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Mayor Joe Hogsett Announces Neighborhood Grant Program Recipients

Partnership with Council, INRC distributed \$220k towards neighborhood beautification

INDIANAPOLIS – This morning, Mayor Joe Hogsett joined the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center to announce the recipients of the Indianapolis Neighborhood Grant Program. The program, which focuses on neighborhood spaces, art, and beautification, is intended to enhance engagement, collective action, and development for neighborhoods and neighborhood-based organizations. The effort was made possible through funding from federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars passed by the City-County Council.

“My thanks to all the neighborhoods coming together to create transformative projects, and to the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center for administering this grant program,” said Mayor Hogsett. “These spaces will beautify our communities, provide a stronger sense of place, and bring people together.”

Twenty-six recipients received a total of \$219,503.52, with a maximum award of \$10,000. Projects were scored and selected by a review panel consisting of eight neighborhood leaders, INRC Alumni, and members from Indianapolis-based community organizations. Projects will have one year to be completed upon receipt of the award. The projects are spread throughout Marion County. A full list of projects and their organizing entities is below.

“We’re so excited about the Neighborhood Grants Round One Awardees,” said Ari Beedie, Neighborhood Engagement Director for the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center. “The creativity and passion from neighbors was evident in the applications. A special thank you goes to our Advisory Committee, made up of INRC program alumni, community stakeholders and more. We couldn’t have done this work without them.”

The announcement was made at the future site of the “Pleasant Run Parkway Native Garden & Gathering Space,” organized by the South Village Neighborhood Association. The space is intended to provide an attractive location for the community to gather in, offer education about the native plants and overall ecology of the area, and introduce plants and corresponding fauna back into the area. It will be located along the planned expansion and revitalization of the Pleasant Run Greenway, made possible by Mayor Hogsett’s Circle City Forward Initiative.

“I am excited to see our neighborhoods prosper and flourish from the ideas of our own residents,” said Councilor Kristin Jones in a statement, whose District 12 includes the Native Garden & Gathering Space. “We are thankful for the numerous partnerships that invested and believed in our communities.”

A second round of grant funding will open applications in October 2022.

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Convening Organization	Project Title
Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association	South New Jersey Street public benches
Bretton Wood HOA	Bretton Wood Playground Improvement Project
Brookside CDC	Summer Play Enhancement (Inflatables)
Community Alliance of the Far Eastside	Community Orchard and Greenspace at CAFE
Community Heights Neighborhood Organization	Community Heights Traffic Calming and Street Beautification
Crooked Creek CDC	Crooked Creek Gateway Project
Crown Hill - Mapleton Fall Creek	Community Food Box Project
Emerson Heights Community Organization	Evenings in the Park - Celebrations of History and Community
Englewood Neighborhood Association	Englewood Neighborhood Gateway and Playspace Enhancement
Foxfire HOA	Community Playground Gathering Overhaul
Friends of Belmont Beach	Belmont Beach Pop-up Park
Friends of MLK	Friends of MLK Park Trash Receptacle Upgrade Project
Garfield Park Neighborhood Association	Wayfinding Signage
Historic Irvington Community Council	Irvington Corridor Banner Signage
Historic Meridian Park	Historic Meridian Park Pocket Park Update
Historic Watson Park	36th and Winthrop Beautification Project
Holy Cross Neighborhood Association	The Holy Cross Neighborhood Commemorative, Community Gathering Space
Homewood Park West Neighborhood Association	Homewood Park Neighborhood Signs
Ladywood Estates HOA	Ladywood Estates Historic District - Well House and Native Garden Revitalization
Living Water Fellowship	Living Water Neighborhood Cleanup
One Voice Martindale Brightwood	Martindale Brightwood Community Activation Project (CAP)
Pike Township Residents Association	W 56th Causeway Barrier Beautification
Ransom Place Neighborhood Association	Bringing History To Life Through Art at Ransom Place
South Village Neighborhood Association	Pleasant Run Parkway Native Garden & Gathering Space
Speedway Arts Council	Interactive History Mural on Main
Warleigh Neighborhood Association	Neighborhood Signage