

# NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTIONS AWARDS PROGRAM



## NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY THROUGH CREATIVE PLACEMAKING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - DUE SEPTEMBER 2, 2016



**Cleveland  
Neighborhood  
Progress**



*investing for vibrancy*



Gould Court in Ohio City, courtesy LAND Studio

**ORGANIZATION**

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

**Three Portfolios:**

Placemaking  
CDC Services  
Economic Opportunity

**Two Subsidiaries**

New Village Corporation  
Village Capital Corporation

**One Mission:**

To Foster Communities of Choice and Opportunity Throughout Cleveland

**Our Vision:**

For all neighborhoods to be attractive, vibrant communities where people of all income, races, and generations thrive, prosper, and choose to live, learn, work, invest, and play. In partnership with community development corporations, local foundations, the business community, and government, our work to ensure a strong and productive system has visibly improved neighborhoods and enabled countless city residents to enjoy a better quality of life.

**Cleveland Neighborhood Progress** is pleased to announce the fourth round of the Neighborhood Solutions Awards. These annual grants provide critical resources to grassroots-level organizations and community leaders seeking to implement innovative solutions for issues generally faced by neighborhoods throughout Cleveland.

The 2016 grant-making cycle will focus on the implementation of short and long-term solutions that enhance, improve, and ensure neighborhood safety. Because our organization and our partners focus on the built environment, we are seeking approaches that utilize creative placemaking as a preferred avenue. The built environment is a medium in which solutions, although often costly, can have long-term effects on neighbors in an equitable, geo-relative way that many social service programs or community events struggle to achieve. There will be two funding pools available to interested applicants.

**POOL ONE** will offer UP TO \$5,000 to applicants wishing to implement temporary or “pop-up” solutions designed to address community function and intra/inter neighborhood relationships, especially between residents and safety officials. This pool is highly flexible and will ideally be applied to a portfolio of diverse proposals and applicants. Examples of fundable projects include “start-up infrastructure” for community watch groups, facilitated planning processes, art installations, installation of inexpensive (“lo-tech”) safety equipment; unique social media approaches, events that effectively engage residents

with one-another, and so on. Ongoing programs or proposals that do not have an obvious connection to community safety AND creative placemaking will not be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to request only the amount of funding that is required to execute the vision. Preference will be given to simple and inexpensive solutions that can be replicated in other communities as well as those applicants that have raised matching funds from other organizations or individuals. The first part (Part A) of the application is the only thing required of Pool One applicants and it should be completed digitally and emailed or completed manually and delivered prior to the deadline. Follow-up for this funding pool is also simple: a two-page event summary following execution of the proposed project, including a narrative of what transpired and pictures taken on-site or at the event.

At least five awards are expected to be made from the first pool.

**POOL TWO** will offer UP TO \$30,000 to applicants proposing permanent infrastructure investments or the implementation of plans that positively enhance safety in the community while reducing the operational burden on public safety organizations. This pool is also flexible, but will concentrate on partners, organizations, and individuals with track records of success. Examples of fundable projects in this pool include improved community lighting and visibility, vegetative pruning, strategic

landscaping and implementation of other “CPTED” principles, enhancing convening spaces, improving neighborhood accountability, and so on. Ongoing programs or proposals that do not have obvious connections to both community safety and creative placemaking will not be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to request only the amount of funding that is required to execute the vision. Preference will be given to innovative solutions that challenge the concept of community safety and help us collectively learn about how it can be done with greater efficacy. Both parts of the application must be completed by those seeking an award from pool two. The application should be “bundled” (to the extent possible) into a single, digital file and emailed. Pool two finalists will interview with a selection jury during the week of October 3rd at a to-be-announced location and time. Follow-up for pool two requires progress reports in years one and three that track security metrics identified in the proposal.

At least four awards are planned from pool two.

**ELIGIBILITY** for the 2016 Neighborhood Solutions Awards is extended to any individual, agency, or organization that applies with the support of an official, City of Cleveland Community Development Corporation (see list on back cover). Applicants are not limited to a single proposal or single pool, but each proposal will be considered independently of other applications.

**PROPOSALS** should be formatted as a digital file and emailed to [WMortensen@ClevelandNP.org](mailto:WMortensen@ClevelandNP.org) or delivered (via USB drive) to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 2, 2016. A single, PDF file is preferred, but not required. Proposal requirements are as follows.

**PART A - POOLS ONE & TWO**

- > Project Name
- > Proposed Captain with Contact Information
- > Statement of Qualifications
- > CDC Partner and Individual Contact
- > Problem Statement
- > Project Description
- > Impact Statement
- > List of Community Partners
- > Implementation Timeline
- > Project Budget
- > Agreement to Meet Reporting Requirements

**PART B - POOL TWO ONLY**

- > Project Summary
- > CDC Letter of Support, with Role Described
- > Team Roster, with Resumes of Key Personnel
- > Research Methods Statement
- > Expected Outcomes
- > Maintenance/Operating Plan
- > Ongoing Financial Commitment (if nec.)
- > Examples of Capacity
- > Funding Commitments
- > Letters of Support

**2016 MILESTONES**

RFP Released  
18 July <<

**Response Deadline**

2 Sept, 5:00 PM <<

**Pool 2 Finalists Released**

19 Sept <<

**Pool 2 Finalist Interviews**

3 Oct (week of) <<

**Grantees Announced at**

Progress Institute  
3 Nov <<

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Innovation <<
- Impact <<
- Collaboration <<
- Leadership <<
- Replication <<

**QUESTIONS:**

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## CLEVELAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

### **Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation**

14703 Puritas Avenue  
(216) 671-2710  
bpdc.org

### **Buckeye Shaker Sq. Development Corp.**

11802 Buckeye Road  
(216) 491-8450  
buckeyeshaker.org

### **Burten, Bell, Carr Development**

7201 Kinsman Road  
(216) 341-1455  
bbcdevelopment.org

### **Campus District, Inc.**

2254 Euclid Avenue Suite 101  
(216) 344-9200  
campusdistrict.org

### **Collinwood Nottingham Villages**

15614 St. Clair Avenue  
(216) 383-9772  
cnvdc.org

### **Cudell Improvement, Inc.**

11650 Detroit Avenue  
(216) 228-4383  
cudell.com

### **Detroit Shoreway CDO**

6516 Detroit Ave, Suite 1  
(216) 961-4242  
dscdo.org

### **Downtown Cleveland Alliance**

1010 Euclid Avenue, Third Floor  
(216) 736-7799  
downtowncleveland.com

### **Fairfax Renaissance Development Corp.**

8111 Quincy Ave, Suite 100  
(216) 361-8400  
fairfaxrenaissance.org

### **Famicos Foundation**

1325 Ansel Road  
(216) 791-6476  
famicos.org

### **Harvard Community Services Center**

18240 Harvard Avenue  
(216) 991-8585  
harvardcommunitycenter.org

### **Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corp.**

1010 Euclid Avenue, Third Floor  
(216) 771-1994  
clevelandgatewaydistrict.com

### **Historic Warehouse District Development**

1010 Euclid Avenue, Third Floor  
(216) 344-3937  
warehousedistrict.org

### **Kamm's Corners Development Corp.**

17407 Lorain Avenue, Suite 200  
(216) 252-6559  
kammscorners.com

### **Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation**

12510 Mayfield Road  
(216) 791-4907  
littleitalyredevelopment.org

### **Midtown Cleveland, Inc.**

5000 Euclid Avenue #100  
(216) 391-5080  
midtowncleveland.org

### **Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corp.**

13815 Kinsman Road  
(216) 751-0023  
mtpleasantnow.org

### **Northeast Shores Development Corp.**

317 East 156th Street  
(216) 481-7660  
welcometocollinwood.com

### **Ohio City, Inc.**

2525 Market Avenue  
(216) 781-3222  
ohiocity.org

### **Old Brooklyn Community Development**

2339 Broadview Road  
(216) 459-1000  
oldbrooklyn.com

### **Slavic Village Development**

5620 Broadway Ave, Suite 200  
(216) 429-1182  
slavicvillage.org

### **St. Clair Superior Development Corp.**

4205 St. Clair Avenue  
(216) 881-0644  
stclairsuperior.org

### **Stockyards, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre**

3167 Fulton Road, Suite 303  
(216) 961-9073  
dscdo.org

### **Tremont West Development Corporation**

2406 Professor Street  
(216) 575-0920  
tremontwest.org

### **Union Miles Development Corporation**

9250 Miles Park Avenue  
(216) 341-0757  
unionmiles.org

### **University Circle, Inc.**

10831 Magnolia Drive  
(216) 791-3900  
universitycircle.org

### **Westown Community Development Corp.**

10313 Lorain Avenue  
(216) 941-9262  
westowncdc.org

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