



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2023

Neighborhood Project Support Grants

The Supplemental Operating Support Grants made possible by Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to HomeBase by the City of Cincinnati and awarded to community serving neighborhood organizations throughout the city had significant community impact, resulting in:

26

commercial
units
developed

542

housing units
developed

562

community
events held

72

projects positively
impacting the
public realm

Funding from the City of Cincinnati's Department of Community and Economic Development provided support to

**12 CDCs and 8 additional neighborhoods,
26 staff positions and consultants, and 4 key partners**

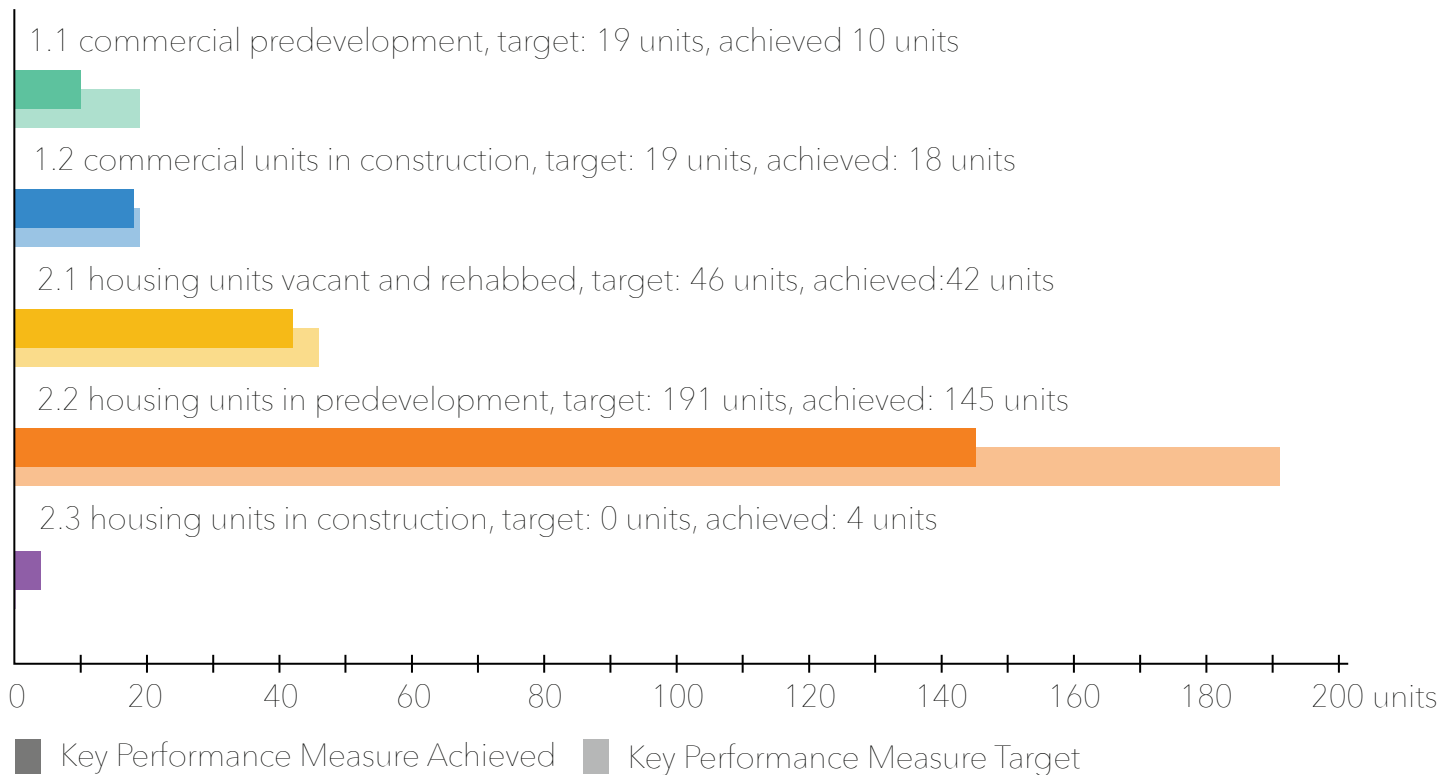
engaged in community development and engagement, housing and real estate development, project management, property repair and maintenance, food and housing access, grant writing and operations work in Cincinnati.

This report will review

- 2** Key Performance Measures achieved by Neighborhood Project Support Grantees in
 - Commerical Development and Housing Enhancement
 - Community Engagement and Empowerment
 - Dollars Leveraged
- 9** Neighborhood Project Support Grantees and Grant-Related Activities
- 17** Organizational Capacity Building, Staffing and CDC Development Work
- 21** Housing and Economic Development Training Provided
- 22** CDC Strategic Plan Development

Neighborhood Project Support Grants

Commercial Development and Housing Enhancement Key Performance Measures



Key Project Highlights

Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation achieved 7 commercial units in construction by developing two commercial units on Madison Rd and facilitating 5 Neighborhood Business District Support Grant projects. MCURC also achieved 4 housing units in construction through the development of 4 new NOFA homes in partnership with the Port.

Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation achieved 6 commercial units in construction by facilitating 6 Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program projects.

Camp Washington Community Urban Revitalization Corporation achieved 9 vacant and rehabbed housing units by improving their rental units.



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Commercial Development and Housing Enhancement Key Performance Measures (continued)



Over-the-Rhine Community Housing achieved 96 housing units in predevelopment, through their development of several projects, including LPH Thrives, Slater Hall, Vandalia Point, Gloria's Place and Spaeth and Kelly.

Price Hill Will achieved 10 vacant and rehabbed housing units in the development of the Warsaw Creative Campus and a homesteading property.



upper left: Vandalia Point groundbreaking (OTRCH)

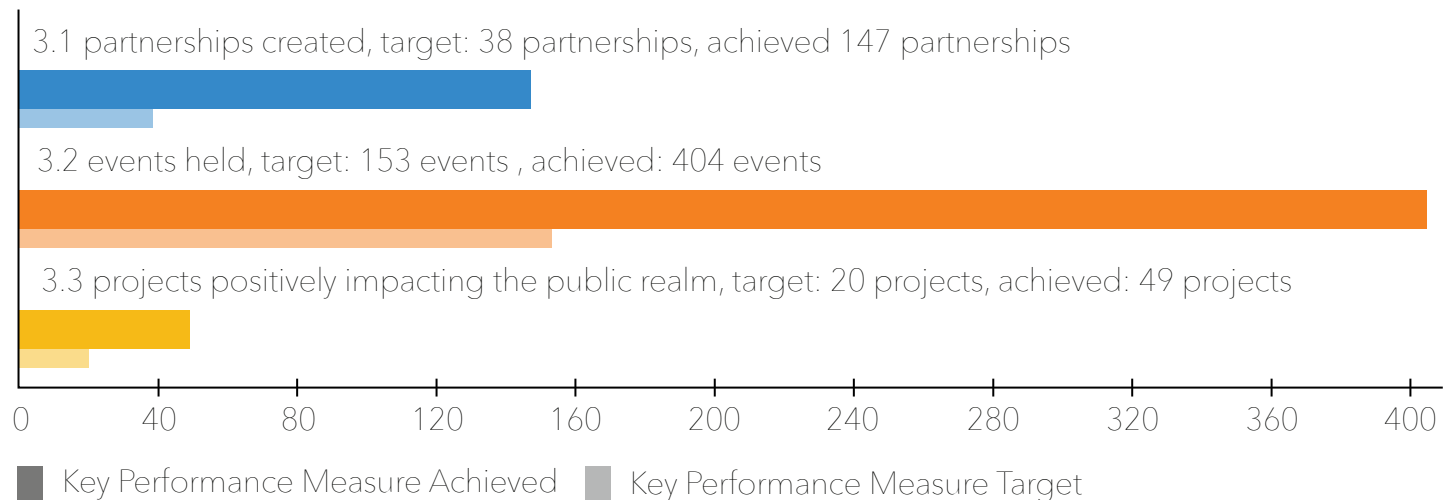
middle: Warsaw Avenue Creative Campus ribbon cutting event (Price Hill Will)

*lower: left (2): HaNoBe development and Grand Opening (College Hill CURC)
right: Mazunte Mercado Streetscape and Outdoor Dining Improvements (Madisonville CURC)*



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Community Engagement and Empowerment Key Performance Measures



Key Project Highlights

Avondale Development Corporation engaged in 28 partnerships, including with AltaFiber to plan for public wifi, the Ohio Media School to provide a Film Camp for neighborhood youth and with a number of Avondale Day and community event supporters. ADC also hosted 9 events, including the opening and dedications of neighborhood assets, community events like Avondale Family Fun Days and a youth Film Camp series.

Camp Washington Urban Redevelopment Corporation engaged in 14 partnerships, including with Grant Focus, Warsaw Bank, PNC Bank, IFF, Cincinnati Development Fund, and Cincinnati Association, in addition to partnering with Sanders Development Group and other general contractors to continue work redeveloping key properties in the neighborhood.

Kennedy Heights Development Corporation engaged in 2 partnerships, both serving their Home Repair Days program, including with Woodward Technical Career High School and a new crew captain volunteer. KHDC also Taft Garden, St James Art hosted 3 events in their Home Repair Days program.

Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation completed 9 projects positively impacting the public realm, including improvements at Bramble Park and several Reds Community Fund projects.



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Community Engagement and Empowerment Key Performance Measures (continued)



Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation engaged in 5 partnerships, including with CREA to support the John Arthur Flats project and muralists executing beautification projects in the neighborhood. NEST also completed 4 projects positively impacting the public realm, including murals on Hamilton Ave.



Price Hill Will engaged in 10 partnerships, including many through ARCO, along with the AIA, Community Learning Center Institute, Sound Chorus, Kentucky Campus Compact, New Leaf Kitchen, Ford Development, New Downbeat and Imago Earth. PHW also hosted 96 events, including those among recurring programs through the Wellness Community Action Team, the Safety Community Action Team, MyCincinnati and events held at ARCO.



Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses engaged in 5 partnerships among the Council on Aging, CPD Pivot Team, Buckeye Health, Community Peace Builders and SORTA-Metro, demonstrating breadth in increasing services and support in the neighborhood. SHNH also completed 3 projects positively impacting the public realm, including improvements in the West End Business District.

upper: Queen City Opera performing at the Price Hill Music Festival at ARCO (Price Hill Will)

middle: Community gathered at Washington Park (OTRCH)

lower: Porch Painting Day hosted in Kennedy Heights (KHDC)



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Community Engagement and Empowerment Key Performance Measures (continued)



Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation engaged in 32 partnerships, including those among volunteers at community gardens and food distribution events in support of the organization's programs. WHRF also engaged in 232 events, including those at Taft Garden, St James Art Garden and Melrose Forest, and in food distribution events.

Working in Neighborhoods hosted 3 events serving the Beekman Corridor, including a Housing Study Steering Committee and community engagement events. Win also completed two projects positively impacting the public realm, including beautification and improvement projects in South Cumminsville.



upper: A Community Engagement Event for the Beekman Corridor Housing Study (Working in Neighborhoods)

*lower, left then right:
1) The Hillside Houses Mural at Gfroerer's Utility Building (Clifton Heights CURC)
2) The Hollywood Drive In (College Hill CURC)*

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Dollars Leveraged Key Performance Measures

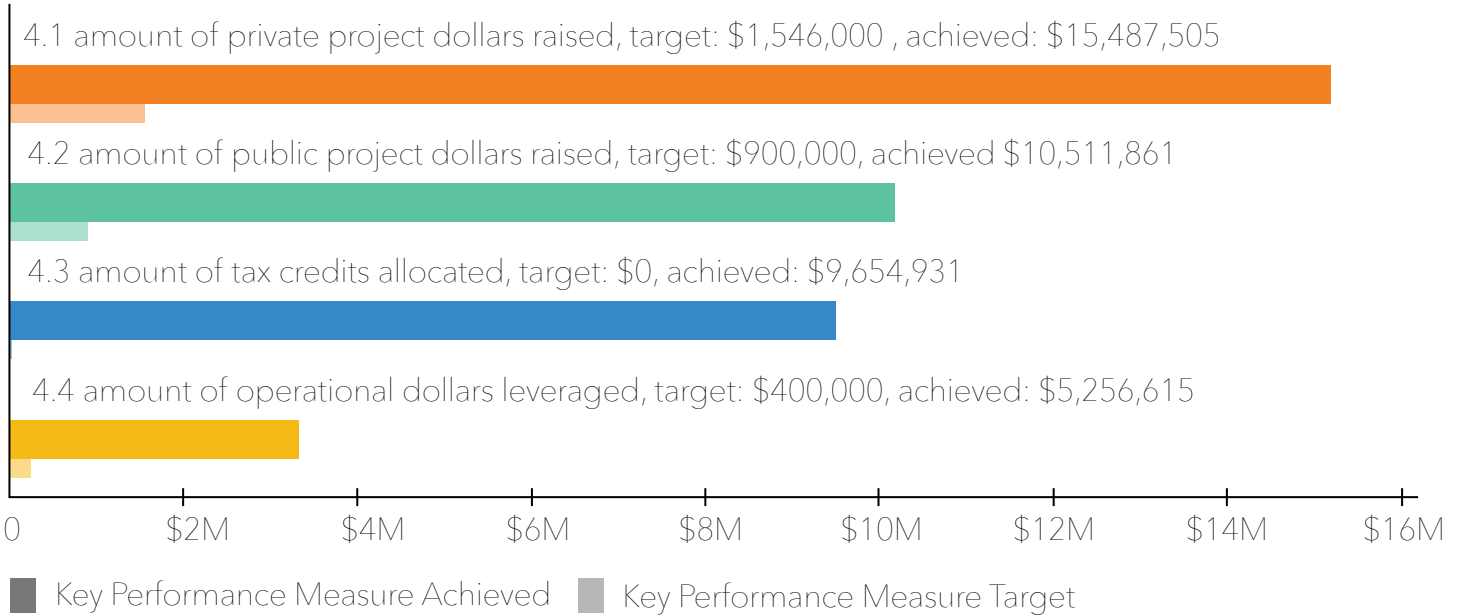


photo: Glenway + Iliff groundbreaking (Price Hill Will)

Private Project Dollars Sources

- Bank of America (CHCURC)
- Christ Church Cathedral (PHW)
- Cincinnati Children’s Hospital (CHCURC)
- Developer Fees (Madisonville)
- Donations and Fundraising (CWURC, NEST)
- Duke Energy Foundation (CHCURC)
- First Financial Bank (CHCURC)
- Fifth Third Bank (Avondale)
- Finance Fund (NEST)
- Gensler Butler Charitable Fund (PHW)
- Greater Cincinnati Foundation (ADC)
- Kemba Credit Union (CHCURC)
- Louise Taft Semple Foundation (PHW)
- PNC Bank Foundation (PHW)
- Project Financing (OTRCH)
- Rental Income (Madisonville)
- SC Ministry Foundation (PHW)



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Dollars Leveraged Key Performance Measures (continued)



Public Project Dollars Sources

- The Catalytic Fund (CWURC)
- Cincinnati Public Schools (MCURC)
- City of Cincinnati (PHW, SHNH)
- CNBDU (SHNH)
- Human Service Fund (SHNH)
- NBDIP (NEST, PHW)
- NBDSG (Madisonville)
- Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program (PHW)
- Project Financing (OTRCH)



Tax Credit Allocations

- Spaeth and Kelly Permanent Supportive Housing (OTRCH)

Operational Dollars Sources

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital (ADC)
- Cincinnati Parks Foundation
- Developer Fees (OTRCH)
- Donations and Fundraising (KHDC, NEST, OTRCH, PHW)
- FC Cincinnati (SHNH)
- Interact for Health (SHNH)
- LISC of Greater Cincinnati (PHW)
- Molina Health (SHNH)
- Network for Good (ADC)
- Red Bike (ADC)
- Rental Income (CWURC, OTRCH)
- Property Sale and Development Proceeds (CWURC, PHW)
- Uptown Consortium (ADC)

upper: The Sleepy Bee grand opening in College Hill (College Hill CURC)

lower: LPH Thrives ribbon cutting (Over-the-Rhine Community Housing)



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities

Subrecipient Grant Awards	Neighborhood(s) Served	Grant Amount	Focus
Avondale Development Corporation	Avondale	\$40,000.00	Real Estate
Camp Washington CURC	Camp Washington	\$35,000.00	Consulting Services
Clifton Heights CURC	Clifton Heights	\$40,000.00	Housing, Public Art
College Hill CURC	College Hill	\$50,000.00	Housing, Staff
Kennedy Heights Development Corp	Kennedy Heights	\$20,000.00	Housing
Madisonville CURC	Madisonville	\$40,000.00	Staff
NEST	Northside	\$40,000.00	Staff
OTRCH	Over-the-Rhine	\$45,000.00	Real Estate, Staff
Price Hill Will	Price Hill	\$50,000.00	Real Estate, Community Events
Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses	West End	\$50,000.00	Staff
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation	Walnut Hills	\$40,000.00	Staff
Working in Neighborhoods	North Fairmount, South Fairmount	\$45,000.00	Staff

Subtotal, Subgrantee Awards \$495,000.00

Avondale Development Corporation

Grant funds were used for new role of the Director of Real Estate and Community Development.

Key Performance Measure achievements included:

4 vacant and rehabbed housing units, including units on Lexington, Baxter, Clinton Springs & Ridgeway

28 partnerships created, including with AltaFiber to plan for public wifi, the Ohio Media School to execute a Film Camp, and Avondale Day supporters

11 events held, including the dedication of a series of murals highlighting Avondale, digital skills trainings, a Wasson Way grand opening, Avondale Family Fun Days, and a Film Camp series

4 projects positively impacting the public realm, including a mural series in the neighborhood

\$359,550 in private funds leveraged, including from Fifth Third Bank and Greater Cincinnati Foundation

\$123,648 in operational dollars leveraged, including funds from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Uptown Consortium, Red Bike, Network for Good and other sponsorships and gala proceeds



Neighborhood Project Support Grants

Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Camp Washington Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation

Grant funds were used to hire a grant writing consultant, development consultant, payroll service and bookkeeping service, allowing staff to focus on community serving neighborhood projects. The subrecipient utilized the grant writing consultant to apply for a Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Grant.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

2 commercial units in predevelopment, including units on Colerain Ave

1 commercial unit in construction

14 vacant and rehabbed housing units, including units owned on Henshaw, Sidney and Bates

25 partnerships created, including partnerships with the CNU Legacy Project, GrantFocus, Sanders Development Group, ULI Young Leaders, Warsaw Bank, PNC Bank, IFF, CDF, Cincinnati and other general contractors

4 events held, including a golf outing and ReVamp the Camp

1 project positively impacting the public realm where CWCURC submitted a traffic calming petition

\$2,800 private project dollars leveraged

\$100,000 public project dollars leveraged, including from Catalytic Fund

\$463,893 operational dollars leveraged, including proceeds from the sale of owned property

Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation

Grant funds supported two staff positions to focus on a housing initiative and public art projects. During the grant term, the Canopy Swings project and Hillside Houses Mural were completed.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

3 partnerships created, including UC DAAP's School of Design (an Industrial Design class), the City of Cincinnati's CERT Team and the Haile Foundation

2 projects positively impacting the public realm, including murals at two neighborhood businesses

\$12,430 private project dollars leveraged, including funds from the Haile Foundation



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation

Grant funds were used to support the work of the Community Relations Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Real Estate Development, Community Development Manager, Maintenance Technician and Co-op Student at CHCURC.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

12 vacant and rehabbed housing units, including

31 housing units in predevelopment, including

29 partnerships created including

24 events held, including

7 project positively impacting the public realm where

\$242,393 private project dollars leveraged, including

\$329,500 public project dollars leveraged, including

\$154,931 tax credits leveraged, including

\$745,266 operational dollars leveraged, including

Kennedy Heights Development Corporation

Grant funds enabled an expansion to the Home Stabilization Program, supporting a Project Manager position to oversee it. Additionally, funds were used to hire a consultant to conduct a commercial property inventory along Woodford Rd & Kennedy Ave.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

2 partnerships created, including a professional painter volunteering as a crew captain and Woodward Technical Career High School, both for Home Repair projects

5 events held, including volunteer Home Repair days and "Through the Ages: KHDC 60th Anniversary" event highlighting the work of KHDC

2 project positively impacting the public realm, as the Senior Home Repair Program is in progress

\$16,500 operational dollars leveraged, including the donations supporting Home Repair days



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation

Both the Interim Executive Director and Neighborhood Business District Coordinator roles were supported using grant funds.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

1 commercial unit in predevelopment, including a unit at 6012 Madison Rd

7 commercial units in construction, including units at 6011 & 6012 Madison Rd, units in the NBDSG program

16 housing units in predevelopment, including the units at Sierra & Whetsel

4 housing units in construction, including 4 of 9 new NOFA homes

2 partnerships created, including with the Reds Community Fund, a social media content creator

1 event held, including the Music on Madison event

9 projects positively impacting the public realm, including improvements at Bramble Park, Reds Community Fund projects, an activation plan for Madison & Whetsel, the closure of Settle St to traffic

\$820,930 private project dollars leveraged, including developer fees, commercial rent income, Reds Community Fund contributions

\$3,303,750 public project dollars leveraged, including the value of the CPS purchase of the former Bramble School to open a new preschool and NBDSG funds



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation

Grant funds were used for Executive Director and Director of Operations positions at NEST.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

3 commercial units in construction, including the units at 4024 Hamilton Ave

5 partnerships created, including with CREA for the John Arthur Flats, muralists

4 projects positively impacting the public realm, including murals on 4000 and 4100 blocks of Hamilton Ave

\$54,411 private project dollars leveraged, including funds from the Finance Fund, individual donations, fundraising for JAF

\$417,950 public project dollars leveraged, including NBDIP for Spring Grove pocket park and the Refresh Program

\$150 operational dollars leveraged, including individual donations

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing

Both the Director of Real Estate Development and Project Manager of Real Estate Development positions were supported using grant funds.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

5 commercial predevelopment units

1 commercial unit in construction

96 housing units in predevelopment, among several projects, including LPH Thrives, Slater Hall, Gloria's Place and Spaeth and Kelly

1 partnership created with 8K Development Co for an Evanston property

7 events held, including a fundraising event, a staff anniversary party, a community block party and the annual Celebrating Our Beloved Community

\$13,568,991 private project dollars leveraged, including financing for Vandalia Point

\$5,370,000 public project dollars leveraged, including financing for Vandalia Point

\$9,500,000 tax credits leveraged, including the award for Spaeth and Kelly PSH

\$3,238,182 operational dollars leveraged, including rental income, private grant income, fee income and fund development income



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Price Hill Will

Grant funds were used to support the Commercial Real Estate Director and Venue & Marketing Director positions and to hire a Financial Services Consultant.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

2 commercial units in predevelopment, including 1 unit at 3509 Warsaw and 1 unit at 3519 Warsaw

10 vacant and rehabbed housing units, including units in the Warsaw Ave Creative Campus and in the Homesteading program

2 housing units in predevelopment, including Homesteading units on First and Gilsey

14 partnerships created, including many through ARCO, the AIA, the Community Learning Center Institute, Cincinnati Sound Chorus, Kentucky Campus Compact, New Leaf Kitchen, Ford Development, New Downbeat and Imago Earth

96 events held, including events in recurring programs such as the Wellness CAT, Safety CAT, and MyCincinnati, and arts events at ARCO

14 projects positively impacting the public realm, including the neighborhood clean ups held by the Safety CAT

\$181,000 private project dollars leveraged, including from the SC Ministry Foundation, Christ Church Cathedral, PNC Bank Foundation, Louise Taft Semple Foundation, Gensler Butler Charitable Fund

\$711,911 public project related dollars leveraged, including the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program, City of Cincinnati reimbursements for Ring Place, NBDIP grant funds

\$551,476 operational dollars leveraged, including from homesteading, rental income, contributions and donations, and HUD Sec 4 grants through LISC



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses

Grant funds were used for existing staff at SHNH, the Community Engagement Director and AmeriCorps volunteers, and to support a new hire, for a new Real Estate Manager role.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

2 vacant and rehabbed housing units, including units on Linn St included in an affordable West End housing development

6 partnerships created, including the Council on Aging, CPD Pivot Team, Buckeye Health, Community Peace Builders, SORTA-Metro

20 events held, including Family Fun Days, Live on Linn St events, the Ezzard Charles Youth Boxing Show, a Town Hall with State Rep. Issacsohn, the Back-to-School Hair-a-thon, West End Business Festival, the 513 Relief Bus

4 projects positively impacting the public realm, including West End Business District Improvements

\$245,000 private project dollars leveraged, including from Interact for Health, PNC Bank

\$278,750 public project dollars leveraged, including from the City of Cincinnati Innovation Fund, CNBDU project funds, Human Service Fund

\$117,500 operational dollars leveraged, including from PNC Bank and Interact for Health

Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation

Grant funds were used to support several positions at WHRF, including the Executive Director, Food Access Coordinator and Real Estate Project Manager, and to hire a Real Estate Consultant.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

6 commercial units in construction, including NBDIP projects

32 partnerships created, including volunteers at the community gardens and food distribution events

232 events held, including events at Taft Garden, St James Art Garden, and Melrose Forest, also food distribution and Friday Food + Fun events



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Neighborhood Project Support Grantee Activities (continued)

Working in Neighborhoods

The work at WIN supported using grant funds focused on the Beekman Corridor, including support for many staff positions, a Beekman Corridor Organizer, a Community Development Planner, a Housing Construction Coordinator and a Housing Coordinator, all of whom contributed to carrying out Beekman Corridor Engagement events and conducting Home Repair Program outreach in the Beekman Corridor.

Key Performance Measure achievements included

4 events held, including Beekman Corridor Housing Study Steering Committee and Community Engagement events

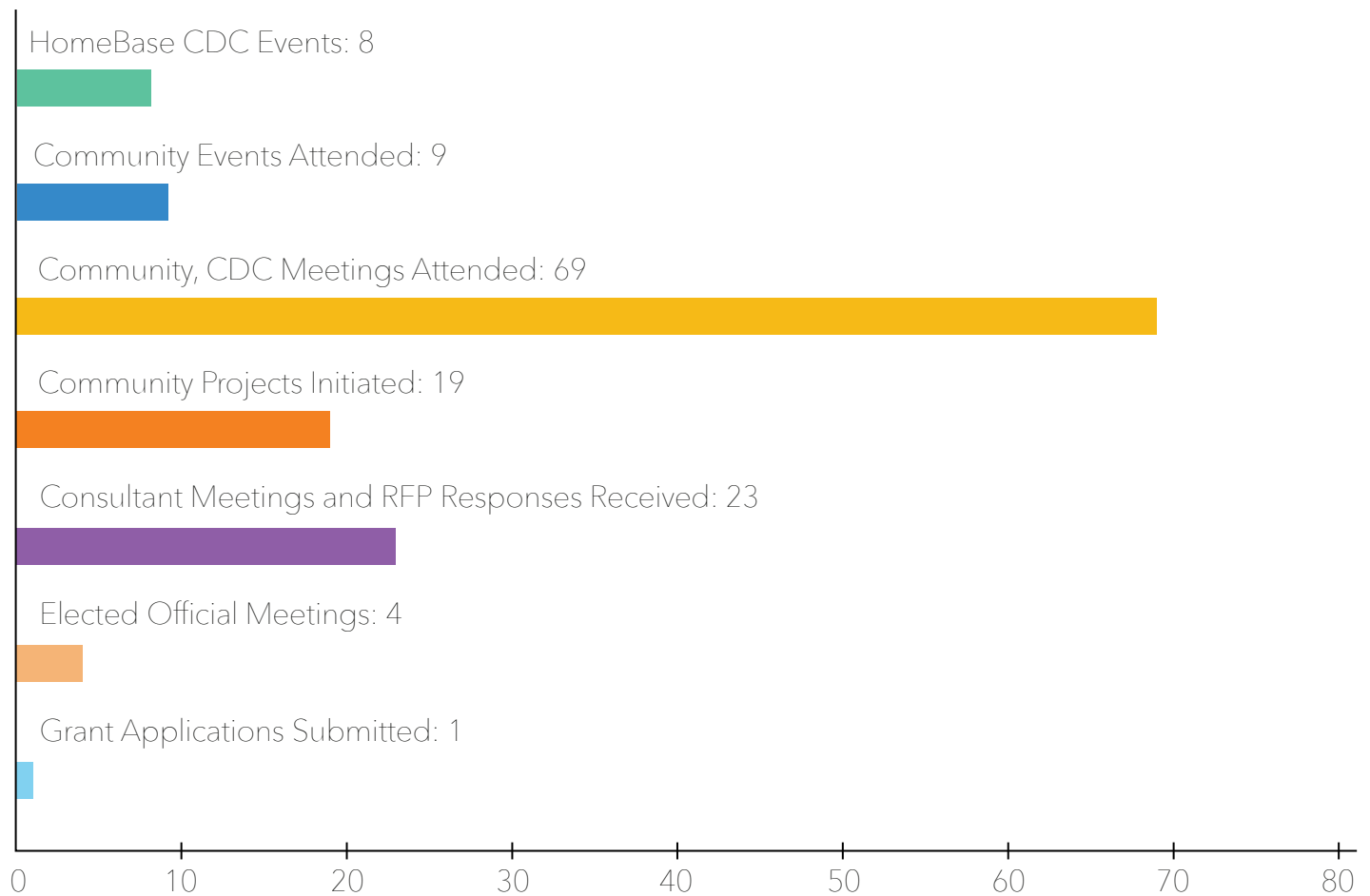
2 projects positively impacting the public realm, including a beautification project in South Cumminsville and improvements at the South Cumminsville Community Garden



Neighborhood Project Support Grants

Organizational Capacity Building, Staffing & CDC Development

HomeBase Staff provided support to other Service Areas in Cincinnati in addition to supporting subrecipients during the grant term. This work often included providing community engagement and planning support, utilizing consultants to develop community plans and facilitating relationship building in service of community and organization goals.



Neighborhood Project Support Grants

Organizational Capacity Building, Staffing & CDC Development (continued)

Project	Neighborhood(s) Served	Contract Value	Consultant
Fairmount Housing Inventory	North Fairmount, South Fairmount	\$42,000	WIN
Housing Study / Community Engagement Support / Web Presence	Sedamsville	\$50,000	UP Development Planning
Strategic Plan	Westwood	\$22,000	Blume Community Partners
Mt Washington ULI TAP	Mt Washington	\$20,000	ULI
Carthage Commons Urban Design	Carthage	\$25,500	Yard & Co.
Mt Auburn Parking Study	Mt Auburn	\$15,000	Kleingers
HomeBase Economic Impact Study	City-wide	\$20,000	UC Economics Center
Feature Stories Series	Mt Airy	\$15,000	Soapbox Media
Website Redeisgn	n/a	\$10,000	Material Partners

Subtotal, Contractual Services \$219,500

Carthage

HomeBase provided support in the development of the Carthage Commons Urban Design plan, prepared by Yard & Company, and in grant writing for an application to the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment program.

East End

HomeBase has been building a relationship in this service area and anticipates providing or facilitating neighborhood planning services in the future.

Mt. Airy

HomeBase provided support in the development of digital assets and marketing to this service area, while also facilitating a Soapbox Media feature.

Mt. Auburn

HomeBase provided support in the development of a parking study and in the CNBDU process in this service area.

North Fairmount and South Fairmount

HomeBase provided support to both service areas in the development of a Housing Inventory and is poised to resume work on the Beekman Corridor Study.



Neighborhood Project Support Grants

Organizational Capacity Building, Staffing & CDC Development (continued)

Sedamsville

HomeBase provided support in community engagement events and marketing in this service area, in addition to facilitating a housing study.

Westwood

HomeBase provided support in facilitating a Technical Assistance Program through the Urban Land Institute with Blume Community Partners.

HomeBase also supported other service areas in Cincinnati, beyond the grant subrecipients supported and those service areas supported through individual projects.

Other Projects	Neighborhood(s) Served	HomeBase Role	Focus
Neighborhood Advisor	Columbia Tusculum, East End & Linwood	Senior Advisor	Small area neighborhood planning, centered on parking ordinance
NBDSG Funding	Bond Hill, Roselawn	Project Manager	Assist with grant funds draw down
CDBG Funding	Camp Washington	Project Manager	Assist with grant funds draw down
CNBDU	Spring Grove Village	Senior Advisor	Delivered CNBDU Map in Study

Bond Hill

HomeBase provided support in assisting with NBDSG funding utilization and the development of Community Goals, facilitated by Blume Community Partners.

Mohawk Area

HomeBase provided support in grant writing to apply to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and in conducting a building inventory and community beautification activities as part of a DOTE traffic calming program.

Mt Lookout, Columbia Tusculum, East End & Linwood

HomeBase provided support in updating the website for the CDC in this service area and in preparing for a traffic and pedestrian safety study as well as the possibility of becoming an entertainment district.

Spring Grove Village

HomeBase provided support in the CNBDU process in this service area for the development of an ongoing market study.



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Organizational Capacity Building, Staffing & CDC Development (continued)

Staff Time	Amount	Focus
Project Manager (Alexus)	\$21,665.50	Neighborhood Research, Neighborhood Workplans, Consultant Management, Neighborhood Project Planning
Contract Work	\$2,320.00	
UC Co-Ops	\$9,440.00	Neighborhood Mapping, Neighborhood Research, Newsletter Research and Writing
Executive Director (Rosa)	\$33,332.74	Neighborhood Research, Grant Award Prep. CDC Capacity Building
Health Insurance	\$3,513.04	

Subtotal, HomeBase Costs \$40,271.28

In the spring of 2023, a new HomeBase team came on board and quickly began carrying out the mission of HomeBase: to strengthen neighborhood organizations that enhance neighborhoods through community building, housing and economic development. With Rosa Christophel coming on as the new Executive Director, and Alexus Wimbish coming on as the new Project Manager, the team began quickly to administer the funds allocated through CDBG to the Neighborhood Project Support Grants program.

Additionally, with the allocated CDBG funds, HomeBase was able to hire 2 student co-ops from the University of Cincinnati, who worked in multiple neighborhoods to provide a variety of services, including mapping, research, assistance with NBDIP and NCCIP grants, and developing websites, among other supportive tasks.

HomeBase will again be positioned to execute funding programs in support of its mission, bolstered by Rosa’s background in applied anthropology and economic development research, along with Alexus’s background in sustainability and community planning.

The \$40,271 in funds allocated to HomeBase provided for the cost of staff, including the Project Manager and Executive Director roles, UC student co-ops, contract work and health insurance costs. The staff time supported by grant funds allocated to this program were critical to supporting both program grantees and other neighborhoods in Cincinnati in need of community development guidance and assistance.



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Housing and Economic Development Training

Using CDBG funds allocated to the Neighborhood Project Support Grants, HomeBase was able to provide the opportunity to grantee organizations to enroll in National Development Council training for both Housing Development Finance and Economic Development Finance courses. A total of 12 staff members from grantee organizations and HomeBase took the opportunity to participate in the trainings and build their knowledge base and skill set in planning for and executing community development projects.

Training Participants

Patrick Cartier, ADC

Jerita Simpson, ADC

Kate Greene, CHCURC

Mary Delaney, Community Matters

Alexus Wimbish, HomeBase

Sarah Thomas, NEST

Ashley Feist, OTRCH

Dejah Rawlings, OTRCH

Samantha Conover, PHW

Ashley Gibbs, SHNH

Stephanie Collins, Westwood Works

Rigel Behrens, WIN



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CDC Strategic Plan

In July 2023, HomeBase engaged Urban Policy Innovations and Blume Community Partners to create a five-year strategic plan outlining market conditions, community development ecosystem strengths, opportunities to improve neighborhood outcomes, and sustainable organizational development for Cincinnati and the Community Development Corporations supporting our neighborhoods.

The consulting team delivered a plan which provides a background on the work undertaken by HomeBase and local CDCs, demonstrates the value of strategic partnership with the City of Cincinnati, assesses the geography of CDC capacity and provides context for the regional community development sector.

The plan is currently under review with the HomeBase Board of Directors, with the opportunity to issue the plan shortly to provide direction to investments to be made by HomeBase and other community partners going forward.

IMPACT 2024-2028:
CDC CAPACITY ANALYSIS & STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HOMEBASE AND THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

15TH & VINE STREETSCAPE IN CINCINNATI'S OVER-THE-RHINE NEIGHBORHOOD (PHOTO CREDIT: OVER-THE-RHINE CINCY WEBSITE)

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Funding from the City of Cincinnati's Department of Community and Economic Development allocated to HomeBase's Neighborhood Project Support Grants Program provided critical funds to supporting our neighborhoods with commercial and housing development, community engagement, projects impacting the public realm, leveraging both public and private investments and supporting both individual Community Development Corporations in Cincinnati and the broader ecosystem of neighborhood CDCs.