

Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant 2026

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.



Charleston Crossing dention aeration



Gray Eagle court improvements



Community Garden Beds

Preferred 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 & Sustainability

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

Recreation & Neighborhood

- Improving Neighborhood Vibrancy and Appearance
- Common Area Trail Repairs & Improvements
- Park Improvement such as Picnic Shelters, Benches, Planters, Mini-Libraries, or Accessible Playground Equipment
- Improved Neighborhood Safety
- Expand Pedestrian Connectivity /Neighborhood Walking Trails
- Installation of Solar Lights or other renewable energy projects
- Tactical Urbanism

Application Requirements

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.

Award Process

- Applications are accepted until funds are depleted
- The city encourages all interested groups to apply
- Applications will be reviewed by the Neighborhood Vibrancy Committee
- The Committee's recommendation is then provided to the Board of Public Works for review and approval

Special consideration are given to:

- HOAs with a Reserve Study
- Non-Awarded Neighborhoods from the past three years
- Vibrant and innovative ideas that are unique and solve an existing problem
- Visibility of improvements and Beautification effects
- Sustainable and innovative solutions
- Potential impact of the grant and number of people that will benefit from the project
- The extent of local volunteers, fundraising, and community engagement
- Cost effectiveness

Undesirable Projects

- Short-term solutions that do not mitigate long-term issues
- General maintenance: planting annuals, replacing mulch
- Use of landscaping elements not approved by the Fishers Planting Guide
- Previously completed projects



Playground upgrades at Sweet Briar North

Project Example

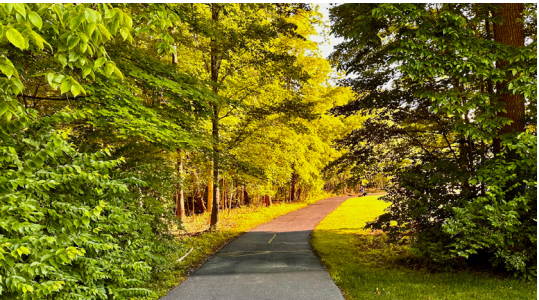
The grant program is an 80/20 match program with a maximum amount to be awarded is \$25,000.

If a project was determined to cost \$35,000, the grant would provide the maximum of \$25,000 while the HOA or neighborhood group would be required to provide \$10,000.

2026 Application Deadlines

Applications Accepted:
November 3, 2025 - January 23, 2026

Committee to review applications in Quarter 1 of 2026 with funds distributed within 30 days of review.



Sand Creek Wood path improvements



Sand Creek Wood Volunteers



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