

HEADLINES



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NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS AWARDED

Tiny grants are about to make a big difference in Rock Island [neighborhoods](#). [Neighborhood Partners](#) announced today the award of ten Grants for Neighborhoods, impacting all of Rock Island's neighborhoods north of 18th Avenue. Eight different organizations were awarded \$11,943 in funds to improve quality of life in Rock Island neighborhoods.



Several projects focused on youth, such as summer employment, childcare training and playground improvements. Others focused on physical enhancements to neighborhoods, such as expansion of a graffiti removal project and gardening workshops. Some groups sought improved communication through newsletters and brochures. All are grassroots activities, with generous support by neighborhood volunteers.

Funded projects include:

11/31 Business Association	11 th Street Brochure	\$500
Community Caring Conference	Graffiti Buster Enhancement	\$850
Community Caring Conference	Helping Our Peers to Excel	\$500
Community Caring Conference	Kidding Around	\$960
Community Housing Solutions/RIHA	Financial Literacy	\$2,000
Greenbush Neighbors	Training in Childcare	\$450
KeyStone Neighborhood Assn.	Gardening Workshops	\$1,110
Old Town Chicago Historic Area	Newsletter	\$1,800
Rock Island Preservation Society	Tour Yesterday	\$1,773
RISD/Rock Island Primary Academy	Peaceful Playground	\$2,000

Eligible applicants included the fourteen organizational members of Neighborhood Partners. All but four of the organizations submitted at least one application. Twenty-one total applications were received, requesting \$31,753 in funds. Neighborhood Partners had \$12,000 to grant. Over an eight-year period, Neighborhood Partners accumulated carryover from its share of Rock Island's Community Development Block Grant funds and raised some revenue from non-Rock Islanders attending the Community Leadership College. In fall 2004, Neighborhood Partners used these funds to create the one-time Grants for Neighborhoods program to encourage grassroots projects with meaningful local impact.