



2016 Neighborhood Programs Annual Report

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Executive Summary

The City of Minneapolis provides funding and support to 70 recognized neighborhood organizations representing 82 distinct residential neighborhoods. More than seven hundred volunteers serve as board members on neighborhood organization boards. Thousands of residents participated in neighborhood sponsored events, projects and initiatives throughout the year.

In 2016, \$6,104,229 was expended through Community Participation Program (CPP) and Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) contracts. Neighborhood organizations use CPP and NRP funds to reach and organize residents and act on neighborhood identified priorities.

NCR asked neighborhood organizations to report on their 2016 activities to reach under-represented communities, communicate with residents, host meetings and events, and work on the neighborhood priorities. This consolidated report summarizes the work and accomplishments of the funded neighborhood organizations in 2016, including the following highlights:

- 88% of neighborhood organizations reported organizing events targeted to **reach underrepresented populations**:
 - 64% met with other agencies that assist them with outreach to underrepresented community members
 - 63% worked on an **issue that is of particular interest to an under-represented group** in the neighborhood.
 - 58% did targeted **outreach to renters in apartment buildings**.
- 73% held meetings to **gather input for a specific City of Minneapolis project or effort**.
- 88% held meetings to **gather input for neighborhood initiatives**.
- Neighborhood volunteers and staff reached more than **41,000 households** through door-to-door outreach.
- 96% of neighborhoods **host booths and tables at community events** such as art fairs, Open Streets, seasonal festivals, etc.
- 67% of neighborhoods report they **distribute a newsletter to all households** in their area (varies in frequency and delivery type).
- 88% provide **time at board meetings for community members** and stakeholders to ask questions or raise issues. Eighty-five percent of neighborhoods distribute meeting notices and agendas prior to meetings **with ample notice**.
- 97% of neighborhood organizations **share City of Minneapolis news** on their websites and via email, social media, and ninety percent of neighborhoods report that **affected and interested stakeholders are notified and involved in the decision making process**.

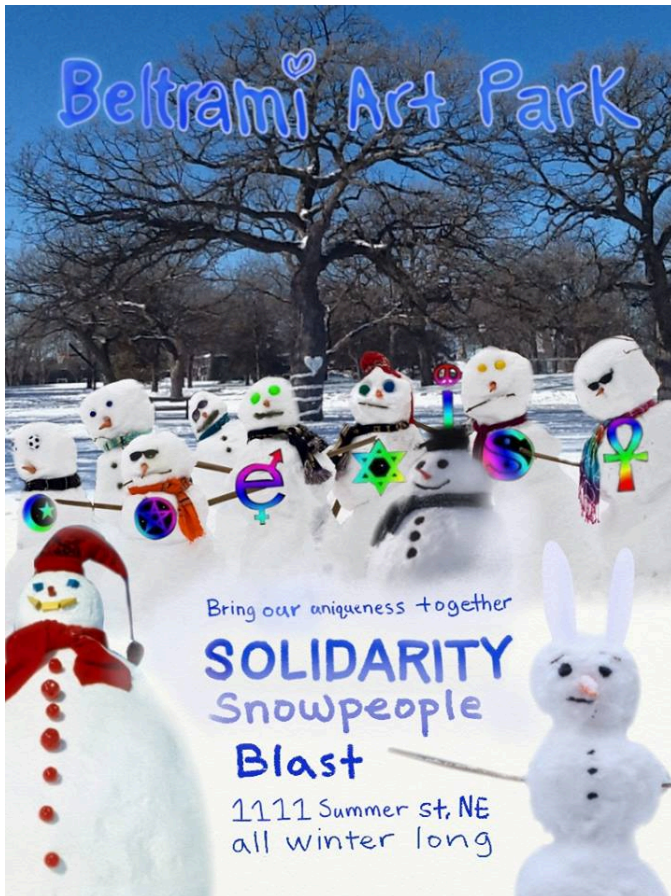
Behind each of these statistics are hundreds of dedicated volunteers and dozens of staff - each working to reach out to neighbors, address community needs, and improve our city.

Each section below includes photographs provided by neighborhood organizations, and examples that illustrate their accomplishments using their own words.

Volunteers

Beltrami Neighborhood Council

"The BNC worked to develop a partnership with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and began collaborating on a covered shelter project. Together, the BNC and MPRB built a partnership with expert timber framer, Clark Bremer, and Spark-Y and developed a project concept. In winter of 2016, the BNC was awarded a matching-grant from the U.S. Bank Places to Play program to construct a custom designed timber-framed picnic pavilion.



During the summer months, volunteers, Spark-Y interns, Clark, MPRB, and the BNC constructed the pavilion. The Beltrami community was involved in every step of the way, from carving the timbers to bringing food for the volunteers. In the fall of 2016, the BNC celebrated the completion of the gorgeous timber framed pavilion in Beltrami Park."

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

"West Calhoun concentrated its 2016 outreach efforts to complete the neighborhood's Phase I NRP Review, approve its Phase II NRP Plan, and identify a major Neighborhood Priority. Various outreach efforts and the results of a neighborhood survey led to three major funded priorities: improvements to the green space at W. 32nd and Calhoun Pkwy, multi-modal traffic improvements to improve safety and enhance the environment for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, etc., and support affordable housing efforts in Minneapolis."

East Calhoun Community Organization

"ECCO partnered with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board to host a site for the Earth Day Cleanup in April. Dozens of volunteers came out to pick up trash and recycling along the shores of Lake Calhoun."

Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association

"2016 was a remarkably good year for volunteer participation, and waste/recycling collection, in our neighborhood. We advertised widely for volunteers through our social media channels, and with our cooperation with the UMN's office of off-campus living. The event was led by one of our new resident--volunteers—who would soon become a new MHNA board member only two months later—we secured over 70 volunteers to collect 60 bags of garbage and 38 bags of recyclables."

Thank You, Volunteers!

Neighborhood organizations do most of their work through the hundreds of volunteers who serve on the board of directors and committees. These volunteers organize community events and activities, meet with City and jurisdictional staff to solve community problems, serve on block patrols or block clubs, organize and help with community cleanups, and support youth programs, and many other activities!

56 Neighborhood organizations reported a total of more than **73,285 volunteer hours**. Using the hourly standard for the value of volunteer time established by Independent Sector, **the total value of this volunteer time is more than \$1.9 million.**

Thousands!	Numbers of volunteers
73,285	Volunteer hours reported
\$26.40	Estimated hourly value of volunteer time
\$1,934,724.00	Estimated total value of volunteer time



Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association Inc.

"MPNAI takes the lead to organize an annual Fall Clean Sweep with the four Phillips neighborhoods...We raise around \$10,000 in cash donations and \$5,000 in kind donations from neighborhood partners annually to conduct this event...This event brought together neighbors, fortified relationships, and cleaned up the area as a whole. This event is one which exemplifies the spirit of community which is found in Phillips..."

North Loop Neighborhood Association

"The NLNA has adopted Washington Ave as part of the Clean City program (2016). We removed trash 4 times during 2016, which demonstrated neighborhood pride and participation. We had over 200 neighborhood volunteers participate in 2016. Additional trash and recycling containers were added to unserved sections of Washington Ave, 1st St N and N 2nd St."

Outreach to Underrepresented Groups

Kingfield Neighborhood Association

"KFNA is very excited about the establishment of our new Equity and Outreach Committee who is committed to making Kingfield a safer, more inclusive neighborhood for everyone. They have created a yard sign to be welcoming to historically marginalized groups, written articles on tolerance and in response to hate crimes, and are working on setting up diversity training for the board, and potentially a shorter workshop for the community."



Seward Neighborhood Group

"Last year we co-sponsored an Iftar at Bethany Lutheran Church. We had over a hundred attendees, many of whom had never been in a Christian Church before this event. Our local police served the food. This was an incredible event bringing together many aspects of the neighborhood. Not only did the Iftar educate neighbors about Ramadan connect people of different faiths and cultures it also helped make a positive connection with our local police force."

Lyndale Neighborhood Association

"LNA's work is intentionally designed to connect with and engage underrepresented groups. Our programs such as the Women's Leadership and our ESL classes provide skill and leadership development while connecting participants to the neighborhood through lessons, field trips, and participation in LNA's other events."

Bryant Neighborhood Organization

"As an organization, BNO is focused on social justice issues that impact our community members. As development brings the threat of gentrification into Bryant, community members are concerned about their ability to stay in their homes as they age. Bryant was one of the first neighborhoods to have the Tilsen homes which opened up home ownership to African Americans. We are proud of our history and want to enable community members to stay in their homes and resist gentrification."

Windom Park Citizens in Action

"Recognizing that many of our residents and business neighbors are Muslim, held a community conversation on the topic of 'Islamophobia: Myths and Misunderstandings' ... Representatives of a local mosque were invited to present... A lively discussion was held, with some greater understandings shared and notation of the need to welcome all people to the community, regardless of religion."

Outreach to Underrepresented Groups



Neighborhood organizations throughout the City use a wide variety of strategies to reach out to and involve underrepresented groups, including renters, non-English speaking residents and others.

90%	Reported activities targeted to reach underrepresented populations.
88%	Reported using multiple strategies to reach underrepresented populations.
74%	Reviewed activities and identified new leaders and volunteers for participation.
58%	Worked on an issue of particular interest to an underrepresented group in the neighborhood.
55%	Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach renters.
55%	Met with other agencies in the community that work closely with underrepresented constituencies.
52%	Did targeted tabling at events (such as farmers markets, cultural events, etc.).
44%	Included an Americans with Disabilities Act statement on meeting and event notices.



Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.

"EPNI partnered with many other local organizations to support the Islamophobia Town Hall, jointly sponsored by Wards 6 and 3. Elliot Park is home to a large Somali population and the 2016 presidential campaign rhetoric was particularly troubling for many."

Housing Programs

Nicollet Island – East Bank Neighborhood Association

"Nordhaus consists of 280 units of market rate rental housing with significant retail space on the ground floor in two 5-story medium-rise buildings and a 21-story tower. We expect that this development to dramatically change this formerly blighted area for the better. The nearly 600 new residents will bring new life, activity and interest to the Neighborhood. We expect to welcome the first new residents in August 2017."

Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association

"The DMNA cares deeply about the homeless population and people transitioning out of homelessness who live in the downtown community. The DMNA Board actively supports the work of Aeon, Catholic Charities, People Serving People, RS Eden / Emanuel Housing, Salvation Army and St. Stephen's Human Services by sharing information about volunteer opportunities, fundraising events and other activities."



Audubon Neighborhood Association

"In 2016 we focused on outreach to renters and renters rights (in partnership with other organizations)."

Nokomis East Neighborhood Association

"We hired Karla Arredondo, a bilingual community organizer. NENA staff received training from the Minneapolis Renters Coalition ... Inquilinos Unidos Por Justicia, HomeLine, CURA and city inspectors... Helped two buildings to advocate for their rights and the landlord made significant changes in repairs and pest exterminations"

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization

"Tenant leaders supported by the Minneapolis Renters Coalition have worked together with neighbors to hold landlords accountable and to advocate on behalf of residents....Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) door-knocked all of the affected homes, in order to build and rejuvenate relationships with families, and to share information about what the revocation process could mean for them. Based on these conversations, CNO and its MRC partners worked with building leaders to organize a protest of ongoing livability and affordability concerns in the buildings, right outside their doors."

Housing Programs

\$1.6 million in NRP Home Loans and Grants in 2016

Neighborhood NRP loan programs continue to thrive. In 2016, neighborhood organization home improvement programs provided 200 loans and grants to help homeowners fix-up and restore their homes. These programs include fix-and-paint programs, emergency assistance, mortgage assistance for new homeowners, and other forms of assistance.

Neighborhood Loan Program	Number	Total Amount
NRP Revolving Loans	85	\$1,125,498.01
NRP Grants	54	\$151,213.18
NRP Mortgage Assistance	37	\$177,185.62
NRP Deferred Loans	23	\$98,032.06
NRP Housing Development	1	\$71,250.00
Grand Total	200	\$1,623,178.87

Neighborhood NRP home loan and grant programs provided assistance to 200 homeowners for a total of more than \$1.6 million.

In addition to many single-family home loans and grants, several neighborhood organizations have dedicated NRP funds to support affordable multi-family and youth housing projects. Between 2008 and 2017, neighborhood organizations have dedicated over \$1.8 million to the Nonprofit Assistance Fund's Affordable Housing Working Capital Program, Bridge for Youth, and YouthLink.

In 2016, Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association committed \$85,000 to YouthLink to support a housing case manager and youth outreach worker at its new supportive housing development that will house 46 formerly homeless youth ages 18-24.

East Calhoun Community Organization dedicated \$35,000 in 2016 to the Affordable Housing Working Capital Program.

\$2.8 million in Program Income

Neighborhood home loan programs generate income as loans from past years are repaid. In 2016, nearly \$2.8 million in program income was returned to the City. Neighborhood organizations reinvest this program income by supplementing existing NRP home improvement programs, starting new home improvement programs, and funding other priorities.

Whittier Alliance

We are losing affordable housing in Whittier and those that have it are some poorly served. To address this we: hosted a forum to discuss affordable housing and gentrification, hosted three focus groups targeting Somalis, Section 8 recipients and mental health service recipients, and collected data through an online survey. We took this data and published it on our website. These actions better connected us to underserved communities within Whittier and led to a broader Asset Mapping project in 2017.

Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association

"The association is currently active with the Minneapolis Renter's Coalition (MRC); which is a collaboration of nearly a dozen neighborhood groups, advocacy agency and legal aid support institutions. This partnership has driven meetings with various elected officials to discuss the coalition's concerns..."

Membership Meetings and Focus Groups

Citizens for a Loring Park Community

"Board members have taken on Individual Outreach projects like: Neighborhood Memory Project, Loring 365, Abate Graffiti Project, Neighborhood Tree Project/Ash Tree Inoculation, and Remove Cattails from Loring Pond, and Outreach to individual buildings."

East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association

"Our annual participation in Open Streets on Lyndale Ave allows volunteers including board members the opportunity to meet and interact with many residents at this high visibility event. Volunteers can answer questions about the neighborhood organization and sign up residents interested in receiving our eNews and for volunteering."



Fulton Neighborhood Association

"FNA feels strongly about engaging the community, but also empowering others to engage their neighbors. Through our Small Grants Program we were able to provide a class for seniors, support for history and culture at a local school and large scale transportation and pedestrian safety issues through Open Streets"

St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization

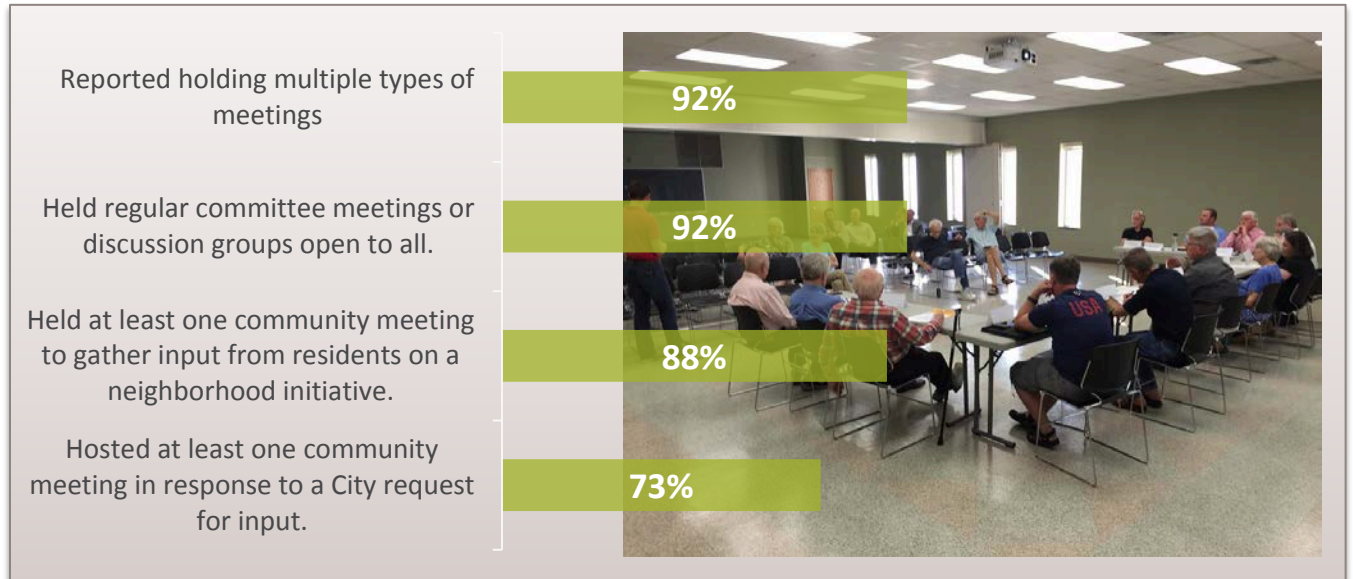
"The Small Area Plan (SAP) was an important and successful undertaking for our neighborhood, especially with the challenges of greater density and traffic along with a desire to promote the historic character of the community. The planning process used many different techniques such as newsletters, community meetings, focus sessions, and a task force to involve the neighborhood. The SAP process provided opportunities to discuss local issues and develop unifying solutions."

Waite Park Community Council

"New this year is direct conversation with renters regarding issues and working with both the renters and the district representatives to resolve issues. This has given us the opportunity to not only speak with renters about their issues but also personally invite them to join our board. In addition, we continue to host topic meetings throughout the year with a variety of topics – hoping to draw a variety of our neighborhood residents."

Membership Meetings and Focus Groups

Meetings are the basic element of neighborhood work, where residents get together to discuss issues and plan their work. Many neighborhood organizations are exploring new formats and adding more open venues. These changes have resulted in more opportunities for diverse participation and inclusion.



Columbia Park Neighborhood Association

"To bring more people out to our annual meeting for board elections we have worked to make the event not only bigger, but more fun....During the business portion of the meeting the kids could go swimming, play on the new playground or with the features of the pop up park. It drew a record number to our annual meeting and a great time was had by all."

McKinley Community

"Lack of local gathering spaces and businesses is challenging for McKinley. We were approached by someone seeking to open a coffee shop and felt it aligned with our vision of the neighborhood. Many residents have taken advantage of the presence of the coffee shop and as an organization we have discussed many opportunities for collaboration."

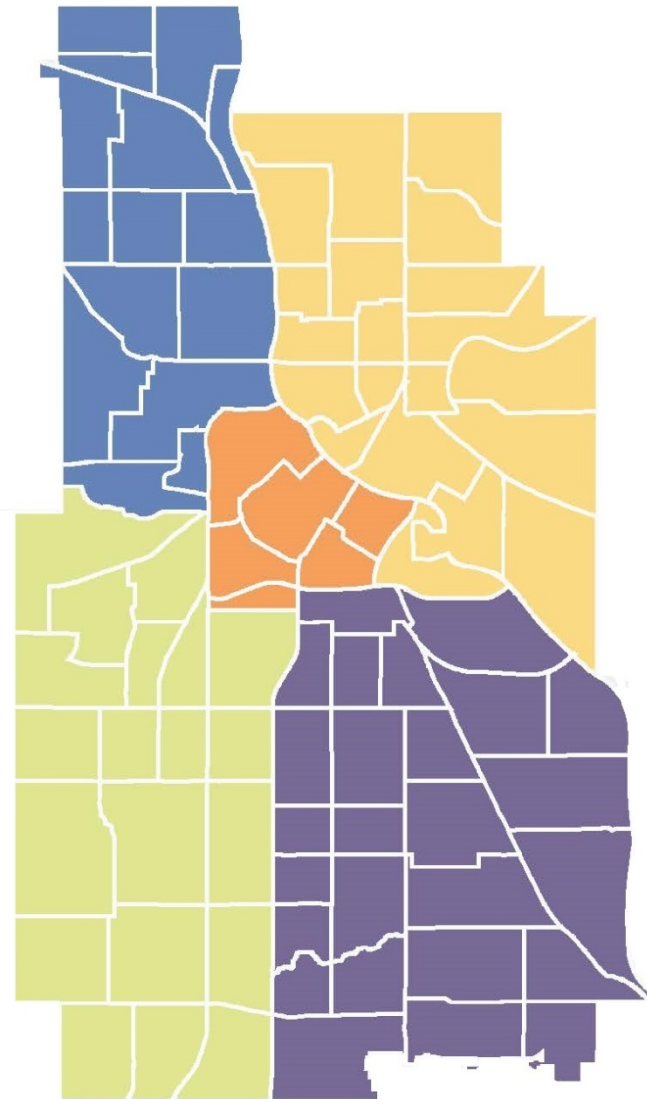
Northeast Park Neighborhood Association

"Northeast Park's Annual Meeting was a big success in 2016. It took place in November at Sociable Cider Werks. There were over 100 people at the event. Elections to the board of directors took place at this meeting. The board officers also updated the community on outreach and engagement plans for 2017. One engagement method is the distribution of a community survey that will seek input from residents regarding what they feel should be the neighborhood association's priorities."

Minneapolis Neighborhoods

Engaging, Diverse and Working Toward a

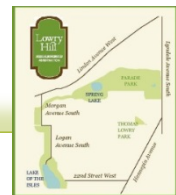
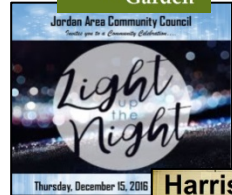
Great Future Together!



Near North & Camden

Cleveland
Folwell
Harrison
Hawthorne
Jordan
Lind-Bohanon
McKinley
Near North, Willard Hay
Shingle Creek

Live on the Drive
Folwell Summer Resource Fair
Transit Planning Engagement
Health and Wellbeing: Remedies Book creation
Take a Stand Cease Fire
Work with Artspace on Vacant Building
Serendripty Coffee Shop opened
Homewood Historic Designation Engagement
2nd STEAM Expo (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics)
Harvest Festival
Revitalization of Ryan Lake access
Webber Park Library

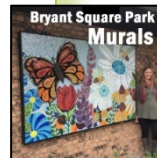


Calhoun Isles & Southwest

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Bryn Mawr
CARAG
Cedar-Isles-Dean
East Calhoun
East Harriet
East Isles
Fulton
Kenny
Kenny
Kenwood
Kingfield
Linden Hills
Lowry Hill
Lowry Hill East
Lyndale
Lynnhurst
Tangletown
West Calhoun
Whittier
Windom

Renter outreach – distribution of “How to Be the Smartest Renter on Your Block.”
Neighborhood Website Redesign
Bryant Square Park Mosaic Project
Cedar Lake South Beach Renovation Plan
Lake Calhoun Shoreline Clean-Up
Robust community engagement
“Reuse - Reduce - Recycle” Super Sale
Pollinator Protection Program
Kenny Community Garden
Outreach about Superfund Site
Environmental Landscape along Lakes Shoreline
Kingfield Community Outdoor Oven completion
Little Home Tour
Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction Outreach
Renters Committee
Inclusive Annual Meeting
Historic Homes Walking Tour
Leaf Raking & Water Quality Fair
NRP Phase II Plan Approval
Historic Preservation Pilot neighborhood
Windom Reads – Hosted with Windom Spanish Dual Immersion School and the Park Board



Downtown

Downtown East, West
Elliot Park
Loring Park
North Loop
Stevens Square

Established New Land Use Committee
Elliot Park on Wheels/Green Team
Nicollet Avenue Safety Coalition
Washington Ave. Cleaning Party
Renter engagement



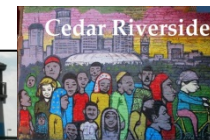
Northeast & Southeast

Audubon Park
Beltrami
Bottineau
Cedar-Riverside
Columbia Park
Holland

Logan Park
Marcy Holmes
Marshall Terrace
Nicollet Island/East Bank
Prospect Park
Sheridan
Southeast Como
St Anthony East
St Anthony West
Waite Park

Windom Park

Annual Spring Wing Ding
Beltrami Park Timber Frame Pavilion
Eastside Environmental Quality of Life
Digital Story Initiative
Annual Meeting - More People, More Fun
Edison Plaza and RiverFirst Demonstration Project
Cultural Assets Mapping Project
Campus living housing fair
Raingarden installation
Superior Plating Site Redevelopment approval
Annual Meeting Success
Restructuring of Prospect Park Association
Renter Outreach
Fairshare Farm
Community Commons Park Planning
Small Area Plan
Emergency Preparedness and Rail Safety Meeting
“Islamophobia: Myths and Misunderstandings” Meeting



Phillips, Powderhorn, Longfellow & Nokomis

Bancroft
Bryant
Central
Corcoran
East Phillips
Field, Regina, Northrop
Hale, Page, Diamond Lake
Midtown Phillips
Nokomis East
Phillips West
Powderhorn Park
Seward
Standish Ericsson
Ventura Village

Meridian Garden Food Forest
Social Justice and Safety Outreach
Plant Grow Share & Little Free Farmers Market
Renter Organizing with Mpls Renters Coalition
Third Annual Summer Fest
46th Street Project Outreach
Triangle Park
Phillips Clean Sweep
Renters Outreach Program
Peavey Park Redesign
Renter Organizing with Mpls Renters Coalition
Seward Community Iftar
Water Quality Education Campaign
Wellness & Gardening Committee
Urban Farm Project



Resident Involvement

West Bank Community Coalition

"We started to meet with leaders from the Oromo Cultural Institute of Minnesota... to identify how we can better engage the Oromo residents we have and bring their perspective in our work. ... We partnered with Wilder Research to complete a project to explore the needs and strengths within the Oromo community in Cedar Riverside... and ... is the first step in addressing the community's disparities."

Ventura Village

"Recruiting leaders in underrepresented communities to serve on the VV Board of Directors has been most successful, including members of the East African, American Indian, Hispanic and LGBTQ communities involved; eight of the 11 board members are thus represented from these groups."



Victory Neighborhood Association

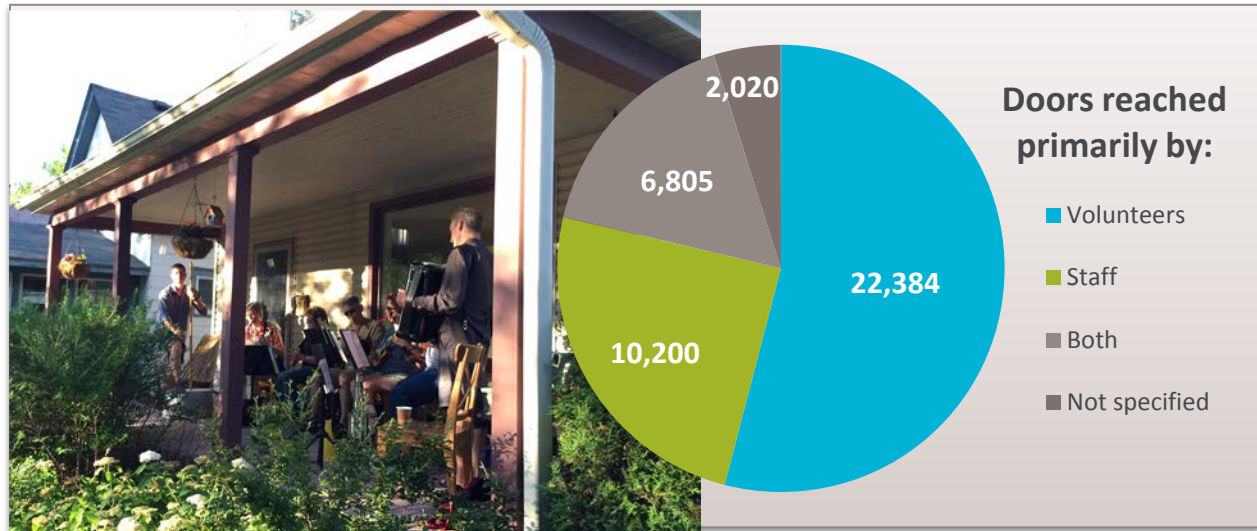
"The organization was awarded a \$50,000 contract from Hennepin County to improve greenery at the intersection and then it worked with residents, volunteer professionals, the City of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County to develop a design that worked for all stakeholders. Many of the improvements will be installed in 2017 and the anticipated outcomes include calmer traffic, increased definition of the business node, improved pedestrian safety, and additional public space for neighbors to gather. The anticipated beneficiaries include residents, business owners, and transit users."

Calhoun Area Residents Action Group

"Bryant Square Park Mosaic Project: CARAG partnered with the VOA Southwest Senior Center and MPRB to create five mosaic mural panels that are attached to the exterior of the Bryant Square Park Recreation Center. Artist Sharra Frank was hired to design the panels using community input about themes and images including the seasons, park activities, gardening, and biking. Then, more than 200 volunteers attended workshops over 10 months to cut tile and assemble the mosaic murals. This brought people from ages 5 to 99 together to collaborate on a truly inter-generational project. The results are beautiful mosaic panels that have become icons for CARAG and Bryant Square Park."

Resident Involvement

Neighborhood organizations reached more than 41,000 households in 2016 through door-to-door outreach such as door-knocking and flyering. Most door-to-door outreach was carried out by volunteers.



St. Anthony East Neighborhood Association

Residents contacted SAENA about replacing aging playground equipment in the park so young residents had a space to play that was age appropriate and near their residence. In responses to that request as well as recognizing the park's potential, SAENA and chose to provide an opportunity for input at a Community Meeting in October 2016. Prior to the meeting, staff recruited Landscape Architecture students at the University of Minnesota to fulfill service learning requirements. Staff, interns, and board members door knocked 500 houses to invite residents to the Community Meeting and gain feedback about the park. SAENA took the opportunity to administer a survey asking residents their perspective about how SAENA could better support the neighborhood.

The October Community Meeting had a terrific turnout and great community engagement to brainstorm ideas to improve the park. The Community Commons Park Committee formed from that meeting and is working to implement improvements. New playground equipment and tree care are primary priorities.

Harrison Neighborhood Association

"HNA was responsible for increasing voter registration and turnout in the neighborhood, a program we will greatly improve upon this year."

Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group

"Held major recruiting and social meeting with current Block Leaders and recruiting new Block Leaders...FRNNG was able to recruit an additional 10 block leaders for the neighborhood."

Community Building Events

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization

"We held our semi-annual SNO Ball that welcomed over 200 guests from both within and outside of our neighborhood. This event raised awareness of the Sheridan Neighborhood and The Sheridan Story and The Little Food Shelf which were both recipients of our fundraising effort."

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

"CIDNA focused on community-building events such as our annual meeting, a game night in the park, Fall Festival and Art Mart. They events help raise awareness of the organization as well as bring people together to share information, discuss issues and work on solutions."

Prospect Park Neighborhood Association

"Our Summer Community Concert series continues to be a way for neighbors to get together and dance to great music. In 2016 the Second Annual Summer Celebration concert was held at Luxton Park, specifically to engage with people in the Glendale Town Homes. PPA partners with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board and arts organizations to bring together all Prospect Park residents and showcase an area that is often underutilized by PPA volunteers. There was great turnout and engagement with many people and neighborhood organizations."

Folwell Neighborhood Association

"The FNA Resource and Festival in June was an event done right – there were 31 vendors and resource tables along with numerous activities in Folwell Park attended by about 2900 folks from Folwell and other north side neighborhoods. This was the 17th years for this well received event."

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

"The Third Annual SummerFest. This was our Third venture into a major festival, only this time we had no funding. We cannot use our City funding for events or food, so we worked with Holy Rosary Church folks to provide food, which worked out wonderfully and also provided them with a fundraising opportunity. We managed with donations and volunteers and had an incredible time. The neighborhood residents and East Phillips Park Staffer Tammy Williams trained neighborhood youth for a talent show and the results were amazing. Many parents and families showed up to watch their children and teenagers perform."

Holland Neighborhood's 12th Annual
Hotdish Revolution
April 3rd, 2016
St. Maron's Cedars Hall
602 University Ave NE

Doors open:
4 pm for entries
Judging: 4:30-5:00pm
Dining: 5:00pm

Hotdish Categories are:
Spicy
Vegetarian
JELLO Competition
Tater Tot Excellence
I Made It! (kids)
Darn Good (beef, pork, other)
Fins & Feathers

Entries accepted
ONLY until 4:30pm

Admission:
\$5-if entering a hotdish
or jello
\$15-without a dish
\$5-kids 5-12
kids under 5-free

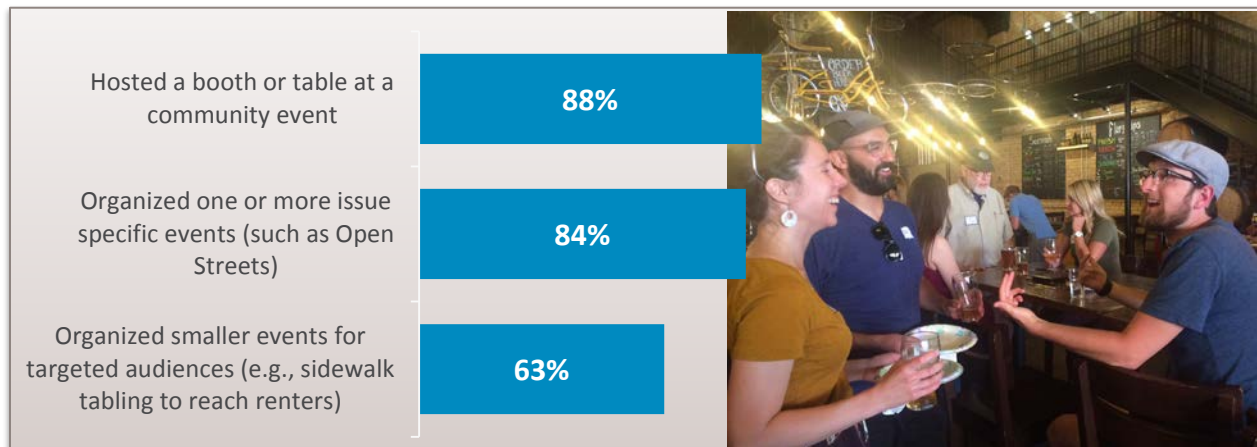
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Community Building Events

Neighborhood organizations throughout Minneapolis host a wide range of community events, providing a forum for neighbors to learn more about their community and to share ideas.



Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association

"Another highlight was the addition of a Renters Committee. With our population of 85% renters, this committee and its success, is important to our neighborhood. We decided to hold our first meeting at Liquor Lyles. We thought this was a good opportunity to reach our younger, renter population. At this meeting we passed out a survey to find out specifically what their needs and concerns were. This committee is now our largest. We have seen an increase in new resident participation. In addition, they are working on a list of projects and initiatives aimed at renters and their concerns and interests."

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council

"Lack of community awareness about Homewood's nomination for Historic Designation provided NRRC with an opportunity to complete thorough community engagement around this proposal... NRRC hosted a well-attended community meeting to share information about the benefits and drawbacks to this proposal and to gather community perspectives on designation...As a result of our community engagement a majority of...residents are now aware of it. Also many residents have ... become actively involved with the designation process. This engagement has also led residents to become more involved in the city council elections and the caucuses."

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

"Taste of Linden Hills was the highly successful result, which brought together community residents, neighborhood restaurants, local musicians, with the help of student volunteers and LHiNC board members for a festive gathering. The evening allowed LHiNC the opportunity to promote its mission and work for the neighborhood, and it raised significant funds to support the LHiNC grant program. LHiNC plans to continue Taste of Linden Hills as an annual event."

Parks, Gardens, Environment and Recycling

Tangletown Neighborhood Association

"TNA supported the roll-out of the City's Organic Recycling program with a kick-off event in partnership with the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association. 215 residents attended, in addition to volunteers from the Washburn Green Team and neighborhood Sustainability Committees. The event included presentations from the City & SET and tables with Room-by-room displays (to help residents envision

how to incorporate Organics Recycling in their homes), Seed plantings using finished compost, Compostable Crafts, and a Sorting Game. There was a lot of enthusiasm and learning and many residents expressed appreciation for the education and support around this new program."



Bottineau Neighborhood Association

"River and Neighborhood Cleanup. This was the 19th annual clean up and every year the neighborhood alleys, railroad track areas, boulevards and the Mississippi shoreline is cleaned. Area businesses like Psycho Suzi's or Betty Danger's Country Club provided breakfast and River Liquor Store provides juices and water. For the past 5 years the Northeast RiverKeepers have joined with the neighborhood to clean up the River. Last year the group recovered two pick up loads of tires that had been illegally dumped in the neighborhood."

Heritage Park Neighborhood Association

"Annual Harvest festival held in the fall to celebrate the community garden harvest. Entertainment and potluck dinner was provided."

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

"In coordination with Articulture and Audubon MN, SENA was able to install a new 15'x50' mural in the neighborhood which highlights the importance of clean water for the birds of the Mississippi Flyway. Clean water, and the effects of pollution on the environment, had become a very important issue for many in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods. With funding from Audubon MN, we collaborated with Articulture's Teen Advisory Board and a professional muralist to create a beautiful and informative depiction of birds that utilize the Mississippi Flyway, and measures residents can take to create cleaner water for them."

Bancroft Neighborhood Association

"Maintained the Bancroft Food Forest (Meridian Garden) and provided community garden space for area residents."

Parks, Gardens, Environment and Recycling

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

"In an effort to help address the lack of affordable and healthy food in Central CANDO launched the PLANT-GROW-SHARE program in 2015. It helps residents with few resources and various degrees of experience to grow fresh organic vegetables to share with family and neighbors. In 2016 the program was expanded to include building raised bed gardens that are accessible to those with disabilities, and a monthly community bonfire event was added to great success. Volunteers and participants in the program have continued to work with CANDO, and several are now active in our task forces and 2 have joined our board of directors."

Armatage Neighborhood Association

"As the City unveiled its organics recycling program, we decided to support these efforts. We promoted our drop-off site, and how to sign-up for curbside pickup...we hosted a workshop ... on how to promote organics recycling ... We thanked participants with a box of compostable bags, and included remaining boxes in Welcome Bags delivered to new residents."

Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace

"Marshall Terrace utilized \$2,500.00 of the NRP Phase II Environmental contract dollars with Metro Blooms Organization to install 5 rain gardens throughout Marshall Terrace. Residents signed up to have a raingarden installed on their property."

Lynnhurst Neighborhood Organization

"In April, the Environmental Committees of Lynnhurst and Tangletown neighborhoods jointly worked to present a forum on the new City Organics program. This was done just prior to when most neighborhood residents received their organics cart. The forum was very successful and Lynnhurst is ranked #1 in sign-ups among non-pilot neighborhoods and excluding North Loop (58 dwelling units) and Downtown West (28 dwelling units), due in large part to the outreach of the Environmental Committee."



Phillips West Neighborhood Association

"Peavy Park-worked with Ventura Village & Park Board on Park Redesign. Together Ventura Village and Phillips West are planning to build a Picnic Shelter to bring positive activity to the park."

Parks, Gardens, Environment and Recycling

Kenny Neighborhood Association

"...We were able to launch the Kenny Community Garden in 2016. Due to the generosity of a local church, we were able to use their land for free to establish multiple full and half plots available to residents, church members and nearby neighbors. Through the use of NRP funds, KNA was able to establish a water source, initial ground preparation and fertilization."

Southeast Como Improvement Association

"Our community gardens continued to thrive in 2016. Our native/pollinator gardens Talmage Crossing and Como Corner both added new plantings in 2016, and continued to draw a wide audience in the neighborhood to garden or even just to enjoy the purposeful addition of nature to our community. Talmage Crossing received a Metro Blooms Garden of Merit award for its exceptional attention to native plantings and maintenance."

Holland Neighborhood Association

"In 2016, HNIA began partnering with WB+PS, the brainchild of artist organizers Works Progress, to begin the development and launch of the NE Incubator. The Incubator's work is to bring together artists, scientists, and a diverse array of community members to incubate ideas and grassroots leadership in the arena of environmental and water health and sustainability, leading us to the solutions that work for our community as we face the challenges of the 21st century."

Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization

"The creation of the Natural Swimming Pool in Webber Park that opened in May of 2016 after three years of community engagement and resident participation in the planning process."

Hawthorne Neighborhood Council

"Health & Wellbeing continues to grow throughout all areas of Minneapolis. The request for a video focus was to interpret, legitimize and bring together cross-generational views of Health & Wellbeing. The purpose of the remedies book is to be able to relate to what medicines were available to our elders during their time. The exercise and healthy eating also comes from learning how to plant and grow vegetables and herbs that are good for you."



Neighborhood Livability

Stevens Square Community Organization

"The neighborhood has been hit with an increasing amount of street crime and harassment in and around the neighborhood. Street robberies and sexual harassment of females in the neighborhood increased in the last year. We worked with the Minneapolis Police, metro transit police, park police and community businesses; as well as, the people who are being effected. We partnered with a local college and another neighborhood to conduct a forum on the issue. It was well attended; highlighted by news coverage and resulted in an increase of police staffing and awareness by the community."

Jordan Area Community Council

"Jordan residents are taking the plunge towards the movement to treat violence as a health problem. The outcome we hope to achieve from this project is to stop the shootings and killings of young black men 15-24 years of age in North Minneapolis, to recognize and respond to trauma, partner and collaborate with national groups such as Cure Violence. The Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) along with community residents will form an advisory group to evaluate the initiative."

Kenwood Isles Area Association

"In 2014, East Cedar Beach (aka, Hidden Beach) had the dubious distinction of having the most citations by MPRB Police of any park in Minneapolis. Recurring problems included alcohol, drug use, littering, public urination, vandalism, burglary, impaired and dangerous driving, and even violence and threats to police. The neighborhood initiated three major actions. First, MPRB cleared buckthorn and scrub that provided cover and obscured sight lines. Next, Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) funded extra officers working at the beach – getting out of their cars, walking around, and interacting with beachgoers. Third, KIAA partnered with organizations to sponsor and promote activities to appeal to a wide range of people – creating a safer, more welcoming environment. The number of citations dropped by half in summer 2015, and fell again in 2016. Neighbors near the beach feel much safer and the area is calmer."



Windom Community Council

"Due to residents concerns about crime, WCC held a Community Safety workshop at Richfield Lutheran Church. City Invited Police squad to come speak at our Annual Meeting. Attendees learned about 911 and 311 services. Residents concerned about crime had the opportunity to ask questions and listen to MPD staff."

Neighborhood Livability

Longfellow Community Council

In 2016 the LCC funded the fourth year of the Longfellow 365 project. This community art project organizes seven resident photographers and several alternates who are assigned to take one picture on an assigned day every week for a year. At the end of the year, the photographs are displayed locally and a book is created. Funding from the LCC has allowed this project to grow and stabilize over the last several years, develop a website, share their photos on a regular basis with the community and capture and document the changes and activity in the community for posterity. The LCC's continued engagement in this relatively low-cost project has strengthened the identity of the project and driven interest from the community in local art projects.

Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association

"In 2016 HPDL Community Association applied for a Façade Grant and we have been able to match funds to 5 projects at local businesses. Funds are still available in the program and we look forward to putting them to work in the community."

Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

"Tiny Fields Project Slowly Turning Food Desert Green! SCNA has several gardening efforts going on in our community but the Tiny Fields project with our partners Victory Neighborhood Association and Cleveland Neighborhood Association has had a tremendous first year effort! SCNA had 20 new gardeners the first year of the Tiny Fields project in our neighborhood. When your community of 30,000 residents has the title of a "food desert" seeing this tremendous turnout in our neighborhood of 3,333 the first year--it's amazing!"



Neighborhood Livability

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

"One of the major issues facing the neighborhood in 2016 was the Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction Project and its impact on transportation in Lowry Hill. This project continued for the majority of 2016 and affected all of the residents of Lowry Hill neighborhood. It had an impact on cars, bus transportation, bicyclists and pedestrians. LHNA helped our residents stay informed on road closures, bus stop closures, and other disruptions through our neighborhood website by providing links to key information sites and through our monthly emailing sent to neighborhood residents."

East Isles Residents Association

"In response to concerns from the neighborhood about the Walgreens building project, zoning committee members met with Walgreens representatives several times and testified before the Planning Commission. The end result was a building whose appearance will be more compatible with existing buildings in the area. The revised building also added an entrance on 27th - to be more pedestrian friendly."

Logan Park Neighborhood Association

"For the past year, LPNA has been working with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM), with funding support from the McKnight Foundation, to engage the Logan Park community to identify and map neighborhood cultural assets. As opposed to traditional historic preservation, which focuses primarily on protecting only architecture using strict criteria, cultural asset mapping examines all the components which define a community and its culture, including: parks and open spaces, small businesses, people, places, traditions, history, stories, and more. The aim of this project is to create greater awareness—of residents, stakeholders, developers, politicians, etc.—about the important factors which make Logan Park what it is."



COME TOGETHER NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK GRANTS

NRRC Block Club Grants

As part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Plan each block in the Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods can apply for a maximum of \$500.00 per year. The money is for block improvements, events, and anything else to bring the community together. Your block may use the money for one project or for many. Get creative and think about what your block can do!

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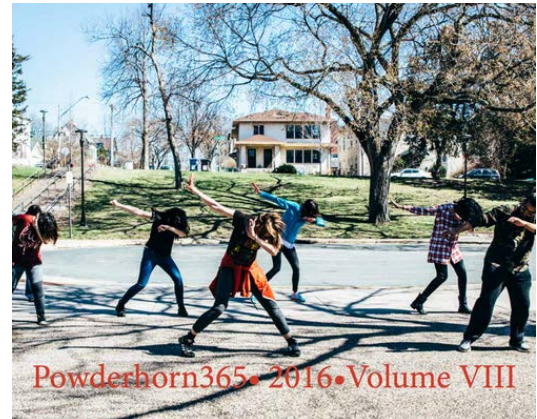
Oversight, Training and Other Support

NCR routinely arranges audit services for neighborhood organizations to ensure better oversight, protect public assets and neighborhood organization boards, and provide confidence that public funds are used appropriately. Audit services include organizational audits, financial reviews, Agreed Upon Procedures, and assisting neighborhood organizations with required financial filings.

NCR also offers training and reviews policy documents aimed at helping neighborhood organization boards become better stewards of neighborhood resources.

Audit Services in 2016:

Audits	3
Financial Reviews	7
Agreed Upon Procedures	5
Assist with Financial Filings	56
Other audit services	14



Training Services and facilitation:

NCR staff assist neighborhood organizations by providing learning labs, and assisting with board training and board retreats. In 2016, NCR staff organized 15 learning labs, informational meetings and board trainings and retreats.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Associatio

"The BMNA has created a Bryn Mawr Welcome Packet for new homeowners and renters. The packet includes a welcome letter, coupons for local businesses, Hennepin County bike map, voter registration information and our neighborhood directory."

Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association

"As a neighborhood, we greatly increased our communications and outreach to try and make ourselves known to as many members of the community as possible, and have plans to increase that participation into 2017. One of our biggest additions was the creation of a new, easy to navigate website. Included in this website is easy to access information for all members of the public to see, including but not limited to our agendas, minutes, financial documents, and event photos."

Neighborhood Programs Revenues and Expenditures

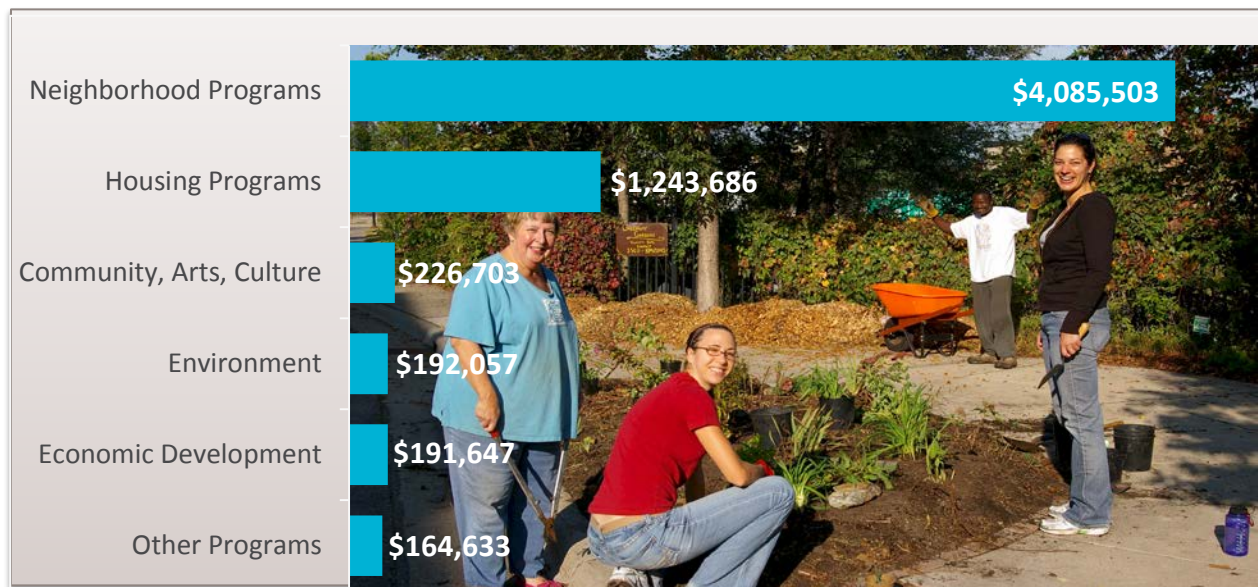
Revenues and Expenditures

In addition to \$4,163,000 in revenue from the Consolidated Tax Increment Finance District, neighborhood NRP programs generated \$1,874,313.77—mostly through repayment of home fix-up loans). Actual expenditures in 2016 total \$7,415,241.03.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Consolidated TIF District	\$4,163,000.00	Phase I expenditures	\$2,107,730.21
Phase I Program Income	\$651,201.91	Phase II expenditures	\$1,469,304.34
Phase II Program Income	<u>\$1,223,111.86</u>	CPP Expenditures	<u>\$3,838,206.48</u>
	\$6,037,313.77		\$7,415,241.03

\$6.1 million of NRP and CPP funds invested in neighborhood projects in 2016

In 2016, neighborhood organizations committed \$6,104,234 of NRP and CPP funds to neighborhood outreach and engagement activities, housing, community building, arts, culture, parks, community safety programs, and more.



“Neighborhood Programs” includes outreach to underrepresented groups and other organizing efforts, neighborhood events and festivals, community meetings and hearings, annual meetings, community cleanups, block clubs and block patrols, and much more.

“Other programs” includes parks and recreation, transportation and infrastructure, human services, schools and libraries, and crime prevention.



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