



Old West End Association Annual Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Grant

The purpose of the Annual Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement (NB&I) Grant program is to fund neighborhood projects that further the core values of The Old West End Association (OWEA):

- Create and maintain a community atmosphere that encourages a harmonious multiethnic neighborhood.
- Improve and maintain the safety and security of Old West End residents and property.
- Improve and maintain the quality and equality of education for children residing in the Old West End.
- Improve and maintain the dissemination of accurate information about the Old West End, its property, and its spirit as a neighborhood community.
- Preserve the historic and aesthetic qualities of Old West End property.
- Provide a means for people to meet and nurture friendships.
- Coordinate any areas of neighborhood concerns with other neighborhood groups and organizations.
- Address any other areas The Association deems to be of interest or service to the residents of the Old West End.

The more of these goals a single project meets, the more likely it is to be funded!

Eligibility Criteria:

The projects must:

- be public (they can't be for improvements to private property).
- be within the Old West End boundaries (roughly defined as Detroit Ave., Monroe Street, Collingwood Ave., and Berdan Ave.)
- include volunteer commitment. The Grant is intended to fund materials, not services (additional donations are a plus). Materials might include paint, wood, or other construction materials, printing, postage, or supplies. The grant can pay for labor in circumstances where professional expertise is required, but the projects should involve volunteer labor when possible.
- be sustainable and include a plan to ensure sustainability
- have a specific and attainable timeline for completion with measurable progress markers

The applicants must:

- be renters, owners, business owners, or organizations in the neighborhood.

Timeline:

Grants will be awarded twice annually.

Deadlines for Review:

April 30, October 31

Determination:

June, December

Some tips for your project:

- **Think big!** We are volunteers who live in the neighborhood, so we want to see improvements too. Maybe we can help you get your project off the ground. Apply for a small project with plans to expand.
- **Get help.** If you need help putting your proposal together, ask around to see if other neighbors might want to team up with you. Businesses, landlords, or other organizations might also want to cooperate, especially if there is funding available.
- **Plan for volunteers.** If your project needs personnel, we can help!
- **Ask questions.** If you're not sure if your project is feasible, feel free to reach out. We'll be judging the proposals after all, so we can probably give some good advice for how your project may/may not satisfy the slated criteria. Contact dan@dpschmitt.com
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To apply for a grant, please complete this application. Applications will be reviewed twice per year. Applications submitted by April 30 will be reviewed for determination in June. Applications received by October 31 will be reviewed for grant determination in December.

I. Contact Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____ Preferred Method of Contact: _____

II. About Your Project

Name of Project (optional): _____

1. Give a brief description of the project, including an overview of the major steps involved, a specific timeline, location, and details of volunteer or community involvement.

2. Explain the ultimate goal of your project and how it will address a need within the Old West End.

3. Will the project require maintenance after implementation? If so, please provide details.

III. Estimated Costs