

Mayor Stothert's 2019 Neighborhood Grants Program Overview

Overview

Mayor Stothert's 2019 Neighborhood Grants Program will fund project proposals up to \$5,000 per Neighborhood Organization. The Neighborhood Grants Program funding is intended to improve 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, build neighborhood capacity, 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>
- Organizations must have a valid Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). Applicants must submit an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) W-9 form with their application. If an organization is using a fiscal agent, a W-9 must be completed by the fiscal agent and submitted with your organization's application.
 - For questions about obtaining an Employer Identification Number (EIN), please contact Julie Smith, ONE Omaha Program Manager at (402) 554-3580 or julie.smith@oneomaha.org
- If your organization received a 2018 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant, a final program report must be on file. Failure to submit a final report will make your organization ineligible for 2019 funding.
 - If your organization received an extension of your 2018 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant or otherwise did not expend all funding in 2018, you will be ineligible for 2019 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 contribution is required. The match can be in the form of volunteer labor, in-kind contributions or cash. Match does not need to be equivalent to the grant amount requested. The match should be relevant to the project, demonstrating buy-in and commitment from the neighborhood.
 - Please note that applying another neighborhood organization's 2019 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.
- Site Eligibility: grants can be utilized for public purposes only. Projects cannot result in any benefit or improvement to individual citizen or privately owned property.
- If a proposed project will require a permit or City department approval, contact should be made with the appropriate department prior to application submission. Please include the department contact in the application narrative so follow-up questions may be addressed as necessary.
- Project proposals must have prior approval from the Neighborhood Organization's Board of Directors.
- All grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2019. If an organization anticipates funds will not be expended by this date the organization must 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, 2020. Failure to submit a final report will impact future grant eligibility.

National Night Out Mini- Grants

Mayor Stothert's 2019 National Night Out Mini-Grants will fund project proposals up to \$200 per organization. Mini-Grants Program funding is provided to assist Omaha neighborhoods hosting National Night Out events on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Program funding should support National Night Out's mission of promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Successful proposals will support interactive neighborhood events and encourage neighborhood participation.

Unallowable Costs

Unallowable costs include but are not limited to: Weapons and high-tech alarms, food and beverages, decorative, and/or way-finding signs, and bounce houses.

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.

- Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Awards will be made up to \$5,000 per neighborhood organization.
- National Night Out Mini-Grants Awards will be made up to \$200 per neighborhood organization.

How to Apply

The Mayor's 2019 Neighborhood Grants application will be released on Monday, January 28, 2019. The application will be available on Mayor Stothert's website at:

<http://mayors-office.cityofomaha.org/neighborhoods>

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 **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 by 11:59 PM**. Late applications will not be considered.

Grant Awards Selection

The City of Omaha Grants Review Committee will evaluate each application 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.

Project Timeline

January 28, 2019	Release of 2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grants application <i>Mayor Stothert's Website</i>
February 27, 2019 <i>5:30 pm to 7:00 pm</i>	Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Q&A Open House <i>UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center; Room 231</i>
March 26, 2019 by 11:59 PM	2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grants application deadline
April 29, 2019 – May 3, 2019	2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Award notifications <i>Letters & Emails</i>
<i>Early May, 2019</i>	2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Press Conference