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POLICE AND NEIGHBORS FIND COMMON GROUND

By Beatriz Ponce de León

Hanging out in Little Village, sometimes with gang bangers, but mostly with guys just like himself—teens with lots of time and no place to go—Orlando Hernandez started getting into trouble and feeling “*enojo*” (anger) toward the police. “They were always around picking us up or chasing us away, and sometimes disrespecting us,” he said. “You always see them and they become the enemy.”

Animosity toward those who “serve and protect” is not uncommon among youth and men of color, especially in neighborhoods where police have been accused of racial profiling or responding slowly to residents’ calls. There is distrust, as well, from immigrants who remember corrupt police back home or are afraid of being deported.

That tension is something the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and several New Communities Program (NCP) groups are fighting to change. “We can’t do our job without assistance from the community. Without them, we’ll fail,” said CPD Deputy Supt. Charles Williams. “We need to know what residents’ concerns are by interacting with them.”

Two projects in the 10th Police District have provided that interaction. Little Village Community Development Corp. (LVCDC)



10th District Cmdr. Beatriz Cuello (right) chats with residents before an evening roll call on a street where a homicide had recently taken place in Little Village.

organized four trainings for police and residents to talk about reducing violence and crime. Lawndale Christian Development Corp. (LCDC) launched a nine-month “Careers in Law Enforcement Exposure Series” to raise awareness of police job opportunities and prepare more women and people of color to pass the police entrance exam.

Challenging stereotypes

The first Little Village workshop on March 5 started out with police on one side of the room and residents on the other. “You could cut the tension down the middle,” recalled Alicia Gonzalez, former NCP organizer at LVCDC. But by lunchtime, PLEASE SEE **POLICE**, PAGE 3

QUAD COMMUNITIES AREA GAINS ROOFTOPS, SEEKS RETAIL

By Ed Finkel

Thirty real estate and community development experts toured the Quad Communities on July 28 and discussed strategies for attracting retail stores to serve an expected influx of 10,000 new residents over the next five years.

Organized by the Urban Land Institute’s Chicago District Council and LISC/Chicago, the meeting was hosted by 4th Ward Ald. Toni Preckwinkle and the Quad Communities Development Corp. (QCDC).

QCDC was looking for practical advice, said Chinwe Onyeagoro, a consultant to the group.

The area has more than 3,600 rental and for-sale housing units planned or under construction, yet its retail environment hasn’t kept pace. “We understand that the philosophy of, ‘If you wait, it will come,’ isn’t going to work,” she said.

After a bus tour led by architect Susan Campbell of Campbell Tiu Campbell, the group offered ideas—along with warnings of a difficult road ahead. Kevin Augustyn of Opus North Corp. said location and transportation are positives, but that it might take a while to lure retail. “Look at how long it took to get a retailer in the South Loop,” he said.

Peter Levavi of Brinshore Development LLC urged community leaders to sit down with developers and collaboratively design projects. “The most important thing a community can do is to set the table” by seeding new projects. “National retailers won’t come until pressure from the South Loop continues [southward],” he said. “[But] when it hits here... they’ll be knocking down the doors.”

James Wilson of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development suggested Wicker Park and Bucktown as models. Those areas started with specialty shops and now are attracting national retailers. But Les Pollock of the planning firm Camiros, Ltd. said the Quad area doesn’t have as much cheap rental space as those communities had.

It will need to build on vacant land. “Mixed-use is the way to go,” advised Pollock. “You already know you can sell housing, (so) you’re going to have to subsidize that retail.”

Joel Bookman, interim director of the New Communities Program, suggested buying up property near 47th and Cottage Grove and attracting developers and retailers with heavy subsidies. “I would control this corner,” he said. “Make something visible. Then development will emanate.”

Soliciting small shops is important, said Fred Bonner of Bonheur Development, while larger stores should “do something creative. It’s not going to be a huge site with a parking lot. We are in an urban area. Let’s not look at us as cookie-cutter.”

Creating a distinctive identity for the largely African-American neighborhood is crucial, the group agreed, because race still plays a role in retail location decisions. Campbell said South and West Side neighborhoods with higher incomes have struggled to attract retailers.

The group concluded that a bit of risk will be necessary—but worth it. “If you build it for them... the rest will fall into place,” said Steven McCullough of Bethel New Life Inc.

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Ald. Toni Preckwinkle (center facing camera) and others toured the 500-unit Lake Park Crescent development.

LONG ROAD FOR WOODLAWN TAKES HISTORIC TURN

By John McCarron



Dr. Leon D. Finney, Jr. (left) and Bishop Arthur Brazier at the Columbia Pointe development on 63rd Street.

“A giant... struck fear, hostility and despair into the hearts of the people. The giant was the University of Chicago. Its weapon of destruction was a plan for urban renewal in Woodlawn.”

Strong words, these, written in the late 1960s by Arthur M. Brazier in his book, “Black Self-Determination: The Story of the Woodlawn Organization.”

To appreciate the historic change now unfolding in Woodlawn, it’s useful to compare then with now. Then the Rev. Art Brazier, as president of what was first known as the Temporary Woodlawn Organization, or T.W.O., led a fight for survival against the U. of C., City Hall and the federal urban renewal juggernaut.

Now? Bishop Arthur Brazier, along with his successor at T.W.O., Dr. Leon D. Finney, Jr., are working with the university to make Woodlawn “one of the most attractive and desirable communities in Chicago.”

The New Communities Program is fostering several unusual partnerships around the city, but none so extraordinary as this alignment between Woodlawn’s one-time adversaries.

“We’ve needed something like this for years,” said Bishop Brazier. “Our aim—a viable mixed-income community—is now in view.”

“It’s an exciting time,” echoed Sonya Malunda, director of community affairs for the university and an advisor to the plan. “It feels now like we’re all on the same page.”

Not that Woodlawn, where a gang called the Blackstone Rangers once delivered social services and T.W.O. plied the hardball tactics of legendary organizer Saul Alinsky, has morphed into Pleasantville, USA. Guess which neighborhood produced a bunch of picketers at the Chicago Hilton rollout of NCP plans on May 18? The “People of Woodlawn” protestors claim redevelopment inevitably means expulsion of poor families.

“Unfounded fear,” is the response of Bishop Brazier, pastor of the 17,000-member Apostolic Church of God. “They’re worried that taxes and rents are going to go up. But you can’t leave the community as it is. It needs to be a place people run to, not from.”

Tracing the turnaround

And run they did. White families fled during the 1950s when African-Americans streamed south from the crowded Black Belt. Absentee landlords carved up apartment buildings to exploit the new market, and by the early ’60s Woodlawn had 81,000 people, mostly black, many crammed into tiny “kitchenettes.” Those tumultuous times saw an epidemic of “insurance” fires, waves of street crime and the familiar cycle of abandonment and demolition. Businesses fled, as did stable black families. Even the university eyed a move before deciding to remain in Hyde Park and to secure its perimeter with urban renewal projects.

This was a recipe for hard feelings and several bitter battles ensued. Over time, however, the Woodlawn community and the University of Chicago reached some understandings. T.W.O.’s development arm got some help to build subsidized housing, such as the Jackson Park Terrace high-rise, that accommodated many of those displaced by urban renewal. And the university agreed not to extend its campus south of 61st Street.

When in 2004 the University announced its South Campus plan, which will bring stores, dormitories and open space to the north side of 61st Street, the project was welcomed by Brazier and Finney... and incorporated into Woodlawn’s quality-of-life plan.

That plan has a dual purpose: Spur development that will attract middle-class homeowners to a neighborhood where 39 percent still live in poverty, while improving educational, economic and recreational opportunities for longtime residents.

That first goal, the return of the middle-class, is underway. It was triggered a decade ago, many say, when the CTA announced plans to remove its eyesore Green Line elevated structure over 63rd Street east of Cottage Grove Avenue. Though controversial, this enabled T.W.O. and the Brazier-led Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) to develop, with private partners, dozens of single-family homes and townhouses to replace vacant stores and garbage-strewn lots. A new partnership will continue this Columbia Pointe development a full eight blocks. There will be 233 homes in all, a fifth at prices affordable to working families.

The years of work by T.W.O. and WPIC have lured private investors. And why not? The neighborhood is an easy walk from the lakefront and the U. of C. campus. Once forlorn blocks such as Kimbark and Woodlawn Avenues have sprouted condo conversions and new construction, including quarter-million-dollar condos that boast marble baths with heated floors.

Balancing act

Little wonder that defenders of the dispossessed are leery, including some who participated in the NCP planning process. “It was a long, dragged-out affair, but eventually we came to a meeting of the minds,” said Mattie Butler, the founding executive director of WECAN, Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors.

Once a renter, now an owner and nonprofit housing developer, Butler made sure the plan calls for a comprehensive inventory of affordable housing, and for a housing assistance center that will help both renters and homeowners deal with issues from security deposits to foreclosures. Others made sure that the area west of Cottage Grove was not forgotten. Ideas range from enhancing local schools and building a playlot to redesigning that stretch of 63rd Street to encourage development.

Karen R. King, Woodlawn’s NCP director, ticks off a list of projects taking shape. WPIC’s Woodlawn Employment Center is being expanded to include a full-service Center for Working Families. Two new charter schools are in the works, one sponsored by T.W.O., the other by U. of C. New youth programs are contemplated at the South Side YMCA, the new Harris Recreation Center and the Bessie Coleman Library.

Make no mistake, there are still too many vacant lots—and broken dreams—in Woodlawn. And not everyone has bought into the NCP effort, witness the protesters outside the Hilton. But it’s hard to overstate the importance of the partnership now at work. The urban renewal “giant” of yore and the fiery organizers who stood against it have produced a single plan to make Woodlawn “one of the most attractive and desirable communities in Chicago.” Stay tuned for change.

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Jewell Dickson and her neighbors have created a community garden on a vacant lot at 62nd and St. Lawrence.

Woodlawn Community Area

POPULATION		
Population (2000)	27,086	Stabilizing since 1990 after severe losses earlier
Pop. Chg. (1960-2000)	Down 54,193	Exodus left hundreds of vacant lots
Racial/Ethnic Makeup (2000)	95% Afr.-Amer.	Little change since rapid racial turnover in 1950s
HOUSING		
Housing units (2000)	11,941	Down 1,200 from 1990, but much new housing underway
Number of vacant units (2000)	1,778	Sharp decrease since 1990; vacancy rate also down
Owner-occupied housing (2000)	18%	Up slightly; historically a rental community
INCOME		
Pop. below poverty level (2000)	39%	
Hshlds w/ income assistance (2000)	1,660 (16%)	
Hshlds w/ income above \$35,000/year (2000)	2,811 (28%)	663 households had income more than \$75,000.

Sources: U.S. Census data from www.chicagoareahousing.org and Local Community Fact Book Chicago Metropolitan Area, 1984 and 1995.



Long-time champion of affordable housing, Mattie Butler is part of the plan's implementation team.

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PARK DISTRICT COMMITS \$\$ FOR HAAS PARK EXPANSION



PHOTO BY PATRICK BARRY

Families make heavy use of the Haas Park playground; the Worldwide Distributors building (in background) will be demolished to expand the park.

The long-sought expansion of a small park at Fullerton and Fairfield Avenues took a big step forward in August when the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners approved the \$2.6 million purchase of the Worldwide Distributors warehouse just west of Haas Park.

The Logan Square Neighborhood Assn. (LSNA) played a pivotal role in the deal by learning last spring that the building was for sale. Working with the Haas Park Advisory Council and Logan Square Parks Alliance, LSNA alerted local officials to the opportunity and lined up the Trust for Public Land to purchase the property and hold it until the Park District could assemble funding.

Advisory council president Phil Jones and others in the community have advocated park expansion for

10 years. But despite many promises and plans by political leaders, including a 1999 attempt to acquire land east of the park, the efforts led to nothing but frustration.

The Haas Park playground, ball field and small field house are heavily used because the neighborhood has the second-lowest park acreage per capita of all 77 Chicago community areas.

LISC/Chicago contributed a \$35,000 loan to initiate the project and \$25,000 more to match local contributions. Ald. Manny Flores contributed \$10,000. The park district's short-term plan is to demolish the warehouse building to create open space. Full development, including a new field house, could cost \$10 million.

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Police CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 the two facilitators, James Ramos from CPD and Kris Vertiz from the Little Village Violence Prevention Collaborative, “had them laughing, talking and eating together.”

Each session had equal numbers of officers and residents, with a total of 200 participants. Two were attended by youth from the YMCA, Salvation Army and Central States SER-Jobs for Progress. “I was surprised we had youth come out, especially the ones in gangs,” said Sgt. Gabriel Flores. “They really wanted to be heard.”

Orlando Hernandez, now 28 and a volunteer leader for the Salvation Army, brought youth from his program so that police could “hear what they have to say and understand where they are coming from.” And he wanted youth to see things from the police perspective. “I brought my little brother because I wanted him to see the value of being a good citizen, to realize that he can have a better life.”

Developing the workshops was a group effort involving LVCCDC's staffers, CAPS Deputy Director Beth Ford, Police Academy instructors, community members and CPD leadership, including Deputy Supt. Williams, 10th District Cmdr. Beatrice Cuello and Sgt.

Flores. They created a curriculum that incorporates relationship-building, the police academy's five steps to problem solving, cultural sensitivity and a role play in which participants play each other while solving a problem.

“The role play was great because each side got to see what the other side thought of them,” said Cmdr. Cuello, the personable new leader of the 10th District. “It was very enlightening.”

More jobs on the force

Lawndale Christian approached the challenge differently. “At our meetings, people told us they wanted a safer community, better employment and more respectful relations with police,” said Stanley Merriwether, LCDC's NCP director. LCDC proposed a series focused on law enforcement careers and mapped out the workshops with Beth Ford, Deputy Supt. Williams and LISC program officer Keri Blackwell. The series launched in March 2005 to prepare participants for the police exam planned for November.

LCDC cast a wide net to recruit participants, but found it challenging because of age restrictions—from 21 to 40 years old—drug screening and the requirement for 60 hours of col-

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Basketball, marches make for busy summer in Pilsen

The streets and parks of the Pilsen neighborhood were alive with Friday-night activities this summer as residents remembered past violence and worked to create a safer, healthier neighborhood.

Children of all ages participated in the sixth year of the Friday evening Resurrection Basketball League, which sponsors games on different blocks all summer long. The partnership, organized by The Resurrection Project (TRP) with other Pilsen organizations and the 12th District Police, encourages parents and youth to take back the streets for healthy activities, said Alvaro R. Obregón, NCP organizer for TRP.

TRP held its 4th Annual Brian Strouse Memorial on Friday, July 1, which honored a police officer who was shot in June 2001 while investigating gang activity. Police officials, Ald. Danny Solis (25th) and local residents participated.

On Friday, August 19, more than 100 residents, community leaders and police officials marched and attended a street mass to honor the memory of Ana Mateo,

a seven-year-old girl who was killed in a gang-related shooting in 2003. The girl's parents and family members were among participants as a tree was planted to honor the girl.



PHOTO BY THE RESURRECTION PROJECT

Friday-night basketball games attracted children and their families to streets throughout Pilsen.

NCP loans total \$6.1 million

LISC/Chicago has committed \$6.17 million in loans for projects in New Communities Program neighborhoods. See page 4 for grants.

Humboldt Park

\$1,000,000 pre-development loan for the La Estancia development including 57 units of affordable housing and 13,000 square feet of commercial space, by Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. and Division Street Business Development Assn.

\$750,000 pre-development loan for 129-unit affordable North Avenue Condominiums, by Hispanic Housing Development Corp.

Logan Square

\$35,000 project initiation loan to the Trust for Public Land to acquire the Worldwide Distributors building for Haas Park expansion.

North Lawndale

\$95,000 pre-development loan for the 46-unit Fountain View Apartments and \$83,000 pre-development loan for the 32-unit Praise Apartments. Both are affordable rental developments by Lawndale Christian Development Corp.

Quad Communities

\$750,000 pre-development loan for 129 for-sale units in Phase 1 of Oakwood Shores, the CHA

Madden-Wells redevelopment, by Granite Development.

\$200,000 pre-development loan for 162-unit Phase 1 rental units of the Madden-Wells redevelopment, by The Community Builders.

\$300,000 loan for exterior repairs on the Sutherland Hotel residential and commercial development, by Heartland Housing.

South Chicago

\$458,000 acquisition loan for site in South Chicago for planned grocery store and other commercial space, and \$73,240 loan for the build-out of former employment center space, both to Southeast Chicago Development Commission.

West Haven

\$1,400,000 construction loan for 22-unit New Homes for Chicago development by Near West Side Community Development Corp.

Woodlawn

\$1,000,000 line of credit for pre-development expenses on six housing developments led by Woodlawn Community Development Corporation (WCDC): 270 units in five for-sale projects and a 36-unit rental development.

lege credit (or military service).

The group of 20 to 30 consistent participants is racially mixed, one-third women and from many neighborhoods. Dialogue has come easily. “We covered everything from narcotics and gang investigations to the crime lab and canine unit,” said Merriwether. The last three sessions will focus on test-taking skills for the written and psychological exams. Applicants will be asked to take a drug test, paid for by LCDC, to ensure they are eligible.

Social worker Wanda Underwood hopes to be one of the lucky ones. “Every time I had police come to my group where I work with people with special needs, I was impressed by them,” she said. “They were compassionate and respectful.” Underwood found herself secretly wanting to be a police officer. “The sessions have been awesome,” she said. “They take the mystery out of this job, letting us know that it is okay to embark on this career path.”

Sgt. Flores told participants that the job comes with benefits. “Not only do you get to really help people, but there are good health benefits, job security, opportunities to go to school, and a good pension plan. If

you cannot be an officer,” he said, “then look into the civilian jobs.”

Changing lives

It's a convincing sales pitch for a department that hires 400 to 600 officers a year. “Do we need more people of color and women? Yes, of course,” said Deputy Supt. Williams. “If we can have a more diverse workforce we can do our job better.”

“I don't think this series alone is an answer, but it's a start,” said Merriwether. “We still have to focus on jobs, education and on helping formerly incarcerated people transition into the community. But over time we can create a more diverse police force.”

As for Orlando Hernandez, who now earns \$18 an hour as an apprentice carpenter, he believes that “most police really do care about helping people and are just trying to do their job.” He will take the exam and hopes to become a police officer, “to help young people find better things to do than get into trouble.”

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NCP neighborhoods and lead agencies

The New Communities Program supports comprehensive community development in 16 Chicago neighborhoods. A lead agency in each neighborhood coordinates efforts and leads a quality-of-life planning process to determine improvement strategies. LISC/Chicago provides technical assistance, seed money for projects and support for two staff members at each lead agency.

Auburn Gresham

Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corp.

Chicago Lawn

Greater Southwest Development Corp.

Douglas, Grand Boulevard and North Kenwood-Oakland

Quad Communities Development Corp.

East Garfield Park

Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance

Englewood

Teamwork Englewood

Humboldt Park

Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.

Little Village (South Lawndale)

Little Village Community Development Corp.

Logan Square

Logan Square Neighborhood Assn.

North Lawndale

Lawndale Christian Development Corp.

Pilsen (Lower West Side)

The Resurrection Project

South Chicago

Southeast Chicago Development Commission

Washington Park

St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corp.

West Haven (Near West Side)

Near West Side Community Development Corp.

Woodlawn

Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corp.

LISC AWARDS GRANTS FOR 66 NCP PROJECTS

LISC provided more than \$3.4 million in grants for new projects, operating support and lead-agency staffing in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The 66 grants listed below, totaling \$1.37 million, were for projects and/or technical assistance in NCP communities. See loans on page 3.

Abraham Lincoln Centre

Equipment and build-out for new employment center serving Quad Communities area (\$20,000).

archi-treasures

Garden Gallery Project at Pablo Casals School in West Humboldt Park (\$20,000).

Intergenerational art project in partnership with Logan Vistas Elderly Apartments in Logan Square (\$15,000).

Association House of Chicago

Development of network of 28 Humboldt Park institutions to form a "Community of Wellness Partnership" (\$35,000).

Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.

Co-sponsorship of health summit with Association House and others (\$1,330).

Training and organizing around local zoning remap in coordination with City of Chicago process (\$20,000).

Breaking Ground

Support for development of the John Egan Westside Housing Development (\$25,000).

Center for Economic Progress

Startup of tax preparation services in West Haven and South Chicago and other support (four grants, \$105,181).

Chicago Commons

Pass-through grant (via Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.) to launch a youth investment club in West Humboldt Park (\$17,000).

Chicago Community Development Corp.

Technical assistance to develop a disposition plan for the Lawndale Restoration housing development, which is in receivership (\$53,000).

Claretian Associates

Preliminary drawings for new homes development in South Chicago's Bush community, by Landon Bone Baker Architects (\$7,500).

Division Street Business Development Assn.

Startup salary of promotions and events coordinator (\$30,000).

Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance

Expansion of the Garfield Market Place (\$25,000).

Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corp.

Second annual African-American arts and film festival at Thurgood Marshall Library (\$6,000).

Support for Morganway Homeowners and Residents Assn. cleanup and new block club signs (\$8,350).

Support for annual block club convention (\$4,894).

Consultant on economic development projects to develop a Special Service Area for 79th Street and to develop a chamber of commerce (\$41,250).

Greater North Pulaski Development Corp.

Development of a Special Service Area in the Armitage-Galewood corridor (\$16,500).

Greater Southwest Development Corp.

Streetscape renderings for 63rd Street corridor commercial project (\$2,200).

Greater West Town Community Development Corp.

Expansion of a comprehensive at-risk and dropout youth program, R4, into Humboldt Park (\$30,000).

Historic Chicago Bungalow Assn.

Development of a Model Blocks program in Auburn Gresham (\$6,000).



Students in nursing careers program.

Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center

Pass-through grant (via Bickerdike) for Nursing Health Careers Bridge Program (\$25,000).

Instituto del Progreso Latino

Startup support for Center for Working Families (\$35,000 plus \$50,000 pass-through from The Resurrection Project).

LaCasa Norte

Startup support for shelter for homeless male youth (\$20,125).

Lawndale Christian Development Corp.

Consulting for development of a family entertainment center at Pulaski and Ogden (\$40,000).

Mural and garden project at Douglass Library (\$6,500).

For youth interns working on beautification project in partnership with Chicago Public Art Group (\$2,880). *photo of mural to the right »*

Phase I of Assets in Action, a community leadership training program (\$9,850).

Stipend for 40 participants working on Pulaski CTA Station public art project and community insights document (\$4,000).

Development and printing of local business directory (\$16,760).

Development of Careers in Law Enforcement Awareness Series with Chicago Police Department (\$7,700).

Little Village Community Development Corp.

Workshop, march and rally with Violence Prevention Collaborative (\$8,000).

Leadership training program for community members and Chicago Police (\$3,840).

Logan Square Neighborhood Assn.

Two outreach workers for Healthy Workers, Healthy Families, which seeks to increase employee health insurance coverage at local employers (\$20,000).

Bicycle co-op and training program with Ames Middle School students (\$2,000).

Near West Side Community Development Corp.

Rehab of two Chicago Housing Authority properties with 28 units into supportive housing for homeless population (\$28,000).

Startup costs, employment coach and tax preparation services for Center for West Haven Families (three grants, \$101,841).

North Lawndale Employment Network

Startup of Center for Working Families (\$40,000).

Phoenix Academy

Pass-through grant (via Bickerdike) for new sports and tutoring program (\$15,000).

Project Match

Partial support for two staff members in West Haven employment center (\$43,210).

Quad Communities Development Corp.

Pass-through grant to Muntu Dance Theatre for "Sankofa" arts programming, teacher professional development and parental involvement (\$10,000).

Support for Black Metropolis Cultural Heritage Conference (\$2,500).

Creation of Neighborhood Beautification Grant Program and award of five grants (\$10,000).

Consultant to support commercial and economic development projects including employment center and Cottage Grove Corridor (\$60,000).

Data collection and demographic analysis of school-age population (\$20,000).

St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corp.

Support for community block club festival and staff training on asset management (\$3,000).

St. Leonard's Ministries

Build-out of Michael Barlow Center kitchen training facility for previously incarcerated people (\$30,000).



Mural by youth interns at Ogden and Central Park, with Lawndale Christian Development Corp.

The Scion Group

Feasibility study for Illinois State University student-teacher residential facility in Little Village (\$28,875).

South Chicago Art Center

Computers for new facility as center gained independent non-profit status (\$9,000).

Southeast Chicago Development Commission

Startup and operating support for Center for Working Families and tax preparation services (four grants, \$86,510).

Teamwork Englewood

Development of first Living Museums exhibit, a tribute to Englewood radio personality Richard Stanz (\$3,000).

Trust for Public Land

Matching grant for local pledges to support expansion of Haas Park in Logan Square (\$25,000).

West Humboldt Park Family and Community Development Council

Consulting on development of First Chicago Community Land Trust (\$16,000).

Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corp.

Support for employment center and startup of tax preparation site (four grants, \$100,927).

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