

**CITY OF
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
ALLOCATED / PROPOSED
ARPA FUNDS / EQUIPMENT
STRATEGIC PLAN
2023 – 2026**



CITY OVERVIEW:

The history of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, can be traced back to the mid-1800s when the area was part of the Louisiana Territory, ceded by France to Spain in 1762 in the Treaty of Fontainebleau. Spanish military authorities constructed forts near the mouth of the Missouri River to strengthen their hold on the territory and discourage intruders from the east. Captain Rios, dispatched to the area, established forts near the present-day locations of Spanish Pond (or Spanish Lake) and Fort San Carlos in St. Louis.

In 1800, Spain ceded the territory west of the Mississippi River back to France, then sold it to the United States in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. In 1804, a treaty was made with the Sac and Fox Indians that led to establishing a trading post on the south bank of the Missouri River. The area was chosen for its natural advantages, including a sizeable clear water spring called "la belle fontaine" by the early French settlers.

By the winter of 1805, Fort Bellefontaine was constructed under the command of Colonel Jacob Kingsbury, with log cabins, a trading house, a bakery, a blacksmith shop, and huts for enlisted soldiers. General Daniel Bissell served as the military commander of the territory and resided at Fort Bellefontaine for several years. The fort was connected to St. Louis by a trail that eventually evolved into present-day Bellefontaine Road.

Fort Bellefontaine was abandoned in 1834, and the surrounding land was divided into land grants. The area now Bellefontaine Neighbors comprised land grants issued by Spanish, French, and American officials. Notable landowners in the area included General Daniel Bissell, who purchased land through public land sales, and Dr. James W. Gibson, who built his "Forest Home" in the area in 1832.

The area remained primarily agricultural until the 1950s, when a building boom following World War II led to the construction of subdivisions and a population increase. Bellefontaine Neighbors was incorporated as a fourth-class city in 1950, with a population of 766 people. At the time, the city had 18 streets, one public school, and one Bellefontaine Methodist Church.

Between 1950 and 1960, the population of Bellefontaine Neighbors multiplied, reaching 13,650 people by 1960. The growth resulted in the construction of new churches, such as St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Bellefontaine Neighbors Baptist Church, Grace Lutheran Chapel, and Frieden's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Additionally, the number of schools in the city increased, with Gibson Elementary, Danforth Elementary, Grace Lutheran, Stormin Academy, and Riverview Gardens Senior High School now serving the community.

The city administration of Bellefontaine Neighbors has evolved since its incorporation, with A. W. Schnur was appointed as the first mayor in 1950. The city is divided into four wards and operates under a Mayor-Aldermen form of government, with the mayor and aldermen elected to four-year terms. Elections are held on the first Tuesday in April.

CHALLENGES:

SWOT ANALYSIS: Complete the boxes below to assess the current environment in your Ward or Department in terms of strengths and weaknesses (internal) and opportunities and threats (external). After completing your analysis, provide your thoughts on how strengths can help to maximize opportunities and minimize threats; how weaknesses can slow our ability to capitalize on the options; and how flaws could expose citizens, employees, or guest to dangers?

Purpose of the Analysis

Strengths

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SWOT Analysis

Internal Factors

Weaknesses

- _____
- _____
- _____
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Opportunities

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External Factors

Action Items

Threats

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CHALLENGES WORKSHEET CONT.

23.1% of the population for whom poverty status is determined in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO (2.29k out of 9.91k people) live below the poverty line, a number that is higher than the national average of 12.8%. The largest demographic living in poverty are Females 6-11, followed by Females 65-74 and then Females 23-34.

The most common racial or ethnic group living below the poverty line in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO is Black, followed by White and Two Or More.

The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and compositions to determine who classifies as impoverished. If a family's income is less than the family's threshold than that family and every individual in it is considered to be living in poverty.

CITY 2020 CENSUS DATA:

<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/bellefontaine-neighbors-mo/#:~:text=In%202020%2C%20Bellefontaine%20Neighbors%2C%20MO,median%20household%20income%20of%20%2441%2C815>

WORKSHEET:

CITY / DEPARTMENT SOLUTIONS:

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DEPARTMENT	ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED / USED			
NAME	BUDGETED	PAID	BALANCE	TOTAL
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS				\$2,097,964.58
ADMINISTRATION				
Zoom Computer Technology- Board Room	\$90,000		\$90,000	\$90,000
Website update and rebranding	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
Roof & Gutters	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$120,000
Door Key Pad	\$36,000		\$36,000	\$36,000
New HVAC Deka Services		\$25,877.52		\$25,877.52
Camera Upgrade Communication Technologies		\$31,104.64		\$31,104.64
TOTAL				\$312,982.16

DEPARTMENT				
ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED / USED				
NAME	BUDGETED	PAID	BALANCE	TOTAL
RECREATION CENTER				
Gymnasium Roof Renovation-Phase #1	\$600,000			
Ex mark Diesel 72" Turn Lawnmower	\$28,000	\$17,373.90		\$17,373.90
Camera Upgrade Communication Technologies	\$10,000	\$69,520.51		\$69,520.51
New HVAC Deka Services	\$28,000		\$147,690.27	\$147,690.27
HVAC Repairs (locker rooms and racquetball unit)	\$7,000	\$6903		\$6903
Advance Exercise Equipment	\$185,500	\$185,500		\$185,500
New Van Master's Transportation		\$74,341		\$74,341
Key Pad	\$14,910			\$14,910
C Rallo Contracting		\$73,400		\$73,400
C Rallo Contracting		\$182,280		\$182,280
C Rallo Contracting		\$93,888.50		\$93,888.50
C Rallo Contracting		\$143,896.50		\$143,896.50
C Rallo Contracting		\$86,939.09		\$86,939.09
C Rallo Contracting		\$240,124.40		\$240,124.40
C Rallo Contracting		\$89,775.18		\$89,775.18
SUBTOTAL				\$1,426,542.35
REIMBURSEMENTS				\$723,153.00
TOTAL				\$703,389.35

DEPARTMENTS	ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED / USED			
NAME	BUDGETED	PAID	BALANCE	TOTAL
PUBLIC WORKS				
Signage	\$75,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
TK Signs	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$10,000
AD Media Signs	\$50,005	\$50,005		\$50,005
New Truck Joe Machen	\$47,686	\$47,686		\$47,686
1 New Truck 2 Outfitted	\$145,686		\$145,686	\$145,686
Gamma Tree Service	\$24,250	\$24,250		\$24,250
Rite-Way Tree Service	\$21,200	\$21,200		\$21,200
Davey Tree Expert	\$5270	\$5270		\$5270
Heavy Duty Trailer	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
Concrete Replacement in front of both buildings	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$25,000
Street Light Bulbs	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL				\$487,097

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NAME	BUDGETED	PAID	BALANCE	TOTAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Hazard Pay	\$155, 016	\$96,619.35		\$96,619.35
2 New Police Cars Outfitted	\$115,000		\$115,000	\$115,000
New HVAC Deka Services		\$23,732.21		\$23,732.21
Camera Upgrade Communication Technologies		\$32,676.01		\$32,676.01
TOTAL				\$298,027.57

DEPARTMENT	ARPA FUNDS FINANCIAL FORECAST			
NAME	BUDGETED	PAID	BALANCE	TOTAL
COMMUNITY				
WARD #1	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$100,000
WARD #2	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$100,000
WARD #3	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$100,000
WARD #4	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$100,000
SUBTOTAL	\$400,000		\$400,000	\$400,000
TOTAL ALLOCATED				\$2,097,964.58
TOTAL ALLOCATED / SPENT				\$2,201,496.08
Interest Earned				-\$15,278.70
TOTAL				\$2,186,217.38
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FINANCIAL / EQUIPMENT FORECAST:

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SUMMARY