

HOUSING INITIATIVES DIVISION

**FINAL OUTCOME REPORT**

**Date:** December 18, 2017

The Final Outcome Report must be submitted prior to the Final FSR being submitted by Grantee.

1. Grant #:	HDF-2017-116-NEP		
2. Grant Begin Date:	July 1, 2017	3. Grant End Date:	December 31, 2017
4. Grantee:	Venture, Inc.		
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**9. Upload before and after photos of projects/units undertaken with this grant (which have not been previously submitted).**

Photos uploaded (limit 6)

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Rename photo files with grant #, component/activity and **Before** or **After** (i.e., *HDF-2017-0123-NEP, Park Improvement, Before*) prior to submitting.

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<b>10. Project Results</b>				
<b>Projected Results</b>	<b>Indicators Used to Measure Results</b>	<b>How the Indicators were Measured</b>	<b>Findings of the Measurements including Baseline Data</b>	<b>Lessons Learned</b>
<p>a. As a result of the NEP at Shirley &amp; Willard Street Park in Unity Park, residents will have upgraded amenities, safety and greater accessibility at the park for neighborhood gatherings and recreational opportunities for families and children.</p>	<p>The number of physical improvements or additions to the park.</p>	<p>Compared the number of amenities count prior to the NEP to the count after the NEP.</p>	<p>Prior to the NEP both play areas lacked surfacing such as mulch. After the NEP one play area received engineered safety fiber surfacing that meets existing industry standards as well as repair of the play area's borders. The other play area received mulch. Prior to the NEP there was no pavilion and the park only had 1-6ft table. After the NEP a pavilion was installed that has 2 additional 8-ft tables along with 2 additional park tables located near the structures. The basketball court was renovated to be a state of the art court with industry leading surfacing complete with 2 additional benches.</p>	<p>We learned that if people have an appropriate gathering space complete with the proper amenities people in the resident will absolutely use the facilities. We also learned that the work on the park was also a great community-building opportunity. It brought together a myriad of community partners including residents, law enforcement, council people, social service agencies, financial institutions, volunteers, and grassroots organizations. This project was more than just about the physical improvement and additional amenities at the park, it was about tightening the social fabric of the community, increasing community involvement, and providing a source of pride for this neighborhood.</p>

<p><b>b. The improved physical appearance at the park will increase the community's overall appearance and contributes to the community's beautification efforts.</b></p>	<p><b>We administered a survey that asked residents about whether the NEP increased the curb appeal of the neighborhood. Specifically, the question asked: "After the park renovation would you say the beautification of the neighborhood has improved due to the work that was done at the park?"</b></p>	<p><b>We utilized a survey that gathered the data needed pertaining to the NEP and beautification, safety, and utilization. After collecting the data we did a statistical analysis of the data.</b></p>	<p><b>89% of the residents surveyed said that the park renovation increased the beautification of the neighborhood.</b></p>	<p><b>Ensuring that public gathering spaces are attractive and well-maintained contributes to the overall appearance of the neighborhood. This positive contribution has the ability to encourage even more development in the neighborhood as well as help attract new homeowners and retain residents.</b></p>
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