2016 IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Denver Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs
African Community Center
Refugee youth students from their International CITY youth program will collaborate with refugee youths at Mi Casa Resource Center. The students will be connecting with each other, receiving leadership training and identifying issues that affect their community. The next six months will lead to students hosting activities and end with an International Delight community event and formal presentation to school administrators.

Athmar Park Neighborhood Association
Athmar Park Neighborhood Association is hosting a “Movies in the Park” night that connects people residing in the community and neighborhood businesses together through a family movie, food, local businesses’ booths, and other fun activities!

Black United Fund of Colorado
Black United Fund of Colorado is creating a community garden initiative to create a kinship between the African community and the local African-American community. This will be done through monthly conversations that will discuss farming practices, cultural crops, and share in the cultural cuisine by cooking with fruits and vegetables from the community garden.

Comunidades Unidas (GES Livewell)
Comunidades Unidas is a resident-led group in the Elyria-Swansea, Globeville area that tackles issues affecting the community like transit and affordable housing. The mini-grant will be helping promote Comunidades Unidas to the public and gain more leaders for this organization. It will also assist in planning summer outings for the group and their families.

Holy Rosary Church
Holy Rosary church will be holding a summer community festival that will invite local and adjacent communities for music, food, entertainment, and family-oriented games to celebrate the diversity of the Globeville community.

Picture Me Here
Picture Me Here is a digital storytelling project. The project will be telling the stories of refugees that are rebuilding their healthcare careers in Colorado. These stories of perseverance will end with a special screening of the video at the Spring Institute in late October.

Spring Institute
The Spring Institute will be holding an event called “Unveiled: A Ladies Night”. It will bring together women from all faiths to participate in a Q&A session about the Hijab in a safe space with facilitated conservation, food, and dancing.
Street Fraternity
Street Fraternity will be hosting a music festival to show some of the great musical talents of the young men. The music festival is a collaboration between the local law enforcement and the organization, so that it will help build a stronger relationship between them in the community.

ToGathering/The Denver Arabic Language Meet-up Group
ToGathering will be hosting an evening of discussion and interaction featuring various comedy clips from Arabic media. The event will help the locals learn about the Arabic media industry, its history, the process of media-making, and be great time for socialization.

Write Our World
Write Our World is a program that will connect Muslim and non-Muslim students from various Denver schools. The students will collaborate, research, and learn about each other’s cultures through the creation of an eBook that discusses various aspects of the Muslim faith.