



13 Trenton projects get funding from the Trenton Historic Development Collaborative

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TRENTON - The Trenton Historic Development Collaborative teamed up with the I Am Trenton Community Foundation and Isles, Inc. to give nearly \$30,000 worth of grants to 13 different local community projects.

Projects will each receive between \$250 and \$5,000 through the development collaborative's Small Grants Program.

The checks will be presented at an awards ceremony on Wednesday at Trenton's Serenity Garden, one of the first projects supported by the Small Grants Program.

The 2015 spring recipients are:

- A Better Way's Community First program, which trains previously incarcerated individuals for in-demand jobs
- Amini Sababu's Summer Fun at the Serenity Garden, where outreach programs will be planned at the Serenity Garden, a place of healing for victims of violence
- Bellevue Area Civic Association's Clean and Safe Neighborhoods, which will encourage residents to keep the streets of Trenton clean and safe
- Youth Programs sponsored by the GEMS Youth Development programs that will uplift youngsters through dance, stepping and mentoring programs
- Jennifer Shaw's To Know Thyself, a program geared at empowering girls between the ages of 11 and 16
- Jonathan Gordon's Swings project, where he hopes to install swing sets in vacant lots across Trenton, using reclaimed wood from the Trenton Makes bridge
- Nutrition Obesity Weight Management's NOW Program for Kids, which will give kids a space to exercise and learn about nutrition
- Prospect Street Gardeners' Brighter Prospects project that will work to make the Prospect Street Garden a focal point of the community
- Ronnie Patman's Altering Visions to create a short film showcasing the people in the THDC neighborhood

- Urban Mental Health Alliance's Clear Hearts and Minds Conference that will teach good mental health practices
- Urban Promise's Camp Promise and Camp Truth Summer Camps, which will give neighborhood kids life management and leadership training, as well as launching the StreetLeader program that provides jobs for youth in the THDC neighborhood.
- Vocational and Service Training's GED with City History Instruction and Civic Service that will support VAST's GED training, which focuses on city history, language arts, and social studies, and also has hands-on training and civic service through D&R Canal maintenance
- Willow Green Townhouse Association's Parking Lot Safety, which will install motion-sensor lights and video cameras for the parking lots of the town homes

To qualify for the grants, the projects must work to improve the neighborhoods bordering West State and Willow streets, and Hermitage, Bellevue and Rutherford avenues.

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