PROVIDED FREE CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT TO 61 NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

SERVED AS FISCAL AGENT FOR $42,223 OF GRANT FUNDING TO THE COMMUNITY

PRESENTED 13.5 HOURS OF FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THE COMMUNITY

INCREASED THE KNOWLEDGE OF 52 RESIDENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY-BUILDING & CIVICS WORKSHOPS
OUR MISSION: EMPOWER PEOPLE WHERE THEY LIVE WITH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND ENGAGEMENT TO DEVELOP THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS.

EMPOWERING NEIGHBORHOODS

One Omaha staff presented 3 public testimonies to Omaha’s City Council supporting affordable housing and resident-focused development, ensuring neighborhood needs are represented at the municipal level.

Through our mini-grant program, we awarded $500 to local artist Sedra D, who organized and led a community art workshop at Bancroft Street Market to introduce urban art to neighborhood residents and complete a tiny mural collaboration.

Our team worked 218 hours in promotion and support of the Omaha Community Foundation’s neighborhood grants program, helping 11 groups with facilitation services including brainstorming, visioning sessions, budget planning, and technical application assistance.

With our support, 9 groups secured $29,825 in funding from the Omaha Community Foundation to increase capacity, expand educational opportunities, and beautify neighborhoods.

PLUM NELLY EAST

After working with One Omaha to establish the Plum Nelly East Neighborhood Association (PNENA) in the Omaha Neighborhood Directory, the group also enlisted our services to apply for its first ever grant from the Omaha Community Foundation.

PNENA wanted to address issues of dumped trash and overgrowth of weeds and trees in the neighborhood. One Omaha not only provided guidance on the grant application process and deadlines, but also served as PNENA’s fiscal sponsor to ensure they could receive the grant funds.

After successfully receiving a $5,000 Omaha Neighborhood Grant, PNENA collaborated with another local nonprofit to install garden beds and plant starter vegetables. The association was able to clear old trees, litter, and weeds from the area.

“Our neighborhood association exists today because of the assistance and encouragement One Omaha gave us along the way,” said VeNessa Strong-Hardy, PNENA president. “Thank you, One Omaha, for believing in us.”

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Our Engagement Manager Alex O’Hanlon led the course “Addressing Redlining through Community Engagement” for UNO’s Service Learning Academy.

Alex presented information on city offices, access points, communication strategies, and advocacy efforts. The 10-session course will continue through 2023, focusing on developing service learning projects that invest in historically redlined areas.
CREATING RESOURCES

We produced 22 blogs as educational resources for neighborhood leaders and community organizers. We featured 4 guest blogs by local nonprofit and community leaders focusing on neighborhood development and engagement strategies. Our blog posts were read 3,233 times.

Some topics included:

- Lone wolf organizing and proactivism
- How-to’s on grant writing and forming neighborhood associations
- "Ghosts" of Omaha development (Tenth Street Market, The Intersections, 14th and Dodge, Rick’s Cafe Boatyard, 46 Dodge)
- Neighborhood development projects (North Omaha Trail, Walnut Hill Commons, the magic of murals)
- Information about Omaha’s City Charter Convention and how to get involved

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