

# 2016

CITY OF GREELEY



## GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

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### NOTES:

- Every neighborhood is eligible to apply for NIG assistance
- Technical assistance from the City is available to help work up a neighborhood project or plan an activity
- It's easy to apply, but funds are limited so its best to get started as soon as possible

**What** makes a neighborhood interesting or appealing? What features distinguish one neighborhood from another? How do the common areas or public spaces of an area reflect the unique personality of a neighborhood? How do neighbors interact with one another?

**There** are many ways a neighborhood evidences its quality of life—from the level of care and attention found in the appearance and physical condition of an area to the friendliness, care and support found in the ways neighbors gather to help one another and socialize.

**Greeley** is proud of its great neighbors and wonderful neighborhoods and the City provides a wide range of activities to support the extra efforts Greeley residents undertake to make their neighborhoods attractive, safe, enjoyable and distinctive areas in which to live.

**The** program described in this guide was created by the City to support neighborhoods by providing mini-grants to help in two general ways:

- 1) Construction of permanent neighborhood upgrades in the common area of a neighborhood; and
- 2) Support for special Neighborhood Activities

**Is** there a project or activity that your neighborhood has wished it had the resources to tackle? Review the program possibilities in this guide to see if this program might provide your neighborhood with just that support. City of Greeley staff is available to help you with the project development and grant application.



## Program Goals

The goals of the **Neighborhood Improvement Grant** program include:

- 1) Improve area safety and well-being by addressing deficiencies or limitations related to public improvements in the neighborhood;
- 2) Foster upgrades and improvements to common areas and public spaces that increase the appeal of an area;
- 3) Provide flexible standards that allow improvements and activities that support the unique needs of all of Greeley's diverse neighborhood; and
- 4) Improve neighborhoods by increasing area:
  - Pride
  - Home ownership
  - Cooperation
  - Sense of belonging
  - Safety
  - Stability
  - Investment
  - Image



## Grant Criteria

Criteria that must be met with any proposed project or activity include:

- 1) The grant will provide an area-wide benefit to the general neighborhood. Ideally, this would encompass an entire neighborhood or subdivision, but can be as small as one block;
- 2) There is demonstrated support for the improvement or activity by a majority of the neighborhood;
- 3) The grant cannot be used to install an improvement that is a developer obligation;
- 4) The project must be able to be completed all at once or as a well-defined phase and soon after the funding award;
- 5) The project adds value to the area that would be difficult to accomplish without the funding assistance;
- 6) The project includes some kind of contribution to the project by the neighborhood. This can be with matching funds, in kind support for the project, volunteer labor, technical assistance, or other level of community service project in the area, at a park or other public area in need of assistance; and
- 7) The project must be located in an area that is predominately zoned and developed for residential uses.

## Available Funding

The City has reserved \$10,000 to fund projects from the Neighborhood Grant Program in 2016. These funds are reserved in two categories of funding as follows:



### A. Neighborhood Activities (\$1,000):

A maximum of \$25 can be requested by a neighborhood in a calendar year to offset the costs related to a Neighborhood event, such as a Block Party, Clean-up Day, Home or Neighborhood Tours, etc.

### B. Permanent Improvements (\$9,000):

A maximum of \$5,000 may be requested by a neighborhood in a calendar year to make a permanent physical improvement to the area which will benefit the community and common area of the neighborhood.

*A neighborhood may request one grant from each category in a calendar year. Grant awards are based upon funds available and competition for the funding.*

## Eligible Activities & Projects

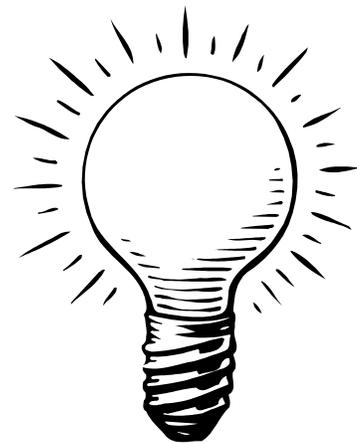
*The following activities and projects are provided as examples...be creative! If you don't see your idea listed and think it meets the program criteria, give us a call and we will see if it can be funded...*

### A. Neighborhood Activities

- Block party supplies (\$25 gift card to be used for paper products, refreshments, etc.),
- Clean up Crew supplies (\$25 gift card for purchase of trash bags, roll off container, refreshments, etc.)
- Special event (\$25 gift card to sponsor a Bike to Work station in the Neighborhood, Holiday Open House, Veteran Welcome Home, or special event, etc.)

### B. Permanent improvements

- walking paths
- entry or area interpretive signs
- landscaping/tree planting
- fencing
- alley paving
- bike racks
- recycling or trash containers
- blue security light post
- historic property plaques
- benches
- public art
- gazebos, shelter)
- traffic calming
- dog waste dispensers
- handicap sidewalks/ramps
- playground equipment
- lights
- bus shelter
- bike path
- community garden
- shade shelter
- newspaper corrals
- more....



**BLOCK PARTY**



## Application & Grant Award Details

### A. APPLICANTS

Applicants must represent a well-defined neighborhood area and have the authority to speak on behalf of the neighborhood.

### B. DEADLINE

Applications for Neighborhood Improvement Grants are accepted throughout the year from February 15th through November 15th and considered on the merits of the application on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted.

### C. APPLICATION

Each request for funding must be accompanied by a complete application on the form attached to this guide. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the Neighborhood Resource Coordinator prior to completing the application to ensure the eligibility criteria is met and to answer any questions. A neighborhood may request funding from each of the mini-grant programs once/year.

### D. GRANT REVIEW AND AWARD TIMEFRAME

**1. Neighborhood Activity Awards:** Gift cards for Neighborhood Activities can generally be processed within 10 calendar days of receipt of the application.

**2. Permanent Improvements:** Once the grant application is received for a Neighborhood Improvement Project, and determined to be complete, it will be referred to staff from the City’s Neighborhood Building Blocks (NB2) team. That team will review the application, determine if any additional City permissions are required (such as permits, easements, and other technical considerations). The team will also review the project to determine if any City in kind help can be extended to the project to stretch resources or improve the application’s feasibility. The NB2 Team meets monthly and will take action on the grant request at the first available opportunity.

Once the City review is complete and a final funding level determined, the applicant will be notified of the grant award, an agreement can be signed and the work may begin. Grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis.

## For More Information or Assistance.....



For help or for more information contact:

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