2019 Annual Report

The Community Design Collaborative provides pro bono preliminary design services to nonprofit organizations in greater Philadelphia, creates engaging volunteer opportunities for design professionals, and raises awareness about the importance of design in revitalizing communities.

Design Grants

The Collaborative’s Design Grant Program helps nonprofits succeed in the challenging arena of community and economic development. Each grant provides a unique scope of preliminary design services, a multi-disciplinary team of volunteer design professionals, and community engagement. These projects, when realized, have the potential to impact the lives of nearly 160,000 people in the Philadelphia region.

In 2019, the Collaborative matched 147 volunteer design professionals with local nonprofits to contribute $898,270 in pro bono preliminary design and 7,462 hours of community service through 15 design grants.

African Cultural Alliance of North America
ACANA: Conceptual Design for Creating Identity on Woodland Avenue

Allegheny West Foundation
Playing for the Future: Creating an Amenity for the Allegheny West Community

Berean Presbyterian Church
Berean: Conceptual Design for Creating a Community Hub

Center for Architecture and Design
PARK(ing) Day 2019

Girard Academic Music Program
GAMP: Conceptual Design for Open Space Improvements

Huntingdon Valley Library
Conceptual Design for Renovation

Old City Green
Commerce Street Connector: Conceptual Design for Public Open Space Revitalization

RAIR (Recycled Artist in Residency)
Conceptual Design for Expansion of Artist Program

SEAMAAC, Inc.
SEAMAAC: Conceptual Design for the South 7th Street Improvement Program

Southwest Community Development Corporation/ Evelyn Graves Christian Academy/ MEE Productions
Graves - MEE - Mercy Douglass Community Wellness Center: Programming and Feasibility Study

St. Babs Church of All Religions
St. Babs: Conceptual Design for Restoration and Renovation of an Historic Site

St. Mary Interparochial School
Historic Roots, Blue Ribbon Expansion: Programming and Feasibility Study for St. Mary

The Philadelphia Masjid/People’s Emergency Center
Building Blocks: Conceptual Design for Creating a Community Hub

Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church/ACHIEVEability
Community Cornerstone: Conceptual Design for Creating a Community Hub

Zion Baptist Church/Called to Serve CDC
Corridor Connections: Conceptual Design for Creating a Community Hub

Individuals and corporations provide funding through comprehensive Corporate Champion major gifts, generous support of two special events - Leverage and Bowling Ball - as well as annual appeal and membership gifts.