

### Community Enhancement Grant Awardees 2026

Project Name	PI	Unit	Description
Campus to Community: Neighborhood Yard Support Initiative	Adam Gilmore	Public Safety	The CWRU Division of Public Safety Campus to Community: Neighborhood Yard Support Initiative is a community focused volunteer effort that assists nearby residents with yard work and outdoor maintenance. While the program helps address properties that may need extra care, its broader purpose is to build positive relationships with neighbors and demonstrate that Public Safety is an active part of the community. By working side-by-side with residents, officers, students and staff strengthen connections, foster trust, and show that CWRU is committed to being a supportive and engaged neighborhood partner.
OAOC: One Art One Community Art Exhibition	Marilyn Burnett	College of Arts & Sciences	The OAOC Art Exhibition is a program that connects incarcerated artists with students and the community. Centered around an annual exhibition, committee members and students visit local correctional facilities to meet with the artists and select artwork that is exhibited at the Wade Park Community Engagement Center. The program plans to expand to include additional correctional facilities and greater student engagement. Students can meet with artists in prisons, select art for the exhibition, and help with installation and organizing letters from visitors back to the artists. Ongoing discussions with faculty indicate support for building the program into the CWRU curricula.
Community Nutrition Education Initiative (Food as Medicine)	Noah Park	School of Medicine	Food as Medicine's (FAM) initiative is to educate Cleveland residents on balanced diets through hands-on nutrition education. FAM currently hosts monthly 90-minute sessions at Judson Park and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC). In each lesson, a volunteer and a resident are paired, and lessons include activities such as healthy portion exercises, "Sweet Alternatives," team games for youth, and Nutrition Bingo for seniors. Each session ends with assembling a "signature dish," such as turkey wraps or yogurt parfaits. These activities demonstrate that healthy eating can be simple, accessible, and enjoyable while helping residents build practical nutrition knowledge.
Ride-On Adapted Cars for Everyone (RACE) Program	Madelaine Blincoe	Biomedical Engineering	The RACE Program will partner CWRU engineering and social work students with United Cerebral Palsy Greater Cleveland to modify three ride-on cars for children with disabilities. Multidisciplinary student team the RePlay for Kids Student Organization will design and implement custom adaptations, such as large switches, speed controllers, and 5-point harnesses, tailored to specific body types and therapeutic needs. This initiative combines technical engineering skills with social work assessment to deliver accessible mobility devices that foster independence, ensuring each vehicle is safe, functional, and documented for future replication.
Health Fluency Project	Bianca Po	University Diversity Council	Equal access to quality healthcare should not be a privilege, but a fundamental human right. However, language barriers continue to be a significant source of healthcare inequity, disproportionately impacting immigrant and English-learning communities. The Health Fluency Project (HFP) aims to reduce health literacy barriers by helping underserved communities better understand and navigate the healthcare system. HFP develops and delivers free, student-led workshops that teach the English skills needed for healthcare communication, such as describing symptoms and understanding appointments. In addition to workshops, HFP creates worksheets that boost content retention and informational summary pamphlets to provide participants with accessible, take-home resources.