Neighborhood Improvement Grants
What is the Neighborhood Grant?

The City of Olathe has launched a program to fund improvement-based projects in Olathe neighborhoods. The purpose of the Neighborhood Grant Program is to fund the enhancement of neighborhoods through the collaboration of residents and local government. With this program, Olathe residents will be able to revitalize their community’s atmosphere through two different methods of funding.

➢ Neighborhood Community Engagement Grant

This funding will be used to promote neighborhood relations and foster communication between residents. It will be a smaller grant with a total of $2,000 potential award funds.

➢ Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Grant

This grant focuses on neighborhood aesthetic enhancement. This grant’s awarded funding will be used for projects throughout the neighborhood that can clearly benefit all residents and improve the quality of Olathe neighborhoods. The total of this grant will be $4,000.

Grant money is awarded quarterly and must be used within one (1) year from the date the grant check is written.
1.) Neighborhood Community Engagement Grant

Goal – *To provide funding for activities or events that help build a stronger community and enhance the livelihood of the entire neighborhood.*

- Total funds: $2,000
- Examples of Eligible Projects:
  - Block Party
  - Community Extra Curricular Programs (i.e. soccer league, Boy/Girl Scouts, art programs)
  - Festival
  - Training Session (i.e. CPR training, computer training for seniors, health awareness, job readiness for young adults, etc.)

2.) Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Grant

Goal – *To provide funding for improvements that will build new livable and sustainable developments, upgrade existing structures to create healthy and safe living conditions, and to boost Olathe neighborhoods overall by starting with improvements the current residents want and need.*

- Total Funds: $4,000
- Examples of Eligible Projects:
  - Community Gardens
  - Fountains
  - Landscaping
  - Neighborhood Clean-Up
  - Neighborhood Feature Repair (i.e. sidewalk, street sign, crosswalk, park element)
  - Neighborhood Signage
  - Rain Gardens
Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for the Olathe Neighborhood Grant Program the application must meet the following requirements:

- Recognized neighborhood through the Neighborhood Registration Program. Register here.
- Project must benefit the entire neighborhood
- The improvements must be tangible and accomplishable within a one-year time frame

Ineligible Projects

*Please note ineligible projects for BOTH grants include:*

- Alcoholic beverages
- Direct grants, scholarships or loans for the benefit of specific
- Direct social services such as food baskets, health clinic services, etc.
- Emergency funding
- Food & Drinks (may be funded up to 25% of award amount)
- Improvements that directly benefit an individual household
- Landscape maintenance and/or supplies that directly benefit an individual household
- Loans or debt retirement
- Neighborhood fund drives
- Ongoing general organizational support such as rent or utilities
- Political campaigns
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Regular neighborhood organization meeting supplies
- Traveling expenses
How do I apply?

Please complete all of the following and submit it by the current deadline:

- Application
- Proposed Project
  - How will this project improve your neighborhood specifically?
  - Explain what will be done to your neighborhood.
  - Explain how it will be used.
  - Include the overall activities and steps this project will propose.
  - Describe all of the resources and labor that will be required for the project.
  - Draft a timeline for the proposed project
  - Draft a budget plan for the project, including bids from 3 different companies.
- Neighborhood Involvement
  - Explain how this project will include all current residents.
- Project Coordinator
  - Identify a resident as the primary contact for the project.
  - Please note this does NOT have to be the same person as the primary contact of the registered neighborhood.

Application Deadlines:

- March 24th
- June 23rd
- September 23rd
- December 24th

Follow Up

Please submit a Final Report of your grant. This report is due one (1) year after the approval of your grant funding. The report should include the following elements:

- Before and After Picture (Neighborhood Beautification)
- Pictures during Event (Community Engagement)
- Report summarizing the project and how it affected your neighborhood
- Any other comments or ideas about the grant process

Apply now!

For more information please contact:

Planning Division at OlatheConnect or call 913-971-8750.