



Presbyterian Committee on the
**Self-Development
of People**

People Investing in People

WHAT IS THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY GRANT?



The Hilltop Highland Youth Garden, Columbus, OH

The Self-Development of People (SDOP) program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides small "start-up" grants to informal community groups of seven or more members.

Grant awards average between \$2,000 - \$3,000, are intended as "start-up" funding, and can only be awarded one time. Grants are reviewed and approved January through October annually. All grants are made on a totally non-sectarian bias.

GRANT GUIDELINES

- Application must be developed by a group whose members must be from economically or socially underserved communities, seek to empower themselves in a shared concern or project
- Applicant group must have at least seven or more members with a common interest in addressing economic or social justice issues. No individual applicant will be considered.

**To obtain an application or request assistance, contact the
Mid-Ohio Self Development of People Committee at:**

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Previously Funded Projects

Hilltop Highland Youth Garden

Hilltop Highland Youth Garden offers a diverse, hands-on learning environment for children, giving them the space and guidance to grow their own food. They work with over 350 students a year, and our half-acre garden grows over 3,000 pounds of food annually, all of which is offered to Hilltop neighbors, Westside teens are employed throughout the year to learn gardening, community outreach and leadership skills.



Capital Park Women's Empowerment

The Sewing Cooperative at Capital Park, a community group of refugee Somali women came together to determine how they could move beyond low-paying jobs because of their limited English. They decided upon becoming master seamstresses leading to designing, producing and marketing ethnic designer bags.

They marketed their products at summer festivals, contracted with conference groups. They partnered with a brick and mortar international store in Columbus to sell their bags.

Franklin County Youth Council

The Franklin County Youth Council was awarded for a virtual youth movement involving middle and high school students. During the event, they shared the history of the Franklin County Youth Council and hosted three workshops regarding financial literacy, generational wealth, social media, academic success, and surviving Covid-19. The grant was used to cover the cost of advertising, facilitator's training, and incentives for the youth facilitators.



Mid-Ohio Workers Association

Mid-Ohio Workers Association Franklin County Workers Benefit Council was awarded a grant to assist its project members and other community residents with training/developing leadership skills. This group has been involved in learning advocacy issues to address housing, eviction and utility concerns.

Questions?

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