

Fostering Welcoming Connections in Capitol View | Mini-Grant Application

Project title: “Stories of Capitol View”

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Project overview: The Stories of Capitol View oral history project will create lasting connections among residents of the neighborhood. Through oral history interviews focused on biography and community, interviewees will share in documenting the neighborhood’s social development over the past 60-75 years, a time of social change ranging from Civil Rights and urban renewal through current national shifts in culture, politics, and technology. The objectives of this ongoing project include oral history interviews with current and former residents and business owners in the Capitol View neighborhood. Interviews will begin in August 2025 after the project is formalized.

The project’s sponsors will work together to develop an ongoing list of potential interviewees through recommendations, calls, and in-person meetings. The audio recorded interviews will be permanently archived, along with supplementary materials such as scanned photographs, in the Kennesaw State University Archives Scholarly Online Access Repository: <https://soar.kennesaw.edu/>. Interview release forms will allow audio recordings to be archived and made accessible online and/or incorporated into possible exhibits or videos in the future. Technology including audio recorders and scanners will be provided by the project sponsors and Kennesaw State University’s Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books. Transcriptions will be completed using otter.ai and reviewed for quality control before archiving. The interviews will last approximately one hour based on the interviewee’s comfort level. Interviews will take place in person, including at residences or public spaces with limited ambient noise.

The Stories of Capitol View oral history project is responsive to needs identified in the grant description, including addressing a decline in informal social interactions among residents, limited participation in existing community events, and a greater sense of belonging. The project will add a round of regular check-ins with Legacy Residents for at least one year through a neighbor-to-neighbor program where participants engage and learn about each other and preserve community experiences. The project will also include quarterly community gatherings for interviewees to share their stories with community members. Communication and outreach will be essential to the project, which will result in permanently accessible online resources.

Materials	Estimated Cost
\$25 gift cards to interviewees x 35	\$875
Technology for sharing audio recorded interviews with interviewees (disc, flash drive, etc.)	\$250
Refreshments for quarterly gatherings of interviewees and community members	\$500
Total	\$1,625