

Neighborhood Mini Grants

About the program

WHAT is this program: The FutureHeights Neighborhood Mini-Grant award (up to \$1,000) is for citizen-led projects that benefit Cleveland Heights and University Heights neighborhoods. The intention of the Neighborhood Mini-Grants program is to offer support to Cleveland Heights and University Heights groups who wish to build community by working together to start or sustain a neighborhood project or initiative.

WHO should apply: Cleveland Heights or University Heights residents, neighborhood associations, or organizations who need a little start-up cash to get their project up and running.

WHY should you consider applying: FutureHeights' vision is to have vibrant neighborhoods that have increased resilience through grassroots participation in civic life. Through the utilization of a program like Neighborhood Mini-Grants, Cleveland Heights and University Heights neighborhoods become stronger as neighbors get to know each other, making them better equipped to address challenges in the physical and social environment. This empowering program activates the assets of everyday people, nonprofit organizations, and public resources and departments and establishes a legacy of pride and commitment to the place where the participants live, work, and play.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINI-GRANTS

Do you have an idea to improve
your neighborhood? Do you need
a little start-up funding?

The Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program awards small grants of up to \$1,000 to fund citizen-led neighborhood projects, events and activities that benefit Cleveland Heights and University Heights.

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*Make your dream
neighborhood
project a reality*

Applications due September 15th

Questions? Email Sarah at swolf@futureheights.org

Details at futureheights.org/programs/community-building-programs

About the program (cont'd).

WHEN is it happening: We offer two rounds of the Neighborhood Mini-Grant every year: once in the spring and once in the fall.

HOW TO APPLY: Apply for a mini-grant using a Google Form. Every season has a new application link – please click [here](#) to find the current option. Reach out to Sarah at swolf@futureheights.org for application assistance.

DUE DATES: Applications are due March 15th (for the spring round) or September 15th (for the fall round) by midnight.

Special thanks to our supporters and partners, the Cedars Legacy Fund and the McGinty Family Foundation 1989, for providing ongoing support for the Mini-Grants Program.

If you are interested in supporting an expansion of the Neighborhood Mini-Grant program, consider making a donation to increase our capacity to offer funding to more Heights residents ready to take on inspiring, community-building projects! Reach out to Sarah - swolf@futureheights.org - to get started.

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75 projects have been funded for a total of **\$50,538** (as of Fall 2022)

2022: 13 projects, \$9,700

2021: 14 projects, \$10,452*

2020: 11 projects, \$6,000

2019: 8 projects, \$6,000

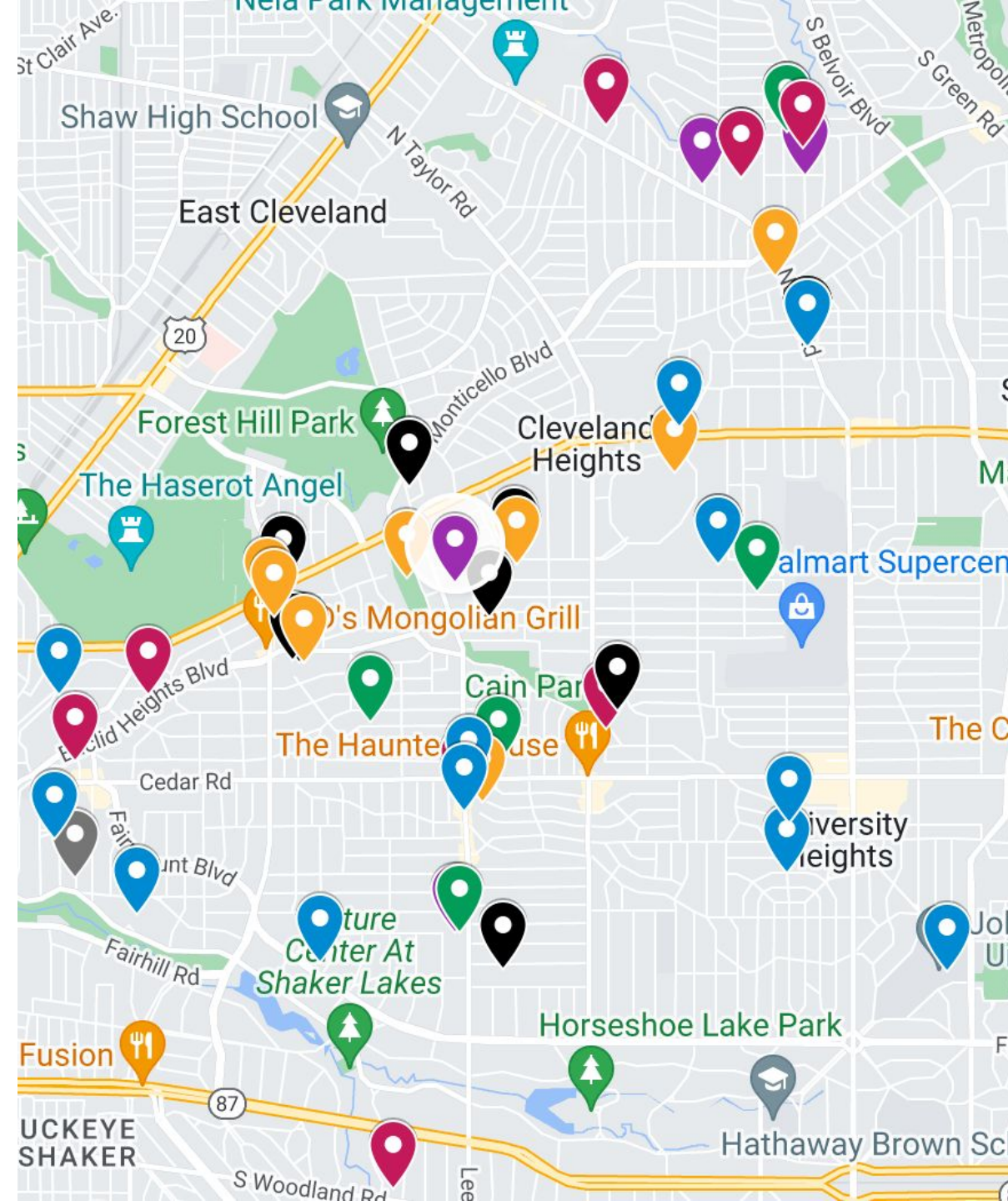
2018: 10 projects, \$5,002

2017: 7 projects, \$4,775

2016: 9 projects, \$7,205

2015: 2 projects, \$1,404

**2021 includes 3 in University Heights -- this is the first year UH was eligible to participate in the program*



Annual Allocation of Neighborhood Mini-Grant Funds by Category

CATEGORY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
Gardening and Beautification	\$990	\$4,420	\$1,400	\$4,147	\$2,000	\$500	\$3,750	\$2,500	\$19,707
Arts & Placemaking/Marketing and Branding	\$414	\$1,910	\$2,000	\$355	\$2,254	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$13,433
Community Events			\$325	\$500		\$175		\$1,850	\$2,850
Community Outreach & Service		\$875	\$400		\$996	\$400	\$1,202	\$750	\$4,623
Youth Empowering and Engagement			\$650		\$750	\$2,425	\$2,500	\$3,600	\$9,925
TOTAL	\$1,404	\$7,205	\$4,775	\$5,002	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,452	\$9,700	\$50,538

3 Projects
Supported

FALL 2022

\$2,750
Awarded





10 Projects
Supported

SPRING 2022

\$6,950
Awarded



4 Projects
Supported

FALL 2021

\$4,000
Awarded





9 Projects
Supported

SPRING 2021

\$6,451
Awarded



Neighborhood Mini-Grant Award Recipients - By Year

2022 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Coventry PEACE Campus - Lantern Festival
- GardenWalk Cleveland Heights
- Lake Erie Ink - Word Gardeners
- Millikin Neighborhood Group - Community Building & Playground Improvement
- Oxford Community Garden - Raised to Grow
- Roxboro Elementary School - Pivot: Hydroponic Sowing and Growing in an Urban School Library

\$750

- Boulevard Elementary School PTA - Lunch Bunch Programming
- Cleveland Heights Green Team - Sustainability Awareness and Activism

\$500

- Coventry SID - 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Coventry Village
- Friends of Cain Parks - Cain Park Native Plant Beautification
- Noble Neighbors - Noble Gardners' Market

\$350

- Grandview Luminaries - Grandview Community Calendar
- Noble Cigar Box Guitar Project

2021 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Building Heights - Heights Middle School Shorts
- Cleveland Heights Green Team - Green Space Beautification and Sustainability Awareness
- EYEJ: Empowering Youth Exploring Justice - EYEJ Meet-n-Greet
- Fairfax Community Garden - Replacing Border Boards Along Garden Pathways
- Noble Neighbors - Noble-Itty Bench Project
- University Heights Symphonic Band - 50th Celebration Pt. 2

\$750

- Friends of the Walt - Walter Stinson Park Restoration

\$500

- Cedarbrook Society - Public Gardening
- Lower Edgehill Neighborhood Association - Sunset Park
- Millikin Neighbors - Community Building & Playground Improvement
- Noble Cigar Box Guitar Project
- Wizbang Theatre - Free Circus Days

\$202

- Friends of "Art in the Park - Rocks of Kindness

Neighborhood Mini-Grant Award Recipients - By Year

2020 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Heights Performing Arts Camp (2020)

\$825

- Heights Youth Council - Youth Who Vote Series

\$600

- EYEJ Youth Council - CLE Deals for the EYEJ Youth Council

\$500

- Cedarbrook Society - Placemaking Ambassador Program , Season Two - Garden Beds
- Coventry SID - Coventry Parking Garage Light/Art Installation
- Delmore Community Orchard
- Maple, Crest, Wood & Parkhill Neighbors - Millikin Playground Enhancements
- Noble Neighbors - Noble Nook
- Noble Neighbors - Free Little Library

\$400

- The Euclid Heights Boulevard Block Club - Boulevard Mutual Aid Project

\$175

- Cumberland Neighbors - Community Event Summer 2020

2019 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Boulevard PTA - Boulevard Learning Garden Enhancement Project
- Bradford Road Neighbors - Bradford Road Pollinator Path (BPP)

\$945

- Maple, Crest, Wood, & Parkhill Neighbors - Millikin Playground Enhancements

\$809

- Beth El - the Heights Synagogue - Play Yard

\$750

- Heights Performing Arts Camp (2019)

\$720

- Cleveland Heights Aging Well at Home Initiative - Cleveland Heights Aging Well at Home Guide

\$500

- North Coventry and Eddington Friends - Eddington Pocket Park

\$276

- Coventry Collaboration - Asset Based Community Development Mapping project

Neighborhood Mini-Grant Award Recipients - By Year

2018 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- CUE - Lower Shaker Lake Public Space Reclamation
- Friends of Delisle Center - Beautifying the Delisle Center's Outdoor Spaces

\$750

- Saint Alban's Episcopal Church - Beautify the Hill

\$500

- Noble Neighbors - Talent of the Heights

\$327

- Montford Community Garden - Gardening Set Up

Other

- The Olde Vaudevillian - Costume Exchange Pop-Up
- GardenWalk of Cleveland Heights
- Litter Busters - PLAWK Noble
- Oxford Community Garden - "Tri-P" Project

2017 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Noble Neighbors - Noble Promotional Video

\$900

- Noble Neighbors - Perennial Garden

\$875

- The Welcome Hub - Driver's Education Scholarships for Refugees

\$500

- Fairfax Community Garden - Replace Deteriorating Fence Project

\$400

- Cleveland Soup & Bread Experiment
- Young Entrepreneurs - Lego Robotics

\$325

- Bikur Cholim of Cleveland - Hannukah: Light Menora Party for Special Needs Children

Neighborhood Mini-Grant Award Recipients - By Year

2016 Award Recipients

\$1,000

- Coventry SID
- Montford Community Garden - Garden Shed and Pocket Park
- Oxford Community Garden
- The Welcome Hub - Driver's Education Scholarships for Refugees

\$910

- Noble Neighbors - Yard Signs

\$830

- Forest Hills Homeowners Association & Boulevard Elementary - Boulevard Elementary Outdoor Classroom Enhancement

\$610

- Urban Oak School - Cleveland Heights Peace Park Garden

\$500

- Fairfax Community Garden - Community Garden Upgrade

\$480

- Oxford Community Garden - Garden Shed Repair

\$250

- Forest Hills Homeowners Association & Boulevard Elementary - Forest Hill Historical Signage Beautification Program

2015 Award Recipients

\$990

- Noble Neighbors - Flower Planting for Beautification

Other

- Raft Co-Exist



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Our Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program is funded & supported by Heights community members, just like you! Special thanks to the Cedars Legacy Fund for their annual support to keep community-building strong year after year in the Heights.

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” - *Margaret Mead*