43 groups representing 30 neighborhoods submitted applications

7 teams were awarded a $5,000 grant

**Shaw** – Thurman Gateway

**Franz Park** – Dogtown Sustainability Celebration

**West End** – West End Biker’s Club

**McKinley Heights** – McKinley Meadows

**Forest Park Southeast** – Painting Sustainability

**Bevo Mill** – Bevo Gardens

**The Greater Ville** – Sweet Sensation
Urban Character, Vitality & Ecology
Shaw Neighborhood
Thurman Gateway Prairie Restoration

Key Outcomes:
- Environmental: Transformed a highway underpass into a ¼ acre of prairie
- Social: Beautified a formerly blighted and dangerous area
- Economic: Created a safe gateway between businesses in Shaw and Botanical Heights

Lessons Learned:
- Every prairie is different – know your site early!
- Make the work relevant and fun for volunteers
- Share a structured message with all participants

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Arts, Culture & Innovation
Franz Park Neighborhood
Dogtown Sustainability Celebration Project

Key Outcomes:
- More collaboration and communication among community residents and organizations
- 50 rain barrels, 20 compost bins, native plants and educated residents
- Bank of community assets and values

Lessons Learned:
- Keep it simple, start small
- Clearly define roles, meet to discuss progress
- Build on existing programs to reach wider audience

Franz Park & Clayton-Tamm Community Organizations
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Empowerment, Diversity & Equity
West End Neighborhood
West End Biker’s Club Program

Key Outcomes:
- 70 kids learned about bikes and bike safety in a fun way, and are now more active.
- 3 teens in paid internships and volunteer opportunities created leadership roles.
- Repaired 20 bikes and gave away 10 bikes and 50 helmets.

Lessons Learned:
- Foster youth community leadership.
- Involve parents & community.
- Consider different cultures and perceptions.

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Healthy, Wellbeing & Safety
McKinley Heights
McKinley Meadows Project

Key Outcomes:
- Neighborhood resident involvement in McKinley Meadows workdays.
- Availability of fruits and vegetables to neighborhood residents.
- Decrease in neighborhood complaints and calls to 911 about 2257 Missouri Ave.

Lessons Learned:
- Build community through personal relationships
- Utilize resident knowledge and community resources
- Have the right tools for the job

McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association
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Infrastructure, Facilities & Transportation

Forest Park Southeast Neighborhood
Painting Sustainability Project

Key Outcomes:
- On average, lowered roof top temperatures to within 4 degrees of ambient temperature.
- Engaged over 80 volunteers
- Provided 15 residents of Forest Park Southeast with cool white roofs

Lessons Learned:
- Don’t rely solely on volunteers. Many residents will do the work themselves if you just provide the tools, materials, and instruction.
- Try many avenues to get tools loaned to you and volunteers on board—the earlier the better.
- You can’t control the weather!

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Education, Training & Leadership
Bevo Mill Neighborhood
Bevo Gardens Project

Key Outcomes:
- A neighborhood gathering place
- Raised-bed garden plots
- Educating youth & adults about sustainability

Lessons Learned:
- Involve your local community
- Obstacles are opportunities
- Sustainability is attainability

Better Bevo Now
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Prosperity, Opportunity & Employment
Greater Ville Neighborhood
Sweet Sensation Program

Key Outcomes:
- 10 teens in the program now have better communication skills and confidence
- Learned marketing strategies and techniques
- Expanded budgeting skills

Lessons Learned:
- Utilize support of community leaders and other organizations
- Bridge the gap between education and entrepreneurship, and provide role models
- Foster positive relationships with area markets to ensure consistent selling opportunities

Northside Youth and Senior Service Center
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