



Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program

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What is the Neighborhood Grant?

In 2019, as part of Olathe's Healthy Neighborhood Initiative (HNI), the City of Olathe launched a grant program for residents to connect, improve, and revitalize their own neighborhood through two methods of funding:

➤ Neighborhood Community Engagement Grant

For connecting neighbors, building community, and improving communication between residents.

- Up to \$2000 per grant awarded.
- Eligible activities include but are not limited to...
 - Neighborhood block parties, ice cream socials, BBQs, move nights, music events, sporting event watch parties, etc.
 - Community art programs, sports leagues, Boy/Girl Scouts, and other community programs.
 - Training sessions such as: health, job readiness, CPR, fire safety, or computer training.
 - Neighborhood organizing activities, event signage, printing costs for a resident directory.

➤ Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Grant

For physical projects that improve the quality and sustainability of the neighborhood while creating healthy and safe living conditions for residents.

- Up to \$4000 per grant awarded.
- Eligible projects include but are not limited to...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community gardens ○ Neighborhood clean ups ○ Sidewalk repair or additions ○ Rain gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landscaping ○ Neighborhood Park elements ○ Neighborhood landscaping ○ Neighborhood identity signage
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How do I apply?

Complete the Neighborhood Grant Application found at www.olatheks.org/HealthyNeighborhoods.

A few sentences for each section are typically all that is needed.

- **Proposed idea:** what will be done, where in the neighborhood, how it will benefit the entire neighborhood, reason for the project.
- **Neighborhood involvement:** how the project will include as many neighbors as possible (ex: volunteers for clean ups, outreach to invite neighbors to events, etc.)
- **Approximate project timeline:** a high-level, general plan for when and how long the project will take place (ex: one week, 3 months, etc.)
- **Project's budget:** provide as detailed of a budget as possible. For beautification and improvement grants, include 3 bids from vendors and indicate which bid you plan to go with.
- **Questions that only apply to HOAs:**
 - **Clarify the need:** What does the HOA already have in its budget for the project? If there is a gap or shortage in funding, why?
 - **Trees and landscaping:** Where will the project take place? If the project is replacing dead trees - what species of trees are being removed, and what species of trees will be planted?



*Kids' Movie Night
Bradford Falls Neighborhood*



*Holiday Celebration
Persimmon Hill*



*Tree Planting
Villas of St Andrews*



*Fall Neighborhood Event
Northwood Trails*



*Sign and Landscaping Improvement
Woodland Hills Neighborhood*

Eligibility

- Neighborhood must be registered with the City through the Neighborhood Registration Program. Anyone can register their neighborhood at: www.olatheks.org/HealthyNeighborhoods
- Project must benefit the entire neighborhood
- The improvements must be accomplishable within a one-year time frame

Ineligible Projects

- Expenses that occurred before the grant award was made
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Alcoholic beverages
- Ongoing general organizational support such as rent or utilities
- Improvements or supplies that primarily benefit a particular household
- Food and drinks (may be funded up to 75% of the award amount)

Use of Neighborhood Improvement Grant funding for expenses other than the specific activity or project it was awarded for will affect consideration for future grant funding.

When can I apply?

You can apply anytime throughout the year. Grants are reviewed and awarded on a quarterly basis. Quarterly application deadlines can be seen at: www.olatheks.org/HealthyNeighborhoods.

How often can I apply?

Voluntary (non-HOA) neighborhood organizations are eligible to receive one (1) grant per year. Neighborhoods with formal HOAs that collect dues from membership are eligible to receive one (1) grant once every two (2) years.

Follow Up Requirements

A Final Report of your project or activity is required within one (1) year after approval of your grant. Failure to do so will affect future grant consideration and eligibility. The report should be sent to the City of Olathe Planning Division and include the following elements:

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

[Apply now!](#)

Questions? Contact the City of Olathe Planning Division at PlanningContact@olatheks.org or 913-971-8750.



*Family Fun Day
Symphony Hills Neighborhood*



*Chiefs Watch Party
Downtown Olathe Connect*



*Sidewalk Improvements
Nelson Square*



*Neighborhood Bulk Clean Up
Symphony Hills Neighborhood*



*Tree Project
Villas of Asbury*