

2018-2020



University Neighborhood Service Agreement Advisory Committee (UNSAAC)

Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Years 2018-2020

The University Neighborhood Service Agreement was established to address the unique impact Syracuse University has on the surrounding neighborhoods by enhancing governmental services and maintaining the health, safety, and welfare through police and fire protection, preservation and improvement of housing, community support, and park and public space improvements.

The City of Syracuse and Syracuse University renewed the Service Agreement in 2016 for a period of five years, allocating a total of \$2.5 million dollars to be used in alleviating the University's impact on surrounding neighborhoods over that time period. With the renewed agreement, the UNSAAC borders have been expanded to include the Outer Comstock neighborhood, and the Southside neighborhood bordering the University.

Under the terms of the service agreement, Syracuse University will pay the City of Syracuse \$500,000 annually until 2021, \$125,000 of which will be allocated each year to the City of Syracuse Police Department and applied to the cost of maintaining safety and security in the University neighborhood. \$375,000 will be used annually for neighborhood projects and services that are in the mutual interest of the neighborhoods, their residents (including students), and the University.

UNSAAC released its application for the 2018-2019 funding years on April 20th, 2018 and applications were due on May 18th, 2018. Fourteen (14) applications were submitted by various neighborhood organizations and non-profit agencies, with funding requests amounting to more than \$1.5 million dollars. All applications were reviewed by UNSAAC selection committee members.

Following review of funding requests, UNSAAC has issued the following funding allocation recommendations based upon the intent of UNSAAC and community needs. These recommendations were shared with applicants by email on June 4th, 2018 and a public meeting will be held on June 13th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Atrium, City Hall Commons at (201 E. Washington St). Relevant applicants, neighborhood organizations, and stakeholders were invited to attend, ask questions, and share their comments regarding the committee's recommendations.

To: Hon. Benjamin Walsh, Mayor
Members of the Syracuse Common Council
Mary Vossler, Budget Director, City of Syracuse
Stephanie Pasquale, Commissioner of Neighborhood & Business Development

Re: UNSAAC Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Years 2018-2020

Date: June 5th, 2018

On behalf of the University Neighborhood Service Agreement Advisory Committee (UNSAAC), we are pleased to submit the following recommendations for funding.

On behalf of the voting members of UNSAAC, I wish to thank Mayor Walsh, the Budget Director, and the Common Council in advance for their anticipated cooperation and favorable acceptance of these recommendations. We sincerely hope that the intended use of the Service Agreement funds will be honored and that the neighborhood priorities set forth in our recommendations will be viewed positively, in the spirit with which they are respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Shaffer Mannion
UNSAAC Chair

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Funding Allocation Recommendations

Applicant	Program/Project name	2018-20 Recommended Allocation
Dunbar Association	Dunbar Educational Series	\$92,000.00
Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association	Homebuyer Assistance Grants and 1% Home Improvement Loans	\$54,500.00
University Neighborhood Preservation Association	Financial Incentive Programs For Owner Occupants	\$298,000.00
Westcott Area Cultural Coalition	Westcott Street Cultural Fair	\$10,000.00
Westcott Community Center	Westcott Community Center Programming	\$210,000.00
Westcott Neighborhood Association (WNA)	Westcott Neighborhood Quality of Life Enhancements	\$27,000.00
Southside TNT	Southside's Clean and Green Initiative	\$43,000.00
Thornden Park Association	Park Column Restoration + Lighting	\$15,500.00
Total	(Two-Year Total Allocation: 2018-20)	\$750,000.00

Dunbar Association | Dunbar Educational Series

Project Invincible will positively impact the neighborhood by keeping youth engaged in positive programming, connecting with Syracuse University interns to build educational and career skills, while also providing University students with developing positive relationships with neighboring youth and residents.

Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association | Homebuyer Assistance Grants + 1% Improvement Loans

The Outer Comstock Neighborhood association will continue to replicate the University Neighborhood Preservation Association (UNPA) homebuyer assistance grant program and the 1% home Improvement loans program in the Outer Comstock Neighborhood. These programs would incentivize owner-occupancy and support quality housing stock in the neighborhood. While OCNA would receive the funds, UNPA would act as fiscal sponsor and administer the funds.

Southside TNT | Green + Clean Initiative

The program focus is to build a thriving community and initiate a greater sense of pride in a community filled with vulnerabilities. Providing trash receptacles in and flower beautification in poverty stricken areas on the Southside impact area.

Thornden Park Association | Park Column Restoration + Lighting

The Thornden Park Association will restore and relight Thornden Park's historic entrance columns, enhancing the Park's historic integrity. The goal is to improve the connection between students and surrounding neighborhoods by improving perceived safety of the park.

University Neighborhood Preservation Association – Financial Incentive Programs

The University Neighborhood Preservation Association (UNPA) works to encourage owner-occupancy in the Special Neighborhood District, particularly in the area immediately adjacent to Syracuse University through its homebuyer's assistance grant program, 1% home improvement loan program and "Save Our Streets" program.

Westcott Area Cultural Coalition | Westcott Street Cultural Fair

Funds will be used to support the annual Westcott Street Cultural Fair, a yearly event enjoyed by neighborhood residents, visitors to the neighborhood, and students, for the next two years.

Westcott Community Center | Programming

The Westcott Community Center will continue to deliver programs to improve quality of life in the University Neighborhood, including 11 human service programs, 8 arts and cultural programs, and 10 community programs on an annual basis. They will also continue to provide opportunities for University students to become involved in the community through participation in these programs as well as opportunities for volunteerism.

Westcott Neighborhood Association – Quality of Life Enhancements

The Westcott Neighborhood Association will design and install the following within and adjacent to the Westcott Street Business District: replacement of ten existing trash receptacles; addition of two new receptacles; and installation of four bike racks.

Questions about this grant or the application process can be directed to the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development at 315-448-8100, Visit http://www.syracuse.ny.us/Neighborhood_and_Business_Development.aspx.

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