



Discovery Special Improvement District

2019 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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The mission is simple: Discovery Special Improvement District helps property owners create and maintain a safe, vibrant, diverse, distinctive and walkable mixed-use neighborhood.

STAFF:

Michelle Chippas, Director of Communications & Engagement

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**To reduce costs, Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement Districts share staff.*

Discovery SID

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Property owners in Discovery Special Improvement District (SID) recently agreed for the third consecutive time to reauthorize its work. Since its inception in 2007, the Discovery SID continues its efforts to create and maintain a safe, vibrant, diverse, distinctive and walkable mixed-use neighborhood.

There is tremendous growth in the Discovery District, including hundreds of new residential units as well as improvements on Cleveland Avenue to bury underground utilities, plant trees and widen sidewalks. As the population and pedestrian traffic in Discovery District grow, so does the need for supplemental safety services.

Our bike ambassadors and special duty police officers do an outstanding job year-round to keep our neighborhood safe, and our homeless outreach coordinators continue to provide incredible support for people experiencing homelessness.

This is an amazing time to be part of the SID. I invite you all to visit our website, DowntownServices.org, to learn more about the work of our ambassadors and other SID services.

Cordially,

Matthew Miller

*Board Chair, Discovery SID
Grant Medical Center*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS PARTNERS:

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

COLUMBUS STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



HERE TO HELP



HOMELESS OUTREACH


Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement Districts employ two full-time specialists who provide homeless outreach services.



4,160
HOURS HOMELESS
OUTREACH


Worked with
240
clients at the
Main Library

Helped **96** clients move off the street

710 
COTA PASSES
PROVIDED FOR
PEOPLE IN NEED

48
IDs or birth
certificates
secured

Found emergency shelter for **31** people

960 PEOPLE HELPED AT
THE OPEN SHELTER 

SAFETY AND SECURITY

We have a team of professionals keeping downtown safe and secure. Our safety ambassadors patrol downtown by bike in conjunction with special duty police officers. Our award-winning security network tracks downtown activity by radio in real-time.



15,635
Safety Services
Hours

3,025 SAFETY
ESCORTS

 **8,339** MILES OF
BIKE PATROLS

Collaborated with police **102** times

137 QUALITY OF LIFE
CONCERNS RESOLVED

Hosted **9** neighborhood safety meetings

338 GRAFFITI TAGS AND
HANDBILLS REMOVED



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

COMPLETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 2019 & 2018:

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Cash undesignated	\$ 90,130	\$ 256,813
Total cash and equivalents	90,130	256,813
Accounts Receivable	50,982	36,872
Prepaid expenses	4,563	21,027
Total Current Assets	145,675	314,713
Fixed Assets:		
Equipment and vehicles, at cost:	95,336	82,523
Accumulated depreciation	(72,239)	(62,695)
Net Fixed Assets	23,097	19,828
Total Assets	\$ 168,772	\$ 334,541
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	10,428	45,423
Accrued expenses	8,743	6,915
Capital lease obligation, current portion	725	-
Total Current Liabilities	19,895	52,338
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	1,829	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,829	-
Total Liabilities	21,724	52,338
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	147,048	282,203
With donor restrictions	-	-
Total Net Assets	147,048	282,203
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 168,772	\$ 334,541

