

**PROJECT NAME:** Prospect Corridor Social Services Provider Plan

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**TIMELINE:** April 2003 to September 2004 (\$85,000)

**CONTENT AREA:**

**FUNDER:**

**CLIENT:** City Planning and Development Department, Kansas City, Missouri

**AUDIENCE:**

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:**

The Prospect Corridor Initiative was a community-based effort to build and rebuild the community from 18th to 47th Streets and Brooklyn to Agnes Avenues. The community in and around Prospect Avenue, in conjunction with the City Development Department, developed the *Prospect Corridor Initiative Strategic Plan* in 2002. It was created using the input and ideas of residents, businesses and institutions in and around the Prospect Corridor. It was a community-based plan with both short and long term priorities.

The goal of the Prospect Corridor Initiative was to identify, engage and empower community anchors, residents, businesses, and faith-based organizations to enlist the resources of outside stakeholders to create a fertile economy, a livable and desirable community, an arts and cultural center as well as create a national inner-city collaborative model.

Provision of services by faith-based organizations is important in the corridor, and the possibility of new sources of funding for these providers was examined, as well as collaboration between these providers and other community service organizations.

The objective of this plan is to quantify existing services and identify unmet needs to make recommendations for coordination, collaboration, and access to information, referral, or the provision of social services within the Prospect Corridor.

**OVERVIEW:**

RDI involvement with this project entailed provision of:

- A database and inventory of existing social services provided in the corridor;
- A needs assessment of residents by means of a survey;
- A report of current federal, state, and local programs and funding sources and restrictions, including local foundation and corporate support;
- A report of the efficiencies, inefficiencies and duplications of social services within the corridor;
- Identification of opportunities for collaboration and cooperation between social service providers and made recommendations for coordination, collaboration and centralization of information, referral, or the provision of social services in the corridor.

The survey of residents was conducted during August and September 2004 and gathered targeted information regarding residents' needs and priorities for social and community services, and barriers to receiving them. Questions on the survey emphasized availability and access for social services and community resources, that included:

- Child care
- Clothing pantries
- Dental care

- Drug and alcohol recovery
- Emergency shelters
- Employment
- Food pantries
- Free meal programs
- Homeless services
- Housing programs
- Job training
- Mental health services
- Rent/Utility assistance
- Services for persons with disabilities
- Transportation
- Youth services

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