



Mayor Jim Suttle's Neighborhood Grants 2010 Fact Sheet

To continue the improvement of neighborhood communities, Mayor Jim Suttle has allocated \$80,000 to award Neighborhood Grants to Neighborhood Associations citywide. Please review the criteria below to determine which grant best fits your neighborhood's needs. **Associations may apply for one or both grants at a maximum of \$5,000 (combined total). If you are applying for both grants please submit two applications.**

Grants are available in two areas:

Neighborhood Green Improvement Grants

Mayor Suttle has added his personal touch to the successful Neighborhood Grants Program. Neighborhood Improvement Grants will now have an *environmentally friendly* category. Some project examples include:

Community Gardens	Recycling Receptacles	Tree Purchasing/Planting
Bike Racks	Benches, Picnic Tables	Green Space Development
Trail/Walking Path Signage	Energy Efficient Lighting	Other-Be Creative!

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grants

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grants will focus on community involvement to reduce crime and improve public safety. The Neighborhood Association must have local law enforcement approval. Some project examples include:

- Communication for citizen patrols (radios, radio batteries, and scanners)
- Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols (OCCP) approved uniforms and car signs
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Projects Mayor Suttle's Neighborhood Grants Program will **not** fund

One-time events	Neighborhood entrance signs
Projects on Private Property	Analog radio equipment

Requirements

- Neighborhood Associations must be registered and listed in the City of Omaha's Neighborhood Association Directory. To access this directory, go to www.cityofomaha.org, click on "Mayor's Office," then "Neighborhoods," and "List of Associations."
- Evaluations of prior grant awards **must** have been submitted to Mayor Suttle's Office, Grant Administration
- Projects must have prior approval from the Neighborhood Association Board of Directors/members
- Priority funding will be given to applicants that have participated in the Place Game Workshop through Omaha By Design. Place Games are designed to evaluate neighborhood resources and create active, safe, and attractive public spaces. To request a Place Game, call Omaha By Design at 402-554-4010
- Depending on the neighborhood project, you may need a City of Omaha Department permit/approval

Application Process

Applications must be typed. Late applications will not be considered.

- Organizations must use the Mayor Jim Suttle's Neighborhood Grant Application. The application can be downloaded at www.cityofomaha.org/mayor. If you require a hard copy, please contact a Mayor's Office representative (see contacts below).
- Complete applications should include 4 parts:
 - Cover page
 - Project Narrative
 - Financial Information/Project Budget
 - List of Current Board Members and their Roles
- Matching funds are required (Use \$18/hr for volunteer labor)
- **Any necessary City of Omaha Department permit/approval needs to be initiated before applying**
- All funded projects will be expected to submit a formal evaluation within 30 days after project completion

Grant Awards Selection

Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Office and the following City Departments: Parks, Planning, Public Works and Police, as well as community representatives. The City of Omaha's new Sustainability Coordinator, Kristi Wamstad-Evans, will also be reviewing applications.

Deadlines

- **Completed applications are due no later than 4 p.m., Friday, March 19th**
- Grant awardees will be announced the week of April 19th

In an effort to reduce waste, Mayor Suttle's Neighborhood Grants Program encourages Neighborhood Associations to submit one (1) completed application electronically to:

neighborhoodgrants@ci.omaha.ne.us

Applicants who submit electronically will receive receipt of submission

Applications can also be submitted by mail to:

Mayor Suttle's Office
Neighborhood Grant Program
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