

# Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for creative and innovative ideas that make our community a more beautiful place to live, and that will impact the lives of the residents of Fishers.



**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Homeowner's Associations and Neighborhoods within Fishers City Limits

**Grant Snapshot**

- The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant is a matching grant
- The grant will provide an 80% match up to \$25,000, and the applicants must provide 20% of the total project cost.
- The grant accepts applications on a rolling basis and will distribute funds quarterly.



**Acceptable Projects**

Funding must be used towards costs of a project which involves design, construction, or installation. Ideas and example photos are provided here to kick start creativity! Priority is given to projects that will have the greatest visibility and positive effect on Fishers as a community. Projects located inside the public right-of-way are subject to additional review and approval. Below are ideas for preferred projects:



**Environmental & Agricultural**

- Converting high maintenance common area lawns to no-mow native plantings
- Installation of shoreline plantings, water aeration, or rain gardens near Detention/Retention Ponds ([White River Alliance Resource](#))
- Monarch Butterfly Waystation and/or Wildlife Habitat Corridors
- Neighborhood Community Gardens



**Recreation & Neighborhood**

- Common Area Trail Repairs & Improvements
- Park Improvement such as Picnic Shelters, Benches, Planters, Mini-Libraries, or Accessible Playground Equipment
- Connected two or more Neighborhood Walking Trails
- Installation of Solar Lights or other renewable energy projects
- Improved Pedestrian Connectivity or Tactical Urbanism

**Application Requirements**

Applications will be accepted year round on a rolling basis.

1. Completed [online](#) application
2. [Registration](#) of Homeowner's Association, if applicable
3. A location map clearly indicating the location of proposed improvements
4. Images of existing conditions of project area and drawings or plans showing the proposed project
5. Detailed project budget with itemized list of project costs and revenue sources (please see budget detail sheet)
6. Verification of cost, such as a contractor bid verifying total cost of improvements
7. All planting plans must specify scientific names, including genus and species (and cultivar when available); Planting projects must comply with the [City of Fishers Planting Guide and Urban Forestry Program](#) and utilize all native species unless otherwise proven to support local species.
8. Project must be completed one (1) year from application window.


Application Deadlines		
Quarter 1:	November 1 - January 31	Committee Review: February
Quarter 2:	February 1 - April 30	May
Quarter 3:	May 1 - July 31	August
Quarter 4:	August 1 - October 31	November

**Award Process**

Applications will be reviewed by the Neighborhood Vibrancy Committee. The Committee's recommendation is provided to the Board of Public Works for review and approval.

- Special consideration are given to:
- Age of the neighborhood
  - Sustainable or environmentally friendly solutions
  - Vibrant and innovative ideas that are unique and solve an existing problem
  - The potential impact of the grant and number of people to benefit from the project
  - The extent of local volunteers, fundraising, and involvement in the project
  - Beautification
  - Visibility from the Right-of-Way





**Project Example**

The grant program is an 80/20 match program with a maximum amount to be awarded is \$25,000.

If a project was determined to cost \$10,000, the grant would provide \$8,000 while the HOA or neighborhood group would be required to provide \$2,000.

If a project was determined to cost \$30,000 the grant would provide \$24,000 while the HOA or neighborhood group would be required to provide \$6,000.



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