



WELCOME TO  
**THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
HISTORY PROJECT**

*Activating History to Promote Resilient Communities:  
The Importance of Neighborhood Histories*

# OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM & WORKSHOPS

A neighborhood history is not only a tool for knowing about your community's past. It is the first step in charting your neighborhood's future. SLACO has just received a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council to deliver a series of workshops and individual assistance to neighborhoods interested in undertaking some type of neighborhood history project.

The St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) is sponsoring this program in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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The Neighborhood History Project aims to activate history by bringing humanities scholars together with neighborhoods in developing neighborhood history. The project involves three components. Part I entails a series of workshops where scholars share expertise and insight with neighborhoods. Part II will provide additional assistance to a neighborhood selected through an RFP process to develop their neighborhood history. Part III will involve sharing project outcomes and resources with the STL community.

## Part I

Neighborhood History Workshops

## Part II

Neighborhood Assistance

## Part III

Knowledge Sharing in the Community

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Feb. 13 – Mar. 20	Neighborhood Workshops 1 – 6
Mar. 22	RFP Request Release
Apr. 19	RFP Submission
Apr. 29	Two neighborhood finalists announced
May – Aug.	Neighborhood History Assistance
Dec.	Neighborhood History Presentations
March 2020	Presentation on Project Outcomes / Toolkit Launched



# PROJECT OBJECTIVES

A neighborhood history can help identify key figures, institutions, and events that contribute a renewed sense of place, identity and connection that can become a rallying point for neighborhood resiliency.

A neighborhood history can reveal a neighborhood's successes and challenges over time, equipping neighborhoods with a deeper knowledge that can help ground and guide current decision-making.

Most importantly, understanding a neighborhood's history can be empowering – creating a sense of ownership and purpose that motivates neighborhoods to advocate for themselves and actively take on the process of writing the future of their neighborhoods.