

## Central and Northern Iron Ore Enrichment Works identified the winners of “We Improve the City” social program

Metinvest Group’s Central and Northern Iron Ore Enrichment Works (GOKs) announced the winners of winners of “We Improve the City” social program for 2016. Expert councils selected 12 best social initiatives submitted from active citizens, non-governmental organizations and municipal institutions of five districts of the city. The total grant funding was UAH 2.7 million.

This year Central GOK received 60 applications to “We Improve the City” competition. Of these, 12 most prominent social initiatives were selected. The authors received grants from UAH 60,000 to UAH 140,000 to implement their projects. High appreciation was granted to the projects aimed at landscape improvement of the city and youth and sports development: the city will have new play and sportsgrounds, street-ball and a workout site. Club of Young Sailors will upgrade the water sports base, and one of the schools will have a new computer class. The experts noted two projects aimed to support of socially vulnerable strata of the population – creation of a service and rehabilitation centre for elderly and physically challenged people. Two energy efficiency projects will facilitate replacement of old windows in two kindergartens and one school for modern windows.

The expert council of the Northern GOK received 57 applications of which it selected 12 best projects. The authors received grants from UAH 38,000 to UAH 290,000 to implement their projects. Among the program winners are the projects aimed at development of the youth and children, sports and health promotion: creation of children’s play and sports facility for the recreation of parents with children and sports. The program will also facilitate opening of a cinematography school, there will be a City Events Calendar, and a new computer class. In addition, there were projects supporting improvement of residential housing near the monument in I. Sirka Street, repair of the local history museum of Ternovsky District, aid to gardeners' partnership of Northern GOK’s veterans, repair of several wards in Hospital No. 8, replacement of windows for energy efficient ones. City Botanical Garden will implement a beautiful projects: they will create an orchard of peonies.

**Fedor Logvinenko, Head of Metinvest Group’s PR and Regional Development Department in Kriviy Rih:**

*“The sixth season of “We Improve the City” program one more time made us happy as the citizens took an active part in its implementation. Three Metinvest GOKs received over 200 applications of which 37 best initiatives were selected. Total total grant funding of the program comprised UAH 4.2 million this year. All the projects will complete by the end of 2016. I would like to thank all program participants; you are setting the example of responsible attitude to your own city and help improve it with your own hands.”*

Metinvest has been implementing “We Improve the City” since 2011. Its goal is to develop social activity of the local communities, support to relevant projects improving quality of life in the cities of Metinvest presence. The program covers the competition and follow-up funding of the innovative and original socially important projects. During the program’s existence, 140 projects have been implemented for a total sum of over UAH 13.2 million.