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Cleveland Neighborhood Progress Announces 2018 Cleveland VOTES Grantees

Cleveland, Ohio - Today, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress is proud to announce its 19 grantees for the **2018 Cleveland VOTES** grant cycle. Grantees will convene on June 20, 2018 at the Grantee Kick-Off Training facilitated by Cleveland VOTES. We are grateful for the support of The George Gund Foundation and Nonprofit VOTE; not only our committed funders, but also strong supporters of nonpartisan voter engagement and mobilization.

Cleveland VOTES received twenty-two (22) request for proposal submissions from community development corporations, academic institutions, and community nonprofits throughout Cleveland and its surrounding neighborhoods. Jennifer Lumpkin, Civic Engagement Strategy Manager for the voter mobilization initiative, says "this robust group of grantees will inform and shape the framework of equitable civic engagement and how we build a more aware and civic-minded public. Our grantees have already demonstrated their capacity to engage communities and the 2018 grantee cycle will employ a more collaborative and integrated approach to how build democracy here in Cleveland."

Following the June 20 Grantee Kick-Off Training, Cleveland VOTES will conduct two **Nonpartisan Voter Engagement Trainings** for any and all non-profits. The training will be held on July 24th, open to the public and available for registrants <u>here</u>. The training will be followed by a film series that will culminate with a screening of Dispatches from Cleveland on National Voter Registration Day on September 25, 2018.



The 2018 Cleveland VOTES Grantees

- ACLU of Ohio Foundation
- Alpha Omega Foundation
- Asian Services In Action, Inc.
- Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.
- Cleveland State University
- Downtown Cleveland Alliance
- Detroit Shoreway CDO & Ohio City Inc.
- Enterprise Community Partners & EITC Coalition
- Equality Ohio Education Fund
- Hispanic Alliance, Inc.
- The League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland
- NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation
- Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
- Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates, Inc.
- St. Clair Superior Development Corp.
- South Euclid United Church of Christ
- Slavic Village Development
- United Labor Agency
- Union Miles Development Corporation

About Cleveland VOTES: Cleveland VOTES is a nonpartisan initiative of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress working to support and evaluate strategic equitable civic engagement of nonprofit entities conducting voter registration and outreach in Northeast Ohio. The initiative is seeking to invest in entities working to expand voter registration, accessibility and participation by integrating the practice of equitable civic engagement through the success and measurable outreach efforts of its grantees.

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