Neighborhoods Rising Fund Overview:

The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a unique funding collaborative that annually provides grants up to $5,000 (previously $3,000) for community-driven and neighborhood-led revitalization projects and initiatives in low- to moderate-income areas throughout the Greater Kansas City region. The NRF, formerly the Neighborhood Self Help Fund, was created with the simple goal of seeding dreams and aspirations and building capacity in Kansas City neighborhoods. By supporting small, neighborhood-led initiatives that demonstrate the ability to have a lasting impact, the NRF has brought together hundreds of residents and helped to build their collective capacity to live more productive, healthy, and interconnected lives.

The CCF launched the NRF in the spring of 2015 with generous funding provided by The H & R Block Foundation, Hallmark Corporate Foundation, and William T. Kemper Foundation. Since then, funders have joined this unique funding collaborative including H&R Block, AltCap, Hall Family Foundation, Sosland Foundation, LISC Greater Kansas City, Commerce Bancshares Foundation (Commerce Bank), Google Fiber Kansas City, Dunn Family Foundation, Sprint Foundation (now T-Mobile), US Bank, UMB, and AT&T. Since 2015, NRF has awarded 245 grants to neighborhood organizations in the Greater Kansas City MSA, totaling $681,738.00. These projects have leveraged 47,359 combined volunteer hours, and have engaged 111,244 participants (residents, other stakeholders) during this time.

Past NRF Funders reports can be viewed here:
- 2020 NRF Funders Report coming soon!
- 2019 NRF Funders Report
- 2018 NRF Funders Report
- 2017 NRF Funders Report
- 2016 NRF Funders Report
- 2015 NRF Funders Report

2021 Funding:

The 2021 Neighborhoods Rising Fund grant cycle received 58 proposals from organizations seeking to support community development projects. Total funding request for these projects was $337,119.00. After careful review, the 2021 Neighborhoods Rising Fund is awarding $191,615.00 in grants to 39 neighborhood and community organizations. Thanks to a donation from H&R Block (NYSE: HRB) as the primary corporate partner to bring more revitalization to neighborhoods throughout Greater Kansas City, the relaunched program is supporting an expanded geographic area, an increased award cap for its one-year grants, and new, two-year award options.

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2021 NRF Projects

Missouri Projects (31)

1. **Organization**: Blooms and Brooms Neighborhood Beautification & Preservation  
   **Project Name**: Community Garden Improvements  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Columbus Park  
   **Award Amount**: $2,500 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Blooms and Brooms will make necessary repairs and safety upgrades to improve the physical environment of the Community Garden. This includes replacing a rusted fence, creating a retaining wall, and extending a safe walkway through the garden with concrete pavers (expanding from the existing paved entrance). The project will engage 10-15 current Garden volunteers and recruit new ones, particularly youth.

2. **Organization**: Blue Hills Neighborhood Association  
   **Project Name**: The Putterer’s Place  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Blue Hills  
   **Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Blue Hills Neighborhood Association will repurpose a donated lot at the mid-way point of the Blue Hills neighborhood. The Putterer’s Place will honor a long-time community volunteer, Stephen E. Brown, providing healthy and safe options for youth and adults, and a place to educate residents on becoming good stewards of the neighborhood.

3. **Organization**: Blue Valley Neighborhood Association  
   **Project Name**: Blue Valley Neighborhood Association  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Blue Valley  
   **Award Amount**: $3,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Blue Valley Neighborhood Association will organize captains in each area of the neighborhood to help deter crime, litter, and more. Blue Valley will also maintain its community garden, building flower and butterfly gardens there.

4. **Organization**: Citadel Center HOA  
   **Project Name**: Citadel Beautiful Phase II  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Citadel  
   **Award Amount**: $4,460 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Citadel Center HOA will continue a beautification project started in 2019. The HOA’s newly established landscape committee will take the lead on gathering estimates, planning maintenance, and coordinating volunteers. The project will support an inviting, walkable community that instills a sense of community pride in youth, new residents, as well as long-term residents.
5. **Organization**: East Meyer Cluster Organization  
   **Project Name**: Project Clean Sweep  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: East Meyer  
   **Award Amount**: $540 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Project Clean Sweep will include all members of East Meyer Cluster Organization. East Meyer will provide dumpsters twice this summer and will distribute leaf bags at meetings or as requested.

6. **Organization**: Fairlane Homes Association  
   **Project Name**: Park Revitalization  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Fairlane  
   **Award Amount**: $2,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Fairlane Homes Association will update Fairlane Park, replacing or repairing metal picnic tables and benches and swing sets. Fairlane Homes Association will encourage homeowners and board members to participate in park clean up, repair, and painting.

7. **Organization**: Footprints, Inc.  
   **Project Name**: D.A.V.E.’s Place #15#commUNITY Impact Event  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Walnut Grove  
   **Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Footprints, Inc. will lead a series of events that promote building social cohesion – key to the neighborhood’s ever-changing infrastructure. Footprints, Inc. will also use several lunch-and-learns that involve contributing partners, helping to cultivate and nurture relationship between community residents and resources.

8. **Organization**: Foxtown East Neighborhood Association  
   **Project Name**: Foxtown Love Cleanup Days  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Foxtown East  
   **Award Amount**: $500 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Foxtown East Neighborhood Association will organize several clean-up days. Tools, supplies, and dumpsters will be purchased and rented. Foxtown East will partner with residents, members of Heartland Conservation Alliance, area businesses, and youth organizations to get involved in the clean-ups.

9. **Organization**: Foxtown West Neighborhood Association  
   **Project Name**: Foxtown West Garden Project  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Foxtown West  
   **Award Amount**: $3,900 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Foxtown West Neighborhood Association will maintain its community garden at 68th and Agnes. The neighborhood will also rent out lawn mowers to residents in need of support to maintain their properties.
10. **Organization**: Global One Urban Farming  
   **Project Name**: Finishing in 2021 Global One’s 2020 Year of Plans Postponed by Covid  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Vineyard, South Round Top  
   **Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Global One Urban Farming will lead a Teen Farmers Program, hiring 10 neighborhood high school students to work 200 hours during the summer. Global One will continue maintain firm footing to not only grow in stature, but to be able to give more home-grown produce to neighborhood residents. Global One will also use funds to complete chain link fence and build a second greenhouse on its Cypress acre in the Vineyard neighborhood.

11. **Organization**: Grateful Education Foundation  
   **Project Name**: Educational Empowerment for Health and Safety  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Foxtown West  
   **Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: The Grateful Education Foundation will lead a series of targeted workshops: Mental Health First Aid, Gun Safety, and Anger Management. Grateful Education will also host an Education Fair that will provide information on community services such as Covid 19 testing and vaccinations, health screenings, and educational resources. The workshops and Education Fair will be in partnership with Foxtown West Neighborhood Association and Temple of Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

12. **Organization**: Heart of the City Neighborhood Association Inc.  
   **Project Name**: Neighborhood Safety & Preservation Watch  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Dunbar  
   **Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: The Neighborhood Safety & Prevention Watch project includes a block watch program, installation and monitoring of cameras, and distribution of resource materials that focus on ways to deter littering and illegal dumping. Heart of the City Neighborhood Association Inc. will organize area residents, property owners and businesses located within the neighborhood boundaries.

13. **Organization**: Historic Manheim Park Association  
   **Project Name**: Safe Neighborhoods are Good for Business  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area**: Historic Manheim Park  
   **Award Amount**: $3,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary**: Historic Manheim Park Association (HMPA) will lead improvement in the 21st Century Block Watch Program in Manheim Park and will support HMPA Safety Committee meetings and activities for all neighbors. HMPA will purchase, install, and operate several digital video cameras throughout the neighborhood.
14. **Organization:** Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council  
   **Project Name:** Sunflower Lot Project  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Ivanhoe  
   **Award Amount:** $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** The Sunflower Lot Project is a twofold project that tackles two major issues in the Ivanhoe neighborhood: decreasing the amount of dumping as well as the effects of illegal dumping. It will also bring vibrancy and nature back into the urban core. One of the most common items illegally dumped are used tires. Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council will not only remove tires from lots in Ivanhoe but repurpose them.

15. **Organization:** Jerusalem Farm  
   **Project Name:** Independence Plaza Neighborhood Code Violation Program  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Independence Plaza  
   **Award Amount:** $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** Jerusalem Farm will expand an existing pilot program for curing code violations on single family residences in the Independence Plaza neighborhood. Jerusalem Farm will support low-income owners of single-family homes in Independence Plaza who have potential or existing code violations.

16. **Organization:** Literacy KC  
   **Project Name:** Literacy KC Community Garden at Clymer Community Center  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Theron B. Watkins Homes  
   **Award Amount:** $3,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** Literacy KC will partner with the students and residents of T.B. Watkins to revive the garden space at Clymer Community Center, developing an inviting space for students to gather, sort, and distribute produce during harvest season. This will provide participating students and residents access to fresh and healthy produce so that adequate nutrition does not become a barrier to classroom or individual success. The community garden will be a group effort from staff, students, residents, and volunteers to create the initial eight garden plots.

17. **Organization:** Longfellow Community Association  
   **Project Name:** Longfellow Community Resilience  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Longfellow  
   **Award Amount:** $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** Longfellow Community Association (LCA) will build community resilience through three focus areas: Longfellow Farm’s increased soil building and community education, neighborhood beautification, and expanded communications initiatives. LCA will: add beehives to increase pollinators, harvest honey, and teach beekeeping skills; expand irrigation sprinklers to flower beds, herb bed, and trellis bed to reduce time spent hand watering and improve production; and improve soil quality with compost.
18. **Organization**: Manheim Community Land Trust  
**Project Name**: Manheim Park Monthly Neighborhood Cleanup  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Manheim Park  
**Award Amount**: $1,250 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Manheim Park has many vacant lots. Through neglect and illegal dumping, these lots have become a health and safety issue and an eyesore. Manheim Community Land Trust will serve homeowners’ ongoing needs to dispose of trash, yard waste, and household hazardous chemicals not taken in regular pickups.

19. **Organization**: Maple Park Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Maple Park Neighborhood Family Fun Day  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Maple Park  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Maple Park Neighborhood Association will host a combination Activity/Resource event. The Association will invite resource and service providers in the community to attend (Police, Fire Depart., Clay County Health, NNI, MOCSA, etc.) The event will also host a bike rodeo for kids, with hopes of being able to give away some bikes and helmets.

20. **Organization**: North Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: “Bringing Different Cultures Together Under One Community”  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: North Blue Ridge  
**Award Amount**: $3,745 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: North Blue Ridge Neighborhood Association’s projects is a 5-tiered outreach initiative to build a safe community for all in the North Blue Ridge neighborhood. The project will include a series of Progressive Porch Dinners, allowing neighbors to meet our neighbors around food and fellowship – breaking down the walls of diversity.

21. **Organization**: NorthWest Communities Development Corp.  
**Project Name**: Fairmount Clean-Up  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Fairmount  
**Award Amount**: $1,200 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: NorthWest Communities Development Corp. will lead a clean-up project in the Fairmount neighborhood, where each household is required to pay for their own trash services. As a result of several residents not able to afford services, trash is dumped in back yards or other areas of the neighborhood. This project would periodically place dumpsters in convenient locations, seeking to prevent dumping along roadsides. Volunteers will be on site to help individuals unload items and prevent hazardous waste being unloaded.
22. **Organization**: Paseo West Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Creating Pedestrian Pathways Through Safety and Street Amenities  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Paseo West  
**Award Amount**: $3,900 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Paseo West Neighborhood Association will create pedestrian pathways through safety and amenities for Paseo West's three-year safety and environmental plan. The project will build on the upcoming installation of 11 security cameras and LED streetlights partially funded through PIAC. The project will develop and implement strategies, activities, and events to build a pedestrian environment that encourages the use of current neighborhood amenities, identifies through a community-based decision-making process additional amenities needed, and supports local small businesses through increased foot traffic, sales, and security.

23. **Organization**: Sacred Heart Homes Association - Westside  
**Project Name**: Sweep It Up, Keep It Up  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Sacred Heart - Westside  
**Award Amount**: $2,500 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Sweep It Up, Keep It Up will focus on sustaining and preserving the community through regular “clean up” efforts by resident volunteers. In partnership with the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation (HEDC), Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association, truck volunteers, and the residents of the Westside community will work together to clean up the Westside neighborhood. This project directly aligns with Sacred Heart – Westside’s “Planning Sustainable Places” Plan which focuses on reversing disinvestment of this community. By providing residents the tools to clean their own community, power is put into the residents’ hands.

24. **Organization**: Santa Fe Area Council  
**Project Name**: Historic Santa Fe Pride, Taking It to the Streets  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Santa Fe  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: In 2020, Santa Fe area Council used NRF funding to create a new logo design, purchase 6 large banners, and the tooling needed to install them. This year, Santa Fe will purchase more banners that would be seen down the neighborhood’s major streets: Benton, Indiana, Linwood, and Prospect. Santa Fe will also hold a small event, where residents, partners, and other stakeholders can come together see what was done. Santa Fe will also host a major cleanup prior to the event.
25. **Organization**: Sheffield Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Sheffield Beautification Projects  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Sheffield  
**Award Amount**: $2,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Sheffield Neighborhood Association will lead improvements to the Sheffield neighborhood’s urban orchard. Sheffield will build new raised beds, incorporating security fencing, and adding hard scape landscape elements like benches and patios to the existing urban orchard at 923 Newton. The urban orchard is across the street from local stakeholders, Sheffield Place and Our Lady of Peace Church. Sheffield will recruit parishioners from the church, especially youth, to work on these projects. Other partners include Mattie Rhodes Center; the orchard project will help Sheffield start a working relationship with them.

26. **Organization**: Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Spring and Fall Neighborhood Cleanups (2 each per year)  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Sunset Dixon  
**Award Amount**: $1,240 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association will host four separate neighborhood dumpster cleanups on Saturday morning over the course of two years. Dumpsters will be available for neighborhood residents to bring leaves/brush and for trash. Sunset Dixon will also canvas the neighborhood these days, collecting trash in the street and on the edges of the road, and in the ditches. The volunteers will donate their time, gas (for driving around the neighborhood), use of their vehicles, and tools (shovels, rakes, brooms, trimmers, and chain saws) for this project.

27. **Organization**: Swope Parkway-Elmwood Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Neighborhood Cleanups  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Swope Parkway-Elmwood  
**Award Amount**: $880 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Swope Parkway-Elmwood Neighborhood Association will host three neighborhood cleanups throughout the year, making four dumpsters available at each cleanup.

28. **Organization**: The Asylum Orchard  
**Project Name**: Asylum Orchard and Garden Project  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Blue Hills  
**Award Amount**: $4,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: The project consists of repurposing former MODOT land near 71 Highway into abundant orchards and vegetable gardens as a verdant and productive buffer. The project’s aims will involve Blue Hills community members and, along with those who will receive free fruit and veggies grown from the garden and orchard.
29. **Organization**: Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association  
**Project Name**: Community Outreach/Block Leaders Project  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Town Fork Creek  
**Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Town Fork Creek Neighborhood Association will continue its quest to recruit block and quadrant leaders in Town Fork Creek. Town Fork Creek believes that the only way to see significant progress in reducing crime and violence, reducing litter and illegal dumping, and attacking the myriad of serious problems is by promoting neighborhood residents’ commitment to achieve goals that they themselves have established. When block leaders are identified, they will receive training and information through a series of workshops led by community leaders and service providers. Each quadrant will develop a plan and project that uniquely improves their part of Town Fork Creek.

30. **Organization**: Troost Market Collective  
**Project Name**: Troostapalooza 2021  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Center City, Longfellow  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: The Troostapalooza festival aims to celebrate the community by bringing together neighbors, small businesses, non-profits, music, and activities. It serves to coalesce the community and raise awareness of history along the corridor with the support of local businesses. Troostapalooza is a free, family-friendly event located along Troost between 30th and 31st Streets. The celebratory nature of Troostapalooza fits well with the goals of embracing a better future for Troost that is inclusive and representative of valued community members.

31. **Organization**: Westside CAN Center  
**Project Name**: Westside CAN Community Orchard  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Westside  
**Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Westside CAN Center will purchase supplies and equipment that will be used for maintenance and care of the fruit trees and the education activities at the WCAN Orchard. Westside CAN Director will oversee the implementation of the program, engaging volunteers and local families of the Westside. Families and volunteers of the Westside will help with the care of 130 fruit trees, butterfly garden, chicken coop, medicine garden, beehives, vegetable boxes and greenhouse.
Kansas Projects (8)

1. **Organization:** Argentine Betterment Corporation  
   **Project Name:** A Better Community (ABC)  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Argentine  
   **Award Amount:** $3,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** With the onset of Covid-19, the mental health of the Argentine community is one of the primary focus points for Argentine Betterment Corporation (ABC). ABC has been working with the KCK Schools and neighborhood groups to ask what the community really needs to improve life during these uncertain times. Unanimously, community has been the number one response. ABC will work with the UG, the Health Department and KCK School District to come up with dates to host events during the year, starting off with summer concerts and movie nights in the park. These events will all be hosted outdoors to promote social distancing. ABC will reserve Emerson Park for several upcoming dates, coordinating with KCK Sheriffs and KCK school administrators.

2. **Organization:** Community Housing of Wyandotte County  
   **Project Name:** Community Arts Placemaking in Strawberry Hill, KCK  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Strawberry Hill  
   **Award Amount:** $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** Community Housing of Wyandotte County (CHWC) is working with neighborhood groups and residents to help make Downtown Kansas City, Kansas an arts community through a variety of strategies, ranging from recreating 3rd Friday Art Walks, hosting summer concert series at prized neighborhood locations, and renovating exterior and interior space adjacent to EPIC Clay Studio to allow artists the venue to stay in KCK and practice their work. CHWC will engage local artists in teaching classes in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood, including kids' classes. CHWC will also purchase arts supplies to reduce the cost of the classes, especially for students, and for storage space.

3. **Organization:** First Baptist Church Kansas  
   **Project Name:** "What Do You Want To Be?-Summer Youth Arts Camp  
   **Project Neighborhood/Area:** Northeast KCK (Turtle Hill, Douglass-Sumner, Strawberry Hill, Struggler’s Hill)  
   **Award Amount:** $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
   **Project Summary:** First Baptist Church Kansas will host a Summer Youth Arts Camp meant to help neighborhood youth think, wonder, and image. Participants will learn about various careers and what skills, requirements, knowledge, and experience are required for progression. This process will assist youth in learning about and choosing career paths.
4. **Organization**: Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association, Inc  
**Project Name**: Westheight Park Neighborhood Frisbee (Disk) Golf Course  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Historic Westheight  
**Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association, Inc. will continue its work in Westheight Park, building a frisbee (disc) golf course. Resident volunteers will help with the placement of the baskets, basic course signs, and more. Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association hopes the project will help to revitalize this old park and once again, making it neighborhood friendly and safe to spend time in. In 2020, NRF funds were used to paint murals to stop the rival gangs from tagging the concrete in our park. This frisbee course would be a small, 9-basket course. Neighbors will volunteer to teach others how to play.

5. **Organization**: Metro Lutheran Ministry  
**Project Name**: Eileen’s Place Community Garden & Orchard  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Turner Area (KCK)  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Metro Lutheran Ministry (MLM) will open Eileen’s Place, a 60 unit supported housing apartment community for at risk and homeless families, in May 2021. The community will host a children’s playground, orchard, and community garden. NRF funds will support the purchase and installation of up to 24 raised garden beds and 20 fruit trees. Staff will coordinate with tenants of the community, neighbors, and volunteers to build and install the beds. Tenants and neighbors will be invited to adopt garden beds, and subsequently be invited to participate in community nutrition classes utilizing the food grown in the garden.

6. **Organization**: Rosedale Development Association  
**Project Name**: Rosedale Community Center Phase One: Building Community Capacity  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Rosedale  
**Award Amount**: $10,000 – 2-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: Rosedale (RDA) will lead community engagement and capacity building work prior to conducting a capital campaign for a Rosedale Community Center. Currently Rosedale has no community center or other public gathering space, outside of parks and the small community room adjacent to RDA’s office. This grant would support the preparation phase before RDA launches a capital campaign, including re-convening a committee of community stakeholders (paused March 2020 when pandemic elevated shorter-term priorities), surveying as many Rosedalians as possible to determine what their priorities and visions are for a Rosedale community center.
7. **Organization**: The Hub Argentine  
**Project Name**: The Hub Community Garden  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Argentine  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: The Hub Argentine will install a community garden, delivering its mission to be a space open to the whole neighborhood to grow food and to build healthy community. The community garden will provide free produce to neighbors in Argentine, offer educational opportunities around gardening, cooking, and canning, and build community through uniting neighbors through intentional community-building opportunities. Neighbors with all levels of gardening experience, ages, backgrounds, and physical abilities will participate.

8. **Organization**: Turtle Hill Community Association  
**Project Name**: Pocket Park in Turtle Hill  
**Project Neighborhood/Area**: Turtle Hill  
**Award Amount**: $5,000 – 1-Yr. Grant  
**Project Summary**: This inter-generational engagement, green revitalization project will increase community cohesion, support neighborhood beautification, and create an accessible recreational green space for residents. The Turtle Hill Community Association (THCA), a historic NE KCK neighborhood, will partner with Groundwork NRG, a community-based nonprofit, and Groundwork NRG’s Green Team (local youth ages 17-21) to envision and co-create a design for a senior-friendly community pocket park at 600 Washington Blvd (which THCA owns and maintains). These lot designs will integrate native plants, flowers, and shrubs along with public seating for residents to enjoy the outdoors together.

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