

# Community Outreach Partnerships Center Grant Summaries

## New Grant Program Summaries

**Recipient:** Point Park College  
**Grant Amount:** \$398,405  
**Address:** 201 Wood Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
**Contact/Phone:** Dr. Katherine Henderson/412-392-3990

Point Park College will use its COPC grant to contribute to the revitalization and racial integration of the nearby community of McKees Rocks. McKees Rocks is a community rich in social and physical assets, but it has endured decades of housing segregation in its public housing communities and the related problems of poverty, low educational attainment, and a large share of housing and commercial vacancies. PPC will partner with the Community Advisory Council (a well established community organization) to provide a comprehensive set of services for the community Focus on Renewal Program. Program objectives include designing and launching a new Cultural Arts Center, assisting the community with securing economic development assistance from businesses and governmental organizations, and focusing a significant investment in service learning for the community.

**Recipient:** Winston-Salem State University  
**Grant Amount:** \$400,000  
**Address:** 601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27110  
**Contact/Phone:** Valerie Howard/336-750-2413

Winston Salem State University will use its COPC grant to address the urgent needs of Happy Hill and Belview. By establishing a WSSU-COPC, *The Center for Community Safety* (CCS) will take a much larger role in community revitalization as a means of sustaining neighborhood stability. The CCS will address the needs of the target area in a number of ways, including: 1) establishing branches strategically located in Happy Hill; 2) educating and empowering residents on home buying issues; 3) training and equipping residents with the tools to revitalize their neighborhood; and 4) developing activity programs for youth that will help to reduce crime.

**Recipient:** Anderson College  
**Grant Amount:** \$397,384  
**Address:** 316 Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
**Contact/Phone:** Dr. Bob Hanley/864-231-2075

Anderson College will use its COPC grant to establish *The Reed Street Community Project* as a major initiative in community service outreach. The Reed Street Community need is great: high poverty rate, low educational levels, serious crime, and substandard housing. Through an extensive planning process, The Reed Street Community residents, along with Anderson College personnel and partners, have identified four major focus areas for this project: 1) Community Education; 2) Community Organizing; 3) Housing; and 4) Crime Prevention. From these four focus areas, Anderson College has delineated 40 programs designed to empower residents to take ownership of these initiatives and direct them through their own leadership and control.

**Recipient:** Portland Community College  
**Grant Amount:** \$399,880  
**Address:** P.O. Box 19000  
Portland, OR 97280  
**Contact/Phone:** Kristin Watkins/503-977-4696

Portland Community College will use its COPC grant to create a *Portsmouth Partnership* that targets the Portsmouth neighborhood, located in an Enterprise Community. Encompassing 696 acres, and a population of 8,304 people, Portsmouth has historically served as home to Portland's poorest families. Due to HOPE VI revitalization, Portsmouth is on the verge of a major transition, yet questions remain as to whether current residents will be able to afford to stay in their neighborhood without education or employment skills. In response to these acute needs the *Portsmouth Partnership* will effectively address the community's issues through outreach focused on Increasing Economic Opportunity, Stabilizing Housing and Basic Needs, and Building Community Capacity.

**Recipient:** University of Notre Dame  
**Grant Amount:** \$398,087  
**Address:** 511 Main Building  
Notre Dame, IN 46556  
**Contact/Phone:** Jay Caponigro/574-631-9423

The University of Notre Dame and community partners will use its COPC grant to establish the Northeast neighborhood in South Bend, Indiana. Home to a diverse group of nearly 7,000 residents, the Northeast Neighborhood is faced with issues of poverty, violence, low educational achievement, underemployment, and inadequate housing. As potential solutions, the Notre Dame COPC partners propose to establish projects that will include: 1) a youth mentoring initiative providing violence prevention training, educational tutoring and recreational opportunities for children and teens; 2) an adult education, job training and placement program

for at risk young adults and un/underemployed adults; and 3) a lead education and hazard control program for targeting area housing and children.

**Recipient:** Florida State University  
**Grant Amount:** \$399,969  
**Address:** 118 N. Woodward  
Tallahassee, FL 32306  
**Contact/Phone:** Charles Connerly/850-644-8516

Florida State University will use its COPC grant to improve the Southside neighborhoods of Tallahassee. Residents are more likely to live in poverty, be unemployed, live in substandard housing, and have their children attend low-performing schools. The FSU COPC will focus on key major Southside problems: economic development, housing and neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure, and health care. FSU will institutionalize its involvement in the community by establishing the FSU COPC at the Orange Avenue Public Housing development on the city's Southside and by establishing satellite centers at other HUD assisted housing or faith-based institutions.

**Recipient:** California State University, Long Beach  
**Grant Amount:** \$399,979  
**Address:** 6300 State University Dr.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
**Contact/Phone:** Patricia Rozee/562-985-2376

California State University, Long Beach will use its COPC grant to fund the *Carmelitos Initiative*, which will address the needs of the residents of Carmelitos Housing Development of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, located in North Long Beach. The Initiative has been designed by California State University Long Beach (CSULB) and its partners to meet college and university academic goals and to address critical community needs through combined resources and collaborative actions. The Initiative seeks to address needs relating to children and families in the North Long Beach area, with a particular focus on family literacy, workforce development, and family and senior life issues. These needs will be addressed through outreach activities that utilize the involvement of service learning students and faculty from CSULB, Long Beach City College, and California State University Dominguez Hills.

**Recipient:** Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Grant Amount:** \$399,998  
**Address:** 141 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623  
**Contact/Phone:** Ann Howard/585- 475-5104

Rochester Institute of Technology and the North East Neighborhood Alliance, a collaborative, resident-driven planning initiative representing three neighborhoods in the City of Rochester,

New York, propose the RIT-NENA Community Outreach Partnership Center as an expansion of a successful three-year comprehensive community development partnership. RIT will use its COPC grant to fund the following four initial program areas, as potential solutions to the priority need areas identified by residents of the target neighborhoods: 1) housing; 2) economic development; 3) neighborhood revitalization and capacity development; and 4) neighborhood planning. The overarching goal is to build local self-reliance for individuals, families and neighborhoods. The RIT-NENA COPC reflects this philosophy. The COPC will serve as a complement to other neighborhood revitalization activities through which a number of partners will gather to develop and implement outreach and research activities designed to support the goal of self-reliance.

**Recipient:** University of Texas at El Paso  
**Grant Amount:** \$395,403  
**Address:** 500 West University  
El Paso, TX 79968  
**Contact/Phone:** Kathleen Staudt, PhD/915-747-7975

University of Texas at El Paso, Center for Civic Engagement will use its COPC grant to link three partnerships and multiple organizations around the following themes and utilize Spanish and English formats to ensure fair access for disadvantaged people: 1) One-Stop Stop for Nonprofits- this will facilitate collaborations among multiple partners, providing training workshops with Community Housing Development Organizations, and building interactive relationships with students through class-produced results such as low-literacy reader-friendly housing manuals in *fotonovela* form, scripts and plays in *teatro*; 2) Profile of Women to build a Women's Fund- connecting existing surveys, adding more from *Colonias*, to a community-wide educational campaign on diverse women's needs (especially the lack of living wages for Hispanic women, who earn 37 percent of non-Hispanic men) to raise money for a Women's Fund for grants and loans to microentrepreneurs. (El Paso lacks such a Fund, unlike other large cities.); and 3) Policy-Performance-Virtual Think Tank- documenting and disseminating reports, and posting them for user-friendly nonprofit access, and networking among policy makers, community activists, and students and faculty members in Policy Roundtables. Three resident-driven neighborhood plans will be produced (2 EZ, 1 *Colonia*). The COPC will connect long-term, deep partnerships in a coherent set of activities in ways that will build civic capacity and leadership among adults and youth through service-learning at the university and in EZ-located Bowie High School's magnet school of public affairs.

**Recipient:** University of California-Riverside  
**Grant Amount:** \$400,000  
**Address:** 200 University Office Building  
Riverside, CA 92521  
**Contact/Phone:** Deborah Terao/909-787-5535

University of California Riverside will serve the Colonias of Mecca, Thermal and Oasis, and two Colonias on Native American reservations in the Southeastern desert of California. The University of California will use its COPC grant to enhance employment opportunities of community members

by providing job training in digital technology, develop and deploy an interactive web based database developed by community members themselves; second to develop a community development project through a assets mapping of the Desert Colonias, and third to create and implement a community based home environmental health program. Each of these activities is designed to build capacity for community autonomy, enhance job capacity of community members, and last, to increase the quality of living in the colonias.

### New Direction Grant Program Summaries

**Recipient:** University of Massachusetts at Boston  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** 100 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125  
**Contact/Phone:** Joan Arches/617-287-7288

The University of Massachusetts Boston will use its COPC New Directions grant for planning an environmental initiative in the Columbia Point Community. This project will include capacity-building workshops for people who live, work, and learn at Columbia Point to develop skills to effectively participate in comprehensive planning process and community arts and gardening initiatives. The university will develop an on-site sustainable community resource center that will serve as a vehicle for long-term university-community partnerships not only with the Columbia Point community but with other Boston neighborhoods as well.

**Recipient:** Butler University  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** 4600 Sunset Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46208  
**Contact/Phone:** Margaret Brabant, PhD/317-940-9683

Butler University will use its COPC New Directions grant to expand the service delivery area of its *Center for Citizenship and Community Change* and to further institutionalize the university's outreach to community partners, including for the first time, religious leaders. The new activities propose to extend services to a new target area, and develop new relationships by extending the ethnographic dialogue to include religious leaders who serve people in the new service area. Specific activities include working in collaboration with leaders of the local youth center to develop multiple literacy programs and working with homeless service providers to explore the possibility of an education program.

**Recipient:** Indiana University-Purdue University- Indianapolis  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** 620 Union Drive, Room 618  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
**Contact/Phone:** Robert Bringle/317-278-3499

Indiana University-Purdue University will use its COPC New Directions grant to extend the capacity of the IUPUI-WESCO partnerships, addressing the urgent community areas of health promotion and housing accessibility. This program includes six outreach initiatives, including nutrition education and an IUPUI produced food drive for the community. Outreach activities that address housing accessibility in WESCO include a financial literacy workshop series, a predatory lending community forum, and education campaign focused predatory lending.

**Recipient:** Wright State University  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Dayton, OH 45435  
**Contact/Phone:** Jennifer Subban/937-775-3650

Wright State University, the Townview Neighborhood and nine community partners will use their COPC New Directions grant to fund extend the best practices developed in the Summerbrige community to an older population in an adjacent community called Townview. The proposed area of focus for this program is housing and youth development. The programs are designed to connect the resources of public and nonprofit institutions to Townview and to improve community associations and individuals.

**Recipient:** State University of New York College at Cortland  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** 35 State Street  
PO Box 9  
Albany, NY 12201  
**Contact/Phone:** Dr. Craig Little/607-753-2470

SUNY Cortland will use its COPC New Directions grant to fund a project targeted in the “East End”, the highest need neighborhood in the city of Cortland. The program’s goals are to expand and focus the network of partners and acquire the resources necessary to trigger a transformation in the physical, social and economic character of this neighborhood. The work plan reflects four areas of effort: 1) community planning-capacity building of both residents and agencies in meeting current and future local needs; 2) partnerships that address urgent and long term housing needs; 3) collaboration with the county departments of social services and health to improve the quality of life for residents and; 4) an applied research agenda supporting linkages between the SUNY Cortland and the community.

**Recipient:** Valparaiso University  
**Grant Amount:** \$150,000  
**Address:** Kretzmann Hall  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Contact/Phone:** Dr. Larry Baas/219-464-5266

Valparaiso University will use its COPC New Directions grant in the Hilltop Neighborhood. This neighborhood is lacking in many aspects of life and requires assistance to help relive some of their hardships. This program will focus on two major areas, the first is a proposition of a lead based hazard program and the second is a lack of financial literacy of the neighborhood residents. These programs will provide educational awareness and knowledge, as well as professional training.

### **COPC Futures Demonstration Program Summaries**

**Recipient:** University of Washington  
**Grant Amount:** \$396,994  
**Address:** 3935 University Way, NE  
Box 355754  
Seattle, WA 98105  
**Contact/Phone:** Carol Zuiches/206-543-4043

The University of Washington's College of Architecture and Urban Planning will use its COPC Community Futures Demonstration grant to engage faculty and students to work on housing for the recently settled Hispanic communities of Toppenish/Granger in the Yakima Valley. In partnership with Diocese of Yakima Housing Services as the builder, CAUP will pursue a program of community-based investigation, collaboration design, on-site learning, and evaluation that effectively establishes case study housing designs and housing models for this underserved population of the Yakima Valley. This program will also establish a methodology of service-learning for other universities and the design professions.

**Recipient:** University of Pennsylvania  
**Grant Amount:** \$397,739  
**Address:** Office of Research Services  
3451 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
**Contact/Phone:** Rose Mazur/215-573-6701

The University of Pennsylvania's Department of City and Regional Planning will use its COPC Community Futures Demonstration grant in the West Powelton and Mantu neighborhoods in West Philadelphia. UP plans to return currently vacant and distressed properties to sound condition using innovative designs. The goals of this project is to create new courses for students; stimulate dialogue on housing design and community planning process between academic departments, community organizations, government agencies, and neighborhood residents; increase research opportunities for students and faculty to link research with

communities in need; expand the University's commitment to and investment in West Philadelphia into West Powelton and Mantua; and to construct and occupy the 10-unit Imani VI houses.

**Recipient:** Louisiana State University  
**Grant Amount:** \$399,939  
**Address:** 136 Atkinson Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803  
**Contact/Phone:** Frank M. Bosworth, PhD/225-578-8347

The Louisiana State University's School of Architecture will use its COPC Community Futures Demonstration grant in Old South Baton Rouge, Mid City, and Eden Park. LSU goal is to facilitate community and university collaboration to improve the quality and production of affordable housing units for low- to moderate-income households in Baton Rouge. With these funds, LSU proposes to develop the following: design four demonstration houses, design four neighborhood plans, green materials and products, a common strategic plan among city-wide Community Development Corporations to improve construction efficiency and production, an affordable housing website, and host an annual symposium.

**Recipient:** University of Minnesota  
**Grant Amount:** \$400,000  
**Address:** Sponsored Projects Administration  
200 Oak Street, SE, Suite 450  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
**Contact/Phone:** Mary Guzowski/612-624-9017

The University of Minnesota's College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture will use its COPC Community Futures Demonstration grant in the Frogtown neighborhood in St. Paul. UM plans to develop, build and evaluate Case Study Prototype Houses using a new Structural Engineered Panel building system that the affordable housing industry can replicate around the state and beyond. As a result of this effort, ten prototype houses will be developed that integrate affordability with sustainable design, healthy construction, social and cultural responsiveness, and design excellence.

**Recipient:** University of Arizona  
**Grant Amount:** \$394,225  
**Address:** P.O. Box 3308  
Tucson, AZ 85722  
**Contact/Phone:** Charles Poster/520-623-1223

The University of Arizona's College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture will use its COPC Community Futures Demonstration grant to establish and operate a Demonstration Project in Housing Design. The goal of this project is to use the resources of the University and HUD to facilitate the development of innovative new housing and housing rehabilitation in the Tucson Empowerment Zone. The University intends to accomplish this goal by clarifying the housing market; analyzing and documenting the capacity of the area; involving neighborhoods

and incorporating neighborhood goals in housing plans and strategies; and researching and making available the most current innovative technologies to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of housing.