for affordable access to transportation. The group was granted an award for driver's education scholarships for resettled refugees in Cleveland Heights in an effort to assist in their successful transition into the community.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00

Fairfax Community Garden

Community Garden Upgrade

Fairfax Community Garden has been in use as a community garden in which residents can garden on a private plot since the 1980s, but there is a desire to transition it into a community gathering place that incorporates both community members and those affiliated with Fairfax Elementary School. Fairfax Community Garden was granted an award for the construction of shaded seating, benches and a water fountain, in an effort to create a space in which the entire community can gather and spend time.

Amount Funded: \$500.00



The Cleveland Soup & Bread Experiment

The Cleveland Soup and Bread Experiment is led by a group of Cleveland Heights residents seeking to connect with neighbors over a shared meal of soup-- it binds people together and works to alleviate hunger. The first event in March 2017 benefitted the Cleveland Food Bank.

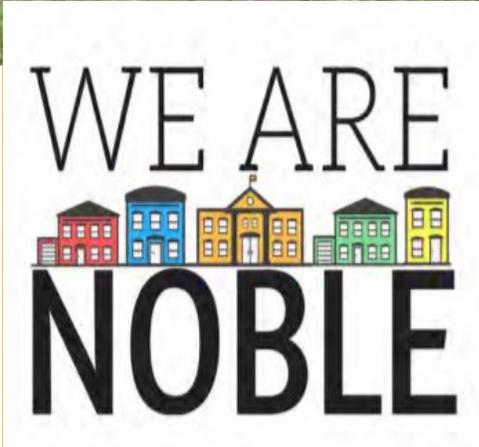
Amount Funded: \$400.00



Noble Neighbors *Perennial Garden Project*

This project aims to enhance the reputation of the Noble Road neighborhoods by building gardens, cleaning spaces, and adding artistic touches whenever possible. It will bring flowers and unique character to the community.

Amount Funded: \$900.00



Noble Neighbors *Noble Promotional Video*

The Noble Promotional Video project captures footage of the neighborhood during community events and daily life. The video promotes the neighborhood in hopes of attracting residents, investors, and visitors to the district.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00



Young Entrepreneurs *Lego Robotics Pilot Program*

The goal of the pilot is to create a community program in which students utilize Lego Robotics Kits with the guidance of the Young Entrepreneurs leaders to strengthen their critical thinking and problem solving skills. The hope is to build relationships and community as well.

Amount Funded: \$400.00



Bikur Cholim of Cleveland *Hanukkah Party for Special Needs Children*

Bikur Cholim of Cleveland will be hosting a Hannukah: Light Menora Party in Cleveland Heights for special needs children in the community. The program aims to bring children and families together in celebration of Hannukah as well as the strong support system and community that has been built and created.

Amount Funded: \$325.00

Fairfax Community Garden *Replace Deteriorating Fence*

Fairfax Community Garden has been in use as a community planting garden since the 1980s, but could grow into a gathering place that incorporates both community members and those affiliated with Fairfax Elementary School. Fairfax Community Garden was granted an award to go toward replacing a deteriorating fence, to create a more welcoming, attractive, and functional environment for gardeners and visitors.

Amount Funded: \$500.00



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Amount Funded: \$875.00



CUE

Lower Shaker Lake Public Space Reclamation

The Lower Shaker Lake Public Space Reclamation project aims to restore and enhance the public space at the southwest intersection of Coventry Road and North Park Boulevard in Cleveland Heights. The proposed site is sunken below street-level and as-such has become somewhat forgotten. The result of the project will be neighbors reclaiming the space that honors and enhances its historical and ecological significance while adding social and recreational vibrancy.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00



Friends of the Delisle Center

Beautify Delisle Center's Outdoor Spaces

This project is a partnership comprised of Cleveland Heights High School (CHHS) students and faculty, Northern Ohio Perennials Society, Greener Heights, and The Green Paradigm Partners. The CH-UH school district, which owns the garden site at the Delisle Center in the Cedar Taylor business district, share the vision that a healthy habitat engenders a healthy community and these habitats can be used for education. The grant will be used to support the Learning Circle Garden. This project results in an educational experience for students, as well as a green space for the community. The Friends of the Delisle Center believe that public green spaces should be environmentally healthy and used productively by the community.

Amount Funded: \$1,000.00



Montford Community Garden

Gardening Set-Up Grants

The Montford Community Garden was established to provide a focal point in the community where neighbors could rent garden beds to grow vegetables and flowers. The vision is for this space to bring neighbors together to connect with one another and share gardening knowledge. With the grant, Montford Community Garden provides scholarships for two new members/families. The scholarships cover the yearly plot fee, plants, plant support, and a fence. This project encourages people in the neighborhood to take more interest in gardening, creating a healthier and more unified community, acknowledging gardeners as ambassadors of the neighborhood.

Amount Funded: \$327.00



Noble Neighbors

Talent of the Heights

Noble Neighbors is hosts a community-wide event, 'We Are Noble' in May to celebrate and showcase the neighborhood. The Talent of the Heights event is a part of the 'We Are Noble' weekend and hosts live music and entertainment for families in the morning and afternoon at the former McDonalds vacant lot in the Noble Nela business district.

Amount Funded: \$500.00



Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

Beautify the Hill at St Alban's

Located in the Coventry neighborhood, this project focuses on enhancing the highly visible landscaping on St. Alban's front hill, facing Euclid Heights Boulevard. The finished project offers an attractive space, healthy garden, and a common space in the neighborhood.

Amount Funded: \$750.00



The Old Vaudevillian *Costume Exchange Pop-Up*

Located in the former Heights Music Shop space, the pop-up is about building community, by providing low-cost Halloween costumes to children and vibrantly decorating a vacant storefront for the holiday.

Amount Funded: \$355.00



GardenWalk of Cleveland Heights

GardenWalk is a free, self-guided tour of private and community gardens and home orchards in each neighborhood in the city. It aims to nurture community, beautify neighborhoods and encourage civic pride.

Amount Funded: \$250.00



Litter Busters of Noble Neighborhood *Plawk Noble*

The project aims to foster a litter-free neighborhood while encouraging residents to move around. Through this project, Litter Busters hopes that residents will become more conscious of litter and dispose of it.

Amount Funded: \$320.00



Oxford Community Garden *The 'Tri-P' Project (Planning, Planting, Producing)*

The project aims to make the garden and gardening more accessible to seniors through the installation of raised beds. In implementation this project, the organization hosts two meetings aimed at educating community members on the benefits of gardening.

Amount Funded: \$500.00

Spring 2019



Ageing Well at Home Initiative *CH Aging Well at Home Guide*

Residents of the Forest Hill neighborhood developed a guide of resources for Cleveland Heights residents who have chosen to age at home or are living at home with disabilities. The group developed the guide to assist in the navigation of service providers. [See the Guide](#)

Amount Funded: \$720.00



Heights Performing Arts Camp *2019 Camp Season*

In 2016 a group of Cleveland Heights parents envisioned a performing arts camp to bring together kids from each elementary school in the CH-UH school district to help prepare them for middle school. They joined with Ensemble Theatre, which has a commitment to non-traditional casting, culturally diverse programming, and engagement impacting youth & underserved populations. As a result, Heights Performing Arts Camp (HPAC) was born, intentionally made available at no cost. The camp emphasizes the creative abilities of learners while also strengthening literacy, teamwork, and problem solving. [Learn More](#)

Amount Funded: \$750.00



Maple, Crest, Wood, & Parkhill *Millikin Playground Enhancement*

Residents of Maple, Crest, Wood, and Parkhill roads work together to strengthen their sense of community by identifying issues within their neighborhood that would benefit from coordinated efforts, activities & problem solving. The group has vested interest on improving the public space and playground at the former Millikin Elementary School building. The project adds enhancements to the space through public art and gardening, creating a space that will build community in a diverse neighborhood.

Amount Funded: \$945.00



Bradford Road Neighbors

Bradford Road Pollinator Path

An expansion of a current project to rehabilitate a WPA-era pathway constructed as a safe walkway for children en route to Canterbury Elementary School. The goal is to bring sustainable plant life to the pathway to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the path as well as support indigenous growth, replacing invasive plants. "The BPP is a creative local solution to educate and activate...our street...to increase biodiversity in our community [and] bring together neighbors through the pleasure of gardening."

Amount Funded: \$1000.00



Beth El - The Heights Synagogue

Play Yard Enhancement

Organizers of this project noticed children using bike racks and stair rails as climbing toys, which inspired the idea for a more stable and functional play place for children attending shul, as well as those in the neighborhood. "Families will see the synagogue as not just an old building but part of a kid-friendly neighborhood," organizers said in their application.

Amount Funded: \$809.00



Boulevard PTA

Boulevard Learning Garden Enhancement

Boulevard PTA applied for funds to purchase seeds, seeding tables, irrigation systems, and materials to build trellises in Boulevard Elementary School's new raised-bed planters. "The garden itself a resource that many parents aspire to have in their schools, [and will] send a clear message to prospective parents that current Boulevard families and community members are actively... developing creative programming to enhance the school."

Amount Funded: \$1000.00

Coventry Collaborations

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Mapping

A survey project that aims to “help the community come together stronger to collaborate with...local businesses and nonprofits to achieve mutually beneficial goals”. Sharing skills and abilities, survey respondents will be added to a database that can be used by those in the neighborhood to approach projects efficiently. “If you want to build a treehouse at Spirit Corner...you could check the survey results and see everyone in the area who said they are proficient at carpentry and then reach out to those people”.

Amount Funded: \$1000.00

North Coventry & Eddington Friends

Eddington Pocket Park

“Unfortunately, many residents in this neighborhood don’t see themselves as connected, capable of change, or being leaders,” organizers said in their application. “This project will keep them at the tip of the spear the entire duration as participatory development practices reveal their ability to connect, their capability of envisioning good things and making them happen, and serving their neighborhood for the common good.”

Amount Funded: \$809.00



Spring 2020



Noble Neighbors *Noble Nook*

Noble Nook project, which seeks to enhance the vacant lot at Noble and Roanoke roads into an attractive space that encourages community use. For more information, visit www.nobleneighbors.com.

Amount Funded: \$500.00

Maple, Crest, Wood, & Parkhill *Millikin Playground Enhancement*

Millikin Playground Enhancements project, which will enhance the playground at the former Millikin Elementary School building and facilitate community-building in the neighborhood.

Amount Funded: \$450.00

Cumberland Neighbors *Community Event Summer 2020*

Community Event at Cumberland Park. The event seeks to build on the success of its 2019 event, which brought neighbors together.

Amount Funded: \$175.00

Spring 2020



Noble Neighbors *Little Free Library*

The Noble Little Free Library project, which will build, install and provide maintenance for five Little Free Libraries in the Noble neighborhood. Learn more at www.nobleneighbors.com.

Amount Funded: \$500.00



Heights Performing Arts Camp *2020 Camp Season*

A performing arts camp at Ensemble Theatre, which emphasizes developing the creative abilities of learners while strengthening literacy, teamwork and problem solving. Learn more at www.ensembletheatrecl.org/heightsperformingartscamp/.

Amount Funded: \$1000.00



Cedarbrook Society

Placemaking Ambassador Program (Season Two)

Placemaking Ambassador Program, works with young people to steward the Cedar Lee Mini-Park through weeding and plantings throughout the summer.

Amount Funded: \$500.00



Delmore Community Orchard *Noble*

The Delmore Community Orchard is a newly formed organization, beginning in March, 2020. This organization created a beautiful orchard in the place of an empty home lot. This program works to create beautiful and serene areas in the noble neighborhood. The orchard now has five fruit trees with more to be planted in the spring as well as raspberry and blueberry bushes concord grapes and two paw-paws (Ohio's only native fruit). This project is crating a beautiful orchard unique to the Nobel neighborhood.

Amount Funded: \$500.00

Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice Council *Coventry*

The EYEJ Youth Council comes from EYEJ: Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice which is a non-profit that began in 2013 where they amplify youth voices for those that are silent and have served 1,500 underserved youth. The EYEJ Youth Council focuses on positive systemic change for youth. This program teaches youth to create their own businesses that in return help the community and other youth. It teaches them how to run a business, make money, how to manage, responsibility, collaborating and more.

Amount Funded: \$600.00

The Euclid Heights Boulevard Block Club *Boulevard*

The Boulevard Mutual Aid project works to meet the needs of families in our neighborhood with limited access to healthy food. They plan to build and install a "Little Free Library" and "Little Free Pantry" in at least four sites in our neighborhood that have relatively high foot traffic. The little free library and pantry concepts are based on the concept of "mutual aid," in which no single organization or government agency is providing goods or services, but people are involved in a reciprocal support. This is intended to increase community participation and recognizes that all people have something to contribute, whether it is money, food, labor or other services.

Amount Funded: \$400.00



Coventry Village Special Improvement District

Coventry

Coventry Village Special Improvement District (CVSID) will be turning the glass stair/elevator well tower on Coventry Road into a public art light installation. By strategically placing LED Lights throughout the structure, they'll create an interactive, colorful display that will turn the stairwell into an attractive and captivating sculpture. The light/art creates intentional way-finding benefits and also promotes the safety of the structure/area. As the center of the neighborhood, this project will create the focal point and catalyst for the ongoing development of Coventry as a mural and arts district.

Amount Funded: \$500.00

Heights Youth Council Youth Who Vote

Coventry

This program was created for extremely motivated young citizens who decided they wanted to become involved in our local community in a deeper way: through our government in the midst of the Black Lives Matter movement. It will provide a baseline of educational understanding of our city's government and then move forward to provide an avenue and space for the youth to get involved in local government projects and overall community building. This will create a more educated and involved community, which will create a better understanding of each other and overall improved community prospects.

Amount Funded: \$825.00