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Nano Grants are **\$250** low-risk grants for individuals who live, work, or study in Covington and have a **creative idea** to bring people together, create a sense of place, and strengthen their community.

Our Motto: ***When in Doubt, Fund.***

Nano Grants serve as a vehicle to encourage experimentation, build leadership opportunities, and turn ideas into reality. We, alongside our grantees, are finding new ways to engage people, new methods of building community, and new definitions of success.

The Numbers: 2016 Report

56 Nano Grants in 18 months
\$13,880.00 funded
\$10,600.00 leveraged

Of the completed project, recipients reported:
357 coordinators and leadership opportunities
5,874 participants
188 artists
1631 youth

Nano Grants are **EXPERIMENTAL**

Project: **Corner2Corner**

Community and Restorative Justice-Covington is a new, experimental, volunteer-led organization to help solve neighborhood disputes and offer alternatives to the traditional legal system. The Corner2Corner event was the CRJ-C group's inaugural debut to the Covington communities of Eastside, Helentown, and Austinburg. The event served to introduce community and restorative justice as a method of reconciliation and gather feedback from residents.





Nano Grants are **INCLUSIVE**

Project: ***Art Walk for the Visually Impaired***

The Art Walk for the Visually Impaired and Blind was a project that served to break down one of many barriers to experiencing art. During the project, sighted volunteers guided visually impaired and blind participants as they touched and learned the significance of Covington sculptures along the Riverfront and in the central business district. The Art walk was followed by a group discussion about public art and their experience.

Nano Grants are **CREATIVE**

Project: *Ride with an Artist Day*

Local arts organizations united to animate and energize our public buses as they invited passengers to "Ride with an Artist". Art installations included acoustic music pairings by local musicians, a classical trio from MyCincinnati, and a Pop-up Dance from Pones, Inc.. The mobile stages were also transformed into creative galleries by local artists using art as a way to engage non-suspecting passengers on their way to their destination.





Nano Grants are **CONNECTORS**

Project: ***Kitchen Convos***

Where do we all gather when we go to someone's house? THE KITCHEN! Once a month the NKY Incubator Kitchen transforms into a welcoming place for community, food producers, and dreamers alike. This monthly conversation is community driven and will directly impact anyone wanting to know more about the food business by sharing stories in the food community and being able to connect with as many foodpreneurs as possible.

Nano Grants are **FOSTERING PRIDE**

Project: **Covington Bike Tours**

This project included three free bike tours of Covington's points of interest including public art, unique local assets, and historical landmarks. Each tour included a free shared biking pass, helmets, and tons of interesting facts and unforgettable stories. Participants gained a days worth of exercise and a lifetime's worth of pride in their community.





Nano Grants are **AN OPPORTUNITY**

Project: **Special Needs NKY**

Organizing a community event was unknown territory for Angie Mimms, a Nano Grant recipient in Florence, KY participating in our Skyward funded myNKY program. Special Needs NKY brought families across the region who are dealing with disability or special needs together to build community and to support one another. This project presented an online community with the opportunity to meet in person and a community leader the opportunity to try new things.

Nano Grants are **INSPIRATIONAL**

Project: ***Eastside Speaks***

Eastside Speaks serves as a resource and platform for Eastside residents to tell their story and connect with neighbors. "When we share something with the people around us – no matter how small or insignificant it seems – it can help us make connections we never realized we could. I feel like giving the community a venue to share their stories will be a great way to do this." – KA Simpson, grant recipient





Nano Grants are **CULTURAL EXPRESSION**

Project: ***Karaage Obento***

What better way to share cultures than through food? Karaage Obento was a cooking class provided by Chef Chako, a Covington resident and Japanese Chef. The class was free to the public and provided an opportunity to learn about traditional Japanese cuisine: how to prepare an authentic Japanese stir fry and how to plate a bento box. Residents enjoyed experiencing Japanese cuisine and learning about Japanese culture, while Chef Chako was able to express herself through a unique culinary experience.

Do you have an idea for a Nano Grant?

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