

# UBN Activity 4: Neighborhood Plan Check-In



## Overview

This analysis evaluates 25 years of civic investment and neighborhood planning in two distinct Louisville neighborhoods. By reviewing neighborhood plans, city budgets, and key outcomes in health, housing, crime, and education, this assessment provides a data-driven evaluation of investment patterns, policy effectiveness, and neighborhood equity. The findings will inform future place-based strategies, ensuring that investments align with health-supportive and equity-focused urban planning.



# Objectives

- Neighborhood Planning: Evaluating 20 neighborhood plans to assess goals, successes, and gaps in implementation.
- Civic Investment: Analyzing city budgets, funding allocations, and public/private investments over the past 25 years.
- Policy & Planning Alignment: Determining whether investment decisions align with comprehensive planning goals and health equity priorities.
- Neighborhood Equity Evaluation: Identifying how funding influences community well-being, environmental resilience, and economic opportunity.





## Key Findings

- Uneven Investment Patterns: Some neighborhoods received substantial redevelopment funding, while others lacked critical infrastructure and social services.
- Gaps in Implementation: Despite well-intentioned neighborhood plans, many recommendations were not implemented, often due to a lack of accountability or funding mechanisms.





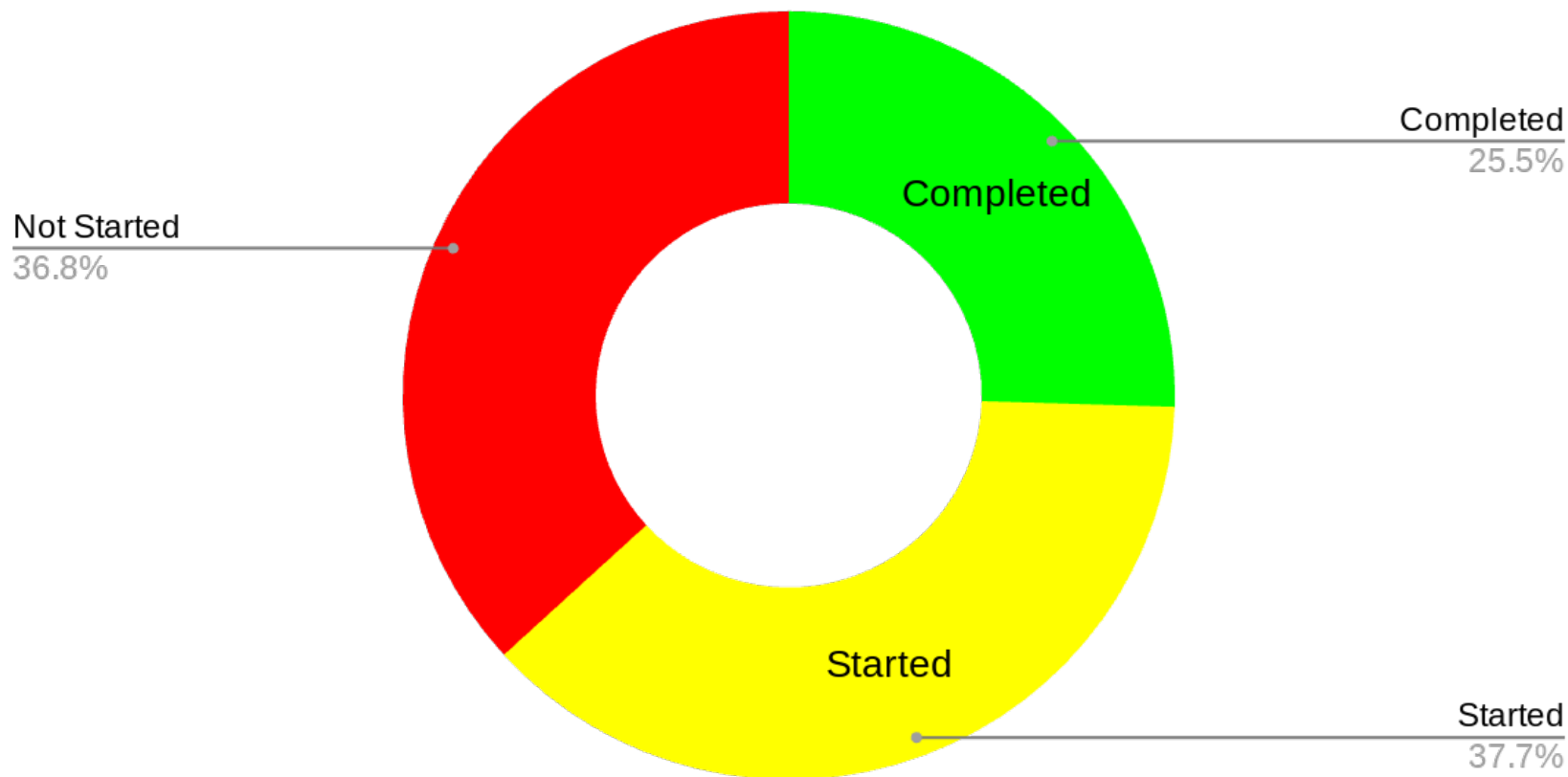
## Key Findings

- **Health & Environmental Disparities:** Neighborhoods with historic disinvestment experience higher pollution exposure, housing insecurity, and public safety concerns, while others benefit from greater civic engagement and environmental investments.
- **Lack of Budget Transparency:** Limited access to public budget records and a lack of neighborhood-level tracking prevent residents from understanding how funds are allocated.



# Russell Neighborhood Plan Recommendations

Source: Universal Basic Neighborhood (UBN) Analysis 2023-2024







**Win:** New Walnut Street Park

**Recommendation:** Improve Old Walnut Park as a central wellness amenity

# Investments

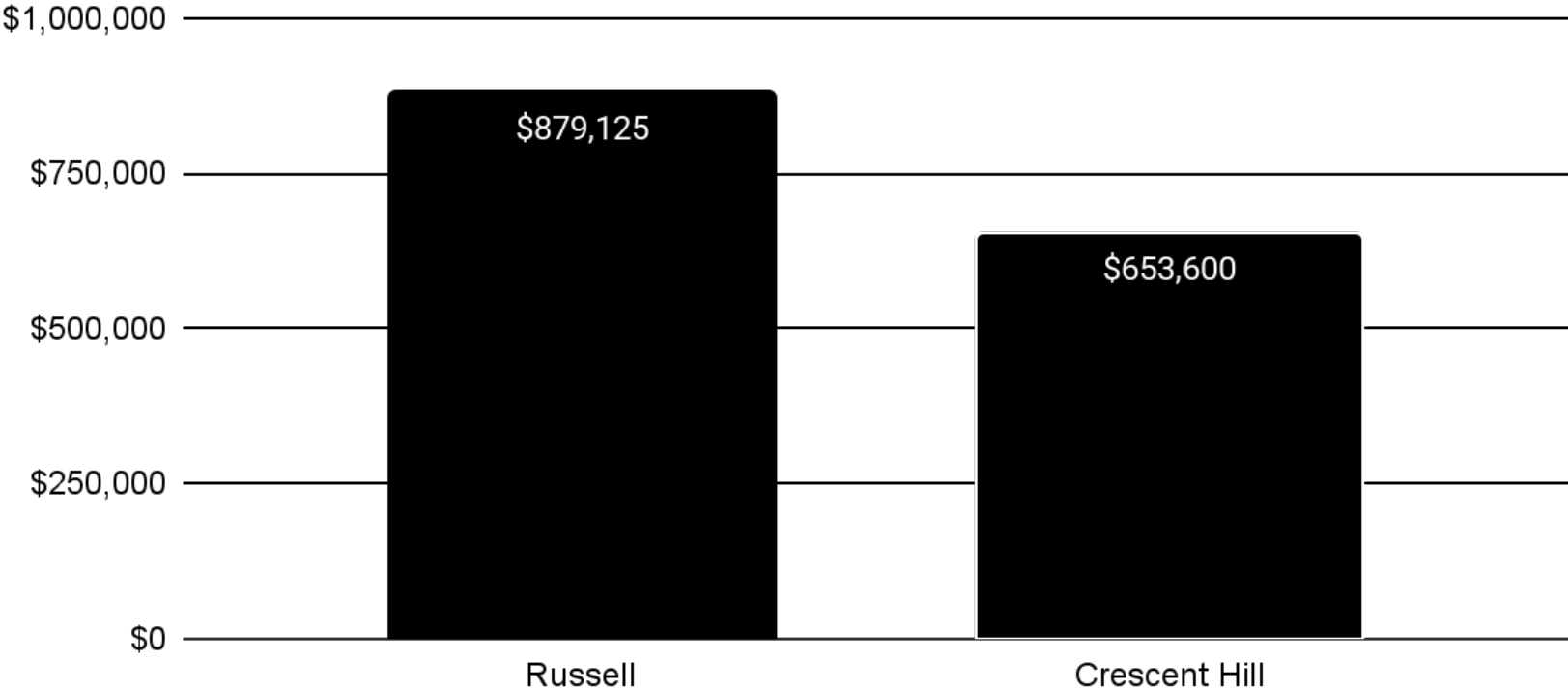
- **Pre Merger (before 2002)** :Investments focused heavily on housing, community development, and heritage preservation. Key projects included affordable housing initiatives, redevelopment of historic properties, and establishing the African American Heritage Center. Over \$10 million in total funding was directed toward revitalization efforts between 1991-2003, with emphasis on housing and community-based infrastructure.
- **Post Merger (2003-present)**: Between fiscal years 2004 and 2013, Russell received programmatic funding for neighborhood organizations. Funding also includes ElderServe and the Louisville Central Community Center and capital improvements for the redevelopment of Beecher Terrace.

**Russell received consistent support for housing and cultural projects, demonstrating a focus on long-term revitalization.**



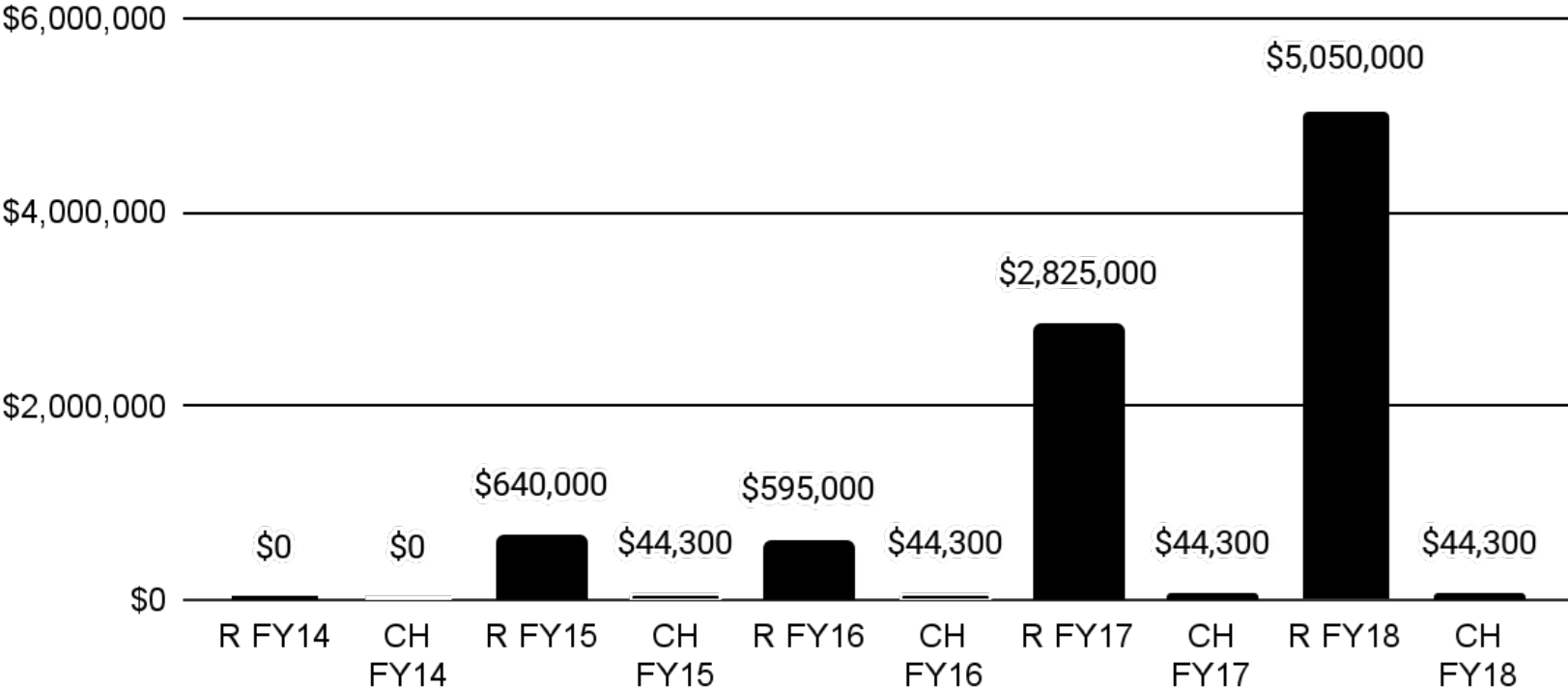
# Louisville Metro Government Investment by Neighborhood FY04-FY13

Source: Universal Basic Neighborhood (UBN) Analysis 2024



# Louisville Metro Government Investment by Neighborhood Per Fiscal Year FY14-FY18

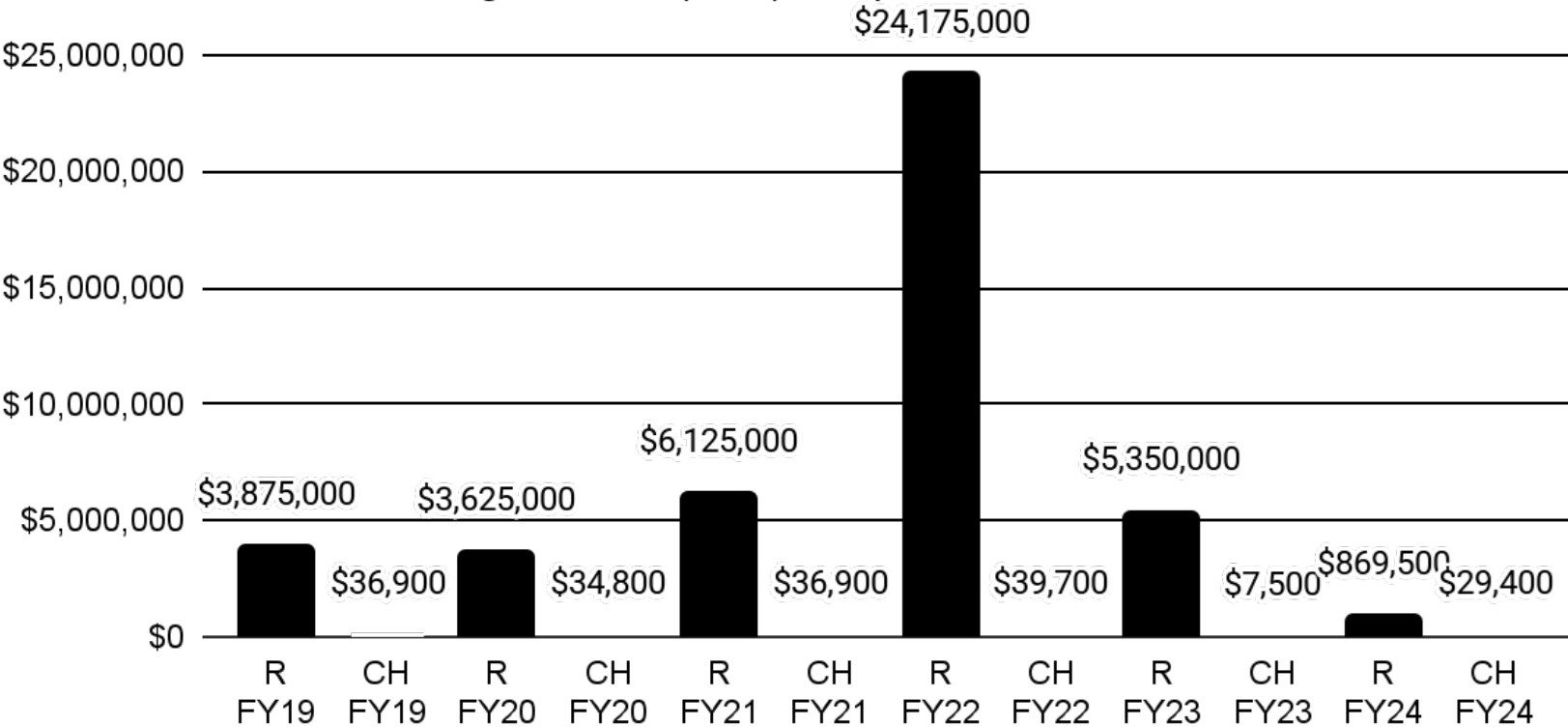
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# Louisville Metro Government Investment by Neighborhood Per Fiscal Year FY19-FY24

Source: Universal Basic Neighborhood (UBN) Analysis 2024



## Recommendations

- Digitizing public budgets for transparency and accessibility.
- Aligning city investments with neighborhood health indicators to ensure comprehensive, equity-focused planning.
- Establishing an implementation office to track neighborhood plan progress and support long-term improvements.
- Integrating Universal Basic Neighborhood (UBN) health factors into future planning and budget processes.

