



Innovative Partnership History

- 1979** Voters approve tax that creates PLB
- 1980** PLB funds it's first 10 projects
- 1982** PLB funds the operation of St. Louis County Recreation Council, a cooperative of non-profits, park districts and state and local governments
- 1983** First scattered site group home opens in St. Louis County
- 1984** Goodwill Industries and McDonalds begin training and employing individuals in the first PLB funded competitive employment program
- 1984** St. Louis County begins setting aside a portion of funds to pay for transportation to and from sheltered workshops - SB3 Funds
- 1987** PLB creates the Special Offenders Project - "Options for Justice"
- 1988** PLB and St. Louis Community College develop seminars for direct support staff
- 1989** Aging program for individuals over 55 years old is established with a PLB grant
- 1992** PLB and Special School District partner to create a transition project from school to employment
- 1993** PLB works with the County Housing Authority and Neighborhood Housing services to produce affordable and accessible housing
- 1996** PLB, St. Louis Arc, Schnuck's Markets agree to put a Job Specialist in Schnuck's Employment Office
- 1996** PLB Board Member walks into the audience during the open comment session to ask rest of Board about their assurance of health and safety in PLB funded programs
- 1997** Summer Work Experience Program & Neighborhood Experience Programs begin
- 1998** PLB starts pilot QESE training of agencies
- 2002** PLB funds 6 Sheltered Workshop's new marketing collaborative called "Mid America Pro Pack"
- 2003** 4 Sheltered Workshops receiving funding to expand their facilities
- 2008** PLB, UCP, local school districts develop employment opportunities
- 2010** PLB begins investment in Sheltered Workshop Collaborative Automation Project
- 2011** One Time Funding Grants to 11 Agencies (includes a food truck to be known as Destination Desserts)
- 2012** 44 One Time projects funded to improve quality and outcomes of services
- 2013** SUCCEED post secondary collaborative with UMSL and St. Louis Arc that provides a residential experience and job skills development
- 2015** PLB establishes the Adaptive Equipment Lending Library
- 2016** One Time Capacity Building Grants to all 36 agencies (\$1.8 million)
- 2017** PLB provides technology infrastructure supports to selected agencies

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller