

Mayor Stothert's 2017 Neighborhood Grants Program Overview

Overview

Mayor Stothert's 2017 Neighborhood Grants Program will fund project proposals up to \$5,000 per Neighborhood Association. The Neighborhood Grants program funding is provided to improve a neighborhood's quality of life, increase public safety, and help prevent crime in our neighborhoods. Program funding should support and strengthen neighborhood projects that will improve the neighborhood's appearance, impact the environment, and increase the livability of the neighborhood. Successful grant proposals will have a sustained positive impact on Omaha's neighborhoods.

Eligibility

- Neighborhood organizations must be registered and listed in the City of Omaha's Neighborhood Association Directory:
<http://planninghcd.cityofomaha.org/neighborhoods>
- If your organization received funding from the 2016 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant, a final program report must have been submitted.
- If your organization received funding from the 2016 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant and requested an extension or otherwise did not expend all funding in 2016, you will be ineligible for 2017 funding.
- Multi-year project proposals may be funded for a maximum of two (2) years. There is no guarantee for second year funding.
- A match is required. The match can be in the form of volunteer labor, in-kind contributions, or cash and does not need to be equivalent to the grant amount requested. The required Neighborhood match should demonstrate buy-in and commitment for the project.
 - Please note that applying another Neighborhood Association's 2017 Neighborhood Grant request toward your organization's match contribution is not allowable.

Program Requirements

- Applications must be typed; hand-written applications will not be accepted.
- Grants can only be made for public purposes and cannot result in any benefit or improvement to individual citizens or privately owned property.
- If a proposed project requires a permit or City Department approval, contact should be made with the appropriate Department prior to submission. Please provide the Department contact in the application narrative so follow up questions may be addressed if necessary.
- Proposed projects must have prior approval from the Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors.
- All grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2017. If you anticipate funds will not be expended by this date please provide justification and request a grant extension by calling 402-444-5151 or emailing neighborhoodgrants@cityofomaha.org.
- A final program report must be submitted to the Mayor's Office by January 31, 2018. Failure to submit your organization's final report will impact future grant eligibility.

Unallowable Costs

Unallowable costs include but are not limited to:

- Weapons and high-tech alarms
- Decorative, and/or way-finding signs
- Food and beverages

Award Amounts

Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the proposed project and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. Awards will be made up to \$5,000 per Neighborhood Association.

How to Apply

The Mayor's 2017 Neighborhood Grants application will be released on Monday, January 23, 2017. The application will be available on Mayor Stothert's website at <http://mayors-office.cityofomaha.org/neighborhoods>.

All components of the application must be completed: Organization Overview, Project Overview, Proposal Request, Itemized Budget and Narrative, and Project Measurement.

Applications can be submitted:

1. Electronically to neighborhoodgrants@cityofomaha.org; or
2. Mailed to Neighborhood Grants Program, Office of the Mayor, 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 300, Omaha, NE 68183

Submission Deadline

Applications are due Friday, March 24, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. Late applications will not be considered.

Grant Awards Selection

The City of Omaha Grants Review Committee will evaluate all applications and submit final recommendations to Mayor Stothert.

Contact Information

If you have questions, please call the Neighborhood Grants Program at 402-444-5151, or email neighborhoodgrants@cityofomaha.org for assistance.

Program Timeline	
<i>Monday</i> January 23, 2017	Release of 2017 Neighborhood Grants application <i>Mayor Stothert's Website</i>
<i>Monday</i> February 27, 2017: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Q&A Open House <i>UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Room 230/231 (OPPD Community Dialogue Rooms)</i>
<i>Friday</i> March 24, 2017: 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Grants application deadline
April 17-21, 2017	Award Notifications sent to grantees <i>Letters & Emails</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> April 26, 2017	2017 Neighborhood Grants Press Conference