Let Your Table Take You Places

Each year following On the Table, The Chicago Community Trust hears from excited and passionate community members about the conversations they had and the ways they want to make a difference on a local level. Through the Acting Up awards, the Trust has distributed nearly $200,000 to help more than 130 creative ideas come to fruition. Projects big and small have made a real difference in communities across the region. After you meet around your table, share your ideas with us in a video and then let us help you create change in your community.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

During your On the Table 2018 conversation, think about an actionable idea that you would like to implement to benefit your community. As an individual, with others from your conversation or as organization, submit a short video describing your idea. It could be anything from hosting a neighborhood block party or creating a community bike share program to developing a youth leadership program or planning events for a local senior center—where will your table take you?

This year, the Trust will be giving away more than $150,000 in the amounts of $1,500, $2,500 and $5,000—to help encourage people to work together and take action for the public good.

HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO APPLY:

• Make sure you registered to participate in On the Table on Tuesday, May 8 on our website at www.onthetable.com.

• Participate in one or more On the Table conversations

• Create a short video (no more than two minutes) explaining your idea, how it would work and its potential impact—these videos can be filmed quickly with your phone, no need to be highly produced

• Starting on May 9 and through June 1, upload your video to YouTube and submit your application at www.onthetable.com (no entries submitted after 11:59 p.m. on June 1 will be considered)

Learn more and read the rules at www.onthetable.com/acting-up-awards.

You talk. We listen. Then it’s time to act.