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# COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT RECIPIENTS

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# CDC SPONSORED GRANTS

For years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's Active People, Healthy Nation) has been the anchor in funding projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work and play.



## **Sustain Ability Inc.** Houston, TX

Magnolia Park, one of Houston's most historic Hispanic neighborhoods, will turn a standard walk audit into a culturally rooted community. Using bilingual "Lotería Cards" (Bingo), residents will document hazards along a neighborhood route, creating data that will be shared with Council Members.



## **Opelika Main Street** Opelika, AL

Opelika Main Street will implement the "Railroad Connection Mural Trail," a tactical walkability strategy using 6-8 micro-murals, "visual waypoints", along the active CSX rail line. By gamifying the walking experience, we will transform a 5-minute stroll into a 1.5-mile exploration of our historic core. This project will create an inviting, human-scaled environment that makes walking for transportation and recreation the preferred choice.



## **NWMO Regional Development Corporation** Maryville, MO

Neighborhood Stroll & Score will connect communities through a month-long, intergenerational walking event. Mixed-age teams walk accessible routes, using a digital form to assess neighborhood safety, accessibility, and mobility—promoting activity, meaningful connection, and community feedback.

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## **Thrive Allen County** Iola, KS

The walking labyrinth will be an ADA-accessible space at the Allen Community College, transforming underutilized green space into an inclusive outdoor resource. Built through a community volunteer day, this project will be something built for the community, by the community, to promote wellness and connection.



## **Harrison County Health Department** Bethany, MO

This project will implement a Story Walk at Bethany Memorial Park, creating a safe and accessible walking route for families as part of a larger initiative to connect multiple parks and a new hospital. Pages of a children's book will be displayed along the path, encouraging participants to walk, read, and engage together.



## **Gallatin County Tourism** Warsaw, KY

The project will add wayfinding signage throughout Gallatin County to guide residents and visitors to key community assets. Signs will provide clear directions to parks, schools, sports complexes, the library, and other public spaces.

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## **City of Hillsboro: Safe Routes to School Program** Hillsboro, OR

Distribute reflective safety gear to students during walking and biking meetups, and host a bike rodeo providing free bicycles, helmets, and locks to students at a high-poverty Title 1 school.



## **Anointed to Serve** Philadelphia, PA

Organize community walks, activity events, and educational workshops promoting walkability, pedestrian safety, and the health and environmental benefits of walking for residents of all ages.



## **Historic Old Town Neighborhood Improvement Association** Topeka, KS

Replace deteriorated sidewalks on a key student walking route to Topeka High School as part of a broader neighborhood infrastructure repair effort.



## **Main Street Leeds** Leeds, AL

Construct an ADA-accessible pedestrian pathway connecting parking areas to downtown businesses, featuring pedestrian-scale lighting, shaded seating, and green infrastructure.

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**Public Health**  
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Iredell County Health Department

## **Iredell County Health Department** Statesville, NC

Host free community walking and physical activity events in local parks and greenways, open to all ages and abilities, to encourage walking as a means of improving health and community connection.



**LEGACY DONOR**  
FOUNDATION

## **Legacy Donor Foundation** Metairie, LA

Coordinate community heart-shaped walks promoting health awareness and organ donation education, with funding supporting event logistics and donor registration outreach.



## **YEP! Youth Engagement Planning** Saint Paul, MN

Launch a statewide safe-routes-to-school campaign in six pilot communities, rebuilding confidence in walking to school through multilingual outreach, walk audits, quick-build safety improvements, walking school buses, and a replicable toolkit.



## **Adirondack Rail Trail Association** Saranac Lake, NY

Install wayfinding signage and trail amenities along the Adirondack Rail Trail to improve navigation, enhance safety, and connect users to nearby local businesses and attractions.

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## **Price Hill Wellness Community Action Team** Cincinnati, OH

Offer free weekly wellness classes and community walks in Price Hill, Cincinnati, addressing health disparities through culturally responsive engagement and health equity advocacy.



## **One Hope Tulsa** Tulsa, OK

Conduct a human-centered design process engaging residents, landlords, and city officials to prototype and test walkability improvements near the Route 66 Rose Bowl community center.



**SOUTH PARK  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## **SouthPark Community Foundation** Charlotte, NC

Convert an underutilized green space into a pocket park along the SouthPark Loop pedestrian and bicycle path, featuring seating, public art, creative lighting, and shade landscaping.



## **San Francisco Community Health Center** San Francisco, CA

Expand an existing community walking group by adding an additional day to serve more participants, including outreach and essential items for unhoused community members.

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## **Off the Walls Arts Memphis, TN**

Commission public art and install wayfinding signage along the Off the Rails Artline trail, complemented by a free community walking event with guided tours, live music, and children's workshops.



## **Global Thinking Initiatives Inc. Yeadon, PA**

Design and install youth-friendly wayfinding signage in Philadelphia's Cobbs Creek Park to support a free trail and nature program serving children ages 2-13 and families in historically underinvested neighborhoods.



## **One MKE Milwaukee, WI**

Transform the 4th and Mineral traffic circle and crosswalks with a community-designed street mural to enhance pedestrian safety and reflect neighborhood identity through collaborative design workshops and painting events.

