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Transformation in Cleveland's Buckeye-Woodhill

neighborhood: Cleveland is one of five communities to receive a combined \$160 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to redevelop severely distressed housing and spur comprehensive revitalization under the federal Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI). Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and City of Cleveland were awarded a \$35 million CNI grant for the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood. The NIMC team has supported CMHA in the planning process since 2017 and Assistant Director, Debbie Wilber led the successful application process. *Read more about the experience [here](#).*

Staying Vigilant on Anti-Racism:

NIMC recently created a page on our website curated with our latest thinking and resources to advance racial equity and racial justice. In June 2020 following the brutal murder of George Floyd, many leaders across diverse sectors shared powerful messages of solidarity in the struggle to

end racism and oppression against Black and Brown people and to confront White supremacy and its degradation of our neighbors and neighborhoods. Those words were important. Sustained action, however, is even more important. Check out [this resource](#) that we'll be updating regularly.

WHAT WE ARE READING

Earlier this summer NIMC held a staff retreat focused on anti-racism learning and reflection. The concept of healing-centered community development emerged as a shared value. After the retreat, staff came together to discuss [Building to Heal: A Framework for Holistic Community Development](#) by Chandra Christmas-Rouse, Brandon C. Jones and Meghan Venable-Thomas to better understand these powerful concepts and how they can guide our work moving forward.

WHAT INSPIRES US

As our nation grows increasingly diverse, it is also becoming increasingly polarized and inequitable. At the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities we believe there is a solution, and it lies in the work of intentionally fostering inclusion and equity. Watch, listen or read the transcript of founding director, Dr. Mark Joseph's [Love Letter to An Anti-Racist Cleveland](#) at the City Club of Cleveland last month.

WORTH A LISTEN



Craving extra inspiration and ideas related to racial justice and inclusion? Listen to [Bending the Arc](#) with Dr. Tiffany Manuel of The Case Made and NIMC’s Dr. Amy Khare talk about what it takes to shape public narratives that engage people across different identities, backgrounds, and geographies. Listen to the latest and previous episodes of Bending the Arc wherever you access podcasts.

MEET THE TEAM

In March 2021, NIMC welcomed [Richard Rodems](#) as the Research Manager and Research Associate. Prior to joining NIMC he was a postdoctoral research fellow with Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan. He holds a joint PhD in social work and sociology from the University of Michigan and an MSW from the University of Michigan. His research focuses on material hardship, poverty measurement, and wealth inequality.



WORTH CELEBRATING!

NIMC was the recipient of the [2021 Think Big Leadership Award](#). CWRU’s strategic plan recognizes the need for a high-impact research community

where humanity, science and technology meet to create a just and thriving world. NIMC received this award because our team is achieving social impact in mixed income communities, forging meaningful partnerships, and deploying impactful research far beyond our campus. Our Provost Dr. Ben Vinson said in our award letter: "You are emblematic of what we are trying to accomplish as a university community and we are so thankful for you."

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