

Mayor Stothert's 2020 Neighborhood Grants Program Overview

Overview

Mayor Stothert's 2020 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. 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 have been registered and listed in the City of Omaha's Neighborhood Association Directory: <http://planninghcd.cityofomaha.org/neighborhoods> by Monday, December 16, 2019
- 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.
- If your organization received a 2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant, a final program report must be on file. Failure to submit a final report will make your organization ineligible for 2020 funding.
 - If your organization received an extension of your 2019 Mayor's Neighborhood Grant or otherwise did not expend all funding in 2019, you will be ineligible for 2020 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 2020 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. If there are questions regarding permits or City department approval please use the following contact information:
 - Parks and Recreation – Dennis Bryers, (402) 444-3798
 - Planning Department - (402) 444-5150 Christopher Wayne, ext. 2016 or Manuel Cook, ext. 2012
 - Public Works - (402) 444-5220
- Project proposals must have prior approval from the Neighborhood Organization's Board of Directors.
- All grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2020. 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, 2021. Failure to submit a final report will impact future grant eligibility.

Unallowable Costs

Unallowable costs include but are not limited to:

- Weapons and high-tech alarms
- Food and beverages
- Recording Equipment
- Decorative and/or way-finding signs
- 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.

How to Apply

The Mayor’s 2020 Neighborhood Grants application will be released on Monday, January 27, 2020. 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 **Monday, March 23, 2020 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 27, 2020	Release of 2020 Mayor’s Neighborhood Grants application <i>Mayor Stothert’s Website</i>
Monday, March 9, 2020 <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 23, 2020 by 11:59 PM	2020 Mayor’s Neighborhood Grants application deadline
April 27, 2020 – May 1, 2020	2020 Mayor’s Neighborhood Grants Award notifications <i>Letters & Emails</i>
<i>Early May, 2020</i>	2020 Mayor’s Neighborhood Grants Press Conference