My Neighborhood Our Akron City Council Grant Program

Directed by:
Department of Neighborhood Assistance

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DANIEL HORRIGAN, Mayor

Please read these instructions carefully

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Mission Statement

Empowering residents of the City of Akron to actively participate in the improvement of their neighborhoods and parks through education and collaboration with organizations and groups.

Overview

The Neighborhood Grant Program is sponsored by My Neighborhood Our Akron (MNOA) and Akron City Council. This unique program is directed by the Department of Neighborhood Assistance and designed to encourage various neighborhood groups and organizations to apply for **matching grants** for small creative neighborhood and park improvement projects.

Any neighborhood group or organization applying for grants **must match funds awarded** by the MNOA Executive Committee. Your organization's matching funds may be in the form of contributions of volunteer time, in kind donations of goods and services or cash. This is a **reimbursement grant** where your money is **awarded after your event** if your match is monetary, or, **after you have fulfilled your volunteer hours** with your community project.

Grants ranging from $250.00 to $1,000.00 may be awarded. The match requirement is $1 for $1 and **must be secured before the beginning of the project.**

Goals

The MNOA/Akron City Council Neighborhood Grant program is purposely designed to strengthen the core groups of Akron neighborhoods and to provide much needed resources in neighborhood revitalization efforts. A major goal of the program is to foster a positive relationship between MNOA, Akron City Council, neighborhood residents and the various partnerships with community based groups. Through a variety of neighborhood based projects and activities, improved communications and positive reinforcement, projects of this nature can have a major impact in all of Akron's neighborhood communities.

Eligible Applicants

(Please note that individuals and businesses are not eligible for these grants and any group or organization that does not have an Employee Identification Number (EIN) must affiliate with a non-profit organization that can provide the required EIN.)

- Block Clubs
- Neighborhood-based organizations (Scouts, Community Gardens, Sports Groups, Youth Groups, Senior Groups, Leadership Groups, etc.)
- Faith-based community partnerships

Eligible Projects

- Neighborhood improvement/beautification programs
- Community gardens
- Outside projects for the elderly
- Playground beautification
- Community center improvement/beautification

The above projects are not all inclusive but are a brief summary of the most common projects.

Ineligible Projects

- Give away programs (Back to school, Halloween, Christmas etc.)
- Festivals and picnics
- For profit programming/projects
- Fund raising activities
- Operating or administrative costs to an organization
- Religious activities such as worship or religious instruction
- Projects that require admittance/entry fees

Matching Contributions

- Volunteer labor is valued at $10.00 per hour. Volunteer hours must be documented by your group's President/Chairman by using the Sign-in Sheet in the attached Application Packet.
- Donated supplies or equipment or professional services
- In-kind donated supplies, equipment or professional services
- Cash

Applications will be accepted annually starting on May 1st and ending on October 31st. Applications **must be submitted on the forms provided.** Please feel free to provide attachments if additional space is needed.

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Application Packet

Please complete **application sheet, budget sheet, questionnaire,** and submit to:

- Your ward Council person, or
- The Department of Neighborhood Assistance, 146 S. High St. Room 100, Akron, Ohio 44308, or
- City Council Office Room 301, 166 S. High St. Akron, Ohio 44308

For further information contact: Akron City Council at (330) 375-2256 or Department of Neighborhood Assistance at (330) 375-2324.

Council Members:
Ward 1: Rich Swirsky

Ward 2: Bruce Kilby

Ward 3: Margo Sommerville

Ward 4: Russ Neal

Ward 5: Tara Mosley-Samples

Ward 6: Bob Hoch

Ward 7: Donnie Kammer

Ward 8: Marilyn Keith

Ward 9: Mike Freeman

Ward 10: Zach Milkovich

At Large Council Members: Jeff Fusco, Linda Omobien, Veronica Sims

Your Volunteer Sign- in Sheet can be submitted after your project is completed.

MY NEIGHBORHOOD OUR AKRON CITY COUNCIL
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Organization | Date of Project

Address | Zip Code | Federal ID Number

Contact Person | Phone Number | Ward Number

Email Address | Make Check Payable To | Check Mailed or Picked Up?

Amount Requested | Type of Project

Project Questionnaire

1. How is your project directly benefitting your neighborhood?

2. How can your project benefit our city?

3. If applicable, how will this project be sustainable?

4. Please describe in detail your project.

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EXAMPLE BUDGET

ORGANIZATION: **DATE OF EVENT:**_____

Description of Budget Item	Estimated Cost	Grant Request	Neighborhood Match		
			Cash	Volunteer (at $10/hr.)	Donated Material
	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Supplies/ Material					
Flowers	$ 100.00	$ 100.00			
Paint	$ 200.00	$ 100.00			
Paint Supplies	$ 100.00	$ 100.00			$ 50.00
Lumber	$ 100.00				
Nails	$ 25.00				
Trash Bags	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00		
Latex Gloves	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00		
Volunteer Labor					
Neighborhood Residents-Planting Flowers ($10@15hrs)				$ 150.00	
Neighborhood Residents-Painting Fences ($10@10hrs)				$ 100.00	
TOTALS	Total: $625	Total: $400.00	Total: $100	Total: $250	Total: $50

Note: In TOTALS, the sum of columns C, D, and E must meet or exceed Column B. In addition, please submit receipts and documentation confirming matching resources. Volunteer hours are not payable with grant funding. Hours are considered match as well as donated cash and materials to offset, equal or surpass grant requested funds.

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MNOA CITY COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM Volunteer Sign- In Sheet

ORGANIZATION:_____

PROJECT NAME:_____

DATE OF PROJECT:_____

Please have volunteers sign in and out as documentation of actual hours completed for community project. Volunteer hours - One hour equals $10.00 toward your project. Hours are considered a match.

NAME	PHONE	TIME IN	TIME OUT	TOTAL HOURS
				Total Hours