

Beloved Community Grant Report

Project Overview

Purpose Statement

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church's "Beloved Community" initiative serves as a bridge of mutuality between our parish and the diverse downtown Denver communities—including unhoused neighbors and high-rise tenants living in the Five Points and Capitol Hill areas. Through a Spirit-guided process of prayer, deep listening, and shared storytelling, we are engaging our surrounding neighborhoods to build meaningful relationships, reflect on the presence of Christ, and discern collaborative next steps.

- **Total Grant Awarded:** \$2,500.00
- **Total Funds Allocated/Spent:** \$5,000.00 (St. Andrew's matched the \$2,500).
- **Project Status:**
 - o Phase 1 (Completed Outreach) successful.
 - o Phase 2 (Block Party & Community Infrastructure) scheduled for October 24.

Completed Activities & Outcomes

Holy Donuts

- **Description:** Provided community fellowship and food to local residents including unhoused neighbors and offered prayers and blessings for the many downtown dwellers out walking their pets.
- **Impact:** Fostered neighborhood connections and created a welcoming environment for community members and their pets.
- **Expenses:** \$200.00 (Donuts, dog treats, coffee, and paper products)

Photos



Christmas Caroling with Chili

- **Description:** Brought holiday music and warm meals to community members and our unhoused neighbors in Benedict Fountain Park during Advent.
- **Impact:** Strengthened seasonal engagement, lifted neighborhood spirits (some neighbors came out and sang with our group).
- **Expenses:** \$190.00 (Two pots of chili, chips, sour cream, and dessert)

Sandwich Ministry for Unhoused Neighbors

- **Description:** Prepared and distributed sandwiches directly to unhoused individuals around St. Andrew's, including Benedict Fountain Park and the Capitol Hill parks.
- **Impact:** This event was fully driven by volunteers who donated 100% of the sandwich-making supplies, resulting in zero cost to the grant fund while directly addressing immediate local food security needs.
- **Expenses:** \$200.00



Planned Activities & Future Allocations

Community Block Party

- **Description:** An all-inclusive large-scale community gathering designed to celebrate neighborhood unity.
- **Event Date:** October 24
- **Outreach Strategy:** A large invitation banner will be displayed on the side of the Church House to invite the entire surrounding community.
- **Projected Expenses:** \$1,400.00

Holy Donuts Expansion

- **Description:** Installation of a permanent neighborhood dog relief station and a repeat of our successful Holy Donut event.
- **Impact:** Funds will purchase a permanent community Dog Relief Station with bags (\$275) to promote neighborhood concern relief. The remaining funds will host a follow-up "Holy Donuts" event, providing free donuts, coffee, and dog treats to local residents.
- **Projected Expenses:** \$510.00

Financial Summary Table

Activity / Fund Item	Status	Cost
Total Grant Awarded	Received	\$2,500.00
Holy Donuts (Initial Event)	Completed	\$200.00
Christmas Caroling with Chili	Completed	\$190.00
Making Sandwiches for the Homeless	Completed	\$200.00
Upcoming Block Party & Church Banner	Scheduled (10/24)	\$1,400.00
Pet Waste Bag Station & Holy Donuts #2	In Progress / Allocated	\$510.00
Total Project Expenditures		\$2,500.00
Remaining Balance		\$0.00

Conclusion & Next Steps

This grant has successfully acted as a catalyst for community unity, neighborhood health, and food support for our neighbors. By leveraging volunteer labor for our sandwich outreach, we successfully maximized our budget. 92% of the \$2,500.00 grant funding is now fully utilized, balancing immediate social events with long-term neighborhood infrastructure (the pet station). We look forward to executing our grand finale block party on October 24.