

# 2006 Neighborhood Grant Summary



**32 different neighborhoods  
received grants ranging  
from \$25 to \$500.**

Hanna Farm not only does an annual clean-up in the spring, they also host one in the fall.

## Survey Results

### **Neighborhood Services provided services and support needed for this project...**

- ◆ It was disappointing to see how budget cuts reduced grant amounts.
- ◆ NS was very helpful throughout the whole process.
- ◆ It was a nice surprise to have a City representative visit.
- ◆ We would not have been as successful without the help. We made it known we had the assistance of this program.
- ◆ \$50 was very generous but not enough to cover most of our party-but we're very thankful.
- ◆ Not really. I appreciate the office and their efforts. The grant was appreciated. We find the support for the event within the neighborhood.
- ◆ It was great to be able to provide the main food, dessert, things for kids to do. I think people are more willing to come when all they had to think about was showing up.
- ◆ More notice would have been better.
- ◆ \$100 was nice but didn't help a whole lot. It basically covered the cost of the pop.



Rolland Moore West holds a pool party and neighborhood fair.



The Buckingham area holds a neighborhood clean-up. This very collaborative effort included sponsorships, tire collection and yard waste collection and chipping.

**Neighborhood Services responded in a timely manner to my requests for information...**

- ◆ Great response
- ◆ They are fabulous!
- ◆ NS was very proactive in telling me things I needed to know, but didn't know to ask.
- ◆ There was timely answering of all our questions
- ◆ Ginny Sawyer was extremely helpful as well as other staff.
- ◆ Even though we had our event planned one of our neighbors mentioned we contact you and you helped very fast and friendly.

- ◆ Ginny Sawyer was very efficient and helpful with the grant process.
- ◆ We immediately got a response to our grant request.
- ◆ Extremely impressed with response time to grant application. Ginny's personal call when grant approved, and receiving check in record time!
- ◆ I have always received great info quickly.
- ◆ Angelina was most helpful!
- ◆ Nice and helpful.



Lookout Lane hosts a block party.

**The grant program is easy to access...**

- ◆ I really like the Neighborhood Services website and the website content.
- ◆ On-line application was extremely clear and staff filled in "holes" where needed
- ◆ The website made it easy.
- ◆ Our HOA manager took care of most of this for us.
- ◆ We would have liked more funds for a neighborhood our size.
- ◆ Yes, fairly easy. However the person we dealt with was very rude to us. They were unhappy that we manage the HOA and prepared the grant application, however, we also live in the neighborhood.

- ◆ It was very easy. The form is not complicated and goes very smoothly.
- ◆ Need more notice time.



For 3 years, the Silver Oaks neighborhood has worked to get picnic tables. This collaboration was no walk in the park, it entailed getting Lafarge Concrete to donate the decorative cement slabs, Olander Elementary to agree to place the tables on their property, and Olander PTO to help. In 2006, success arrived! One of the tables is ADA accessible and all the tables are available to the neighborhood and the school.



Silverwood Village hosts a clean-up day.



Parkwood East cleans its entryway.

## The grant program is a valuable and needed resource for neighborhoods...

- ◆ Valuable, definitely, but I wouldn't say "needed." It's a nice benefit, but I'm sure our neighborhood would still have a block party.
- ◆ If all neighborhoods could do something like this FC would be the best place to live in the WORLD!
- ◆ As a neighborhood with a budget, we could pay for things ourselves. It is great to get this free money, but I find it hard to believe these grants have survived City budget cuts.
- ◆ We have seen a tendency towards isolation from our neighbors despite

this being a long-established neighborhood, and organized activities tend to break down this isolation.

- ◆ Even though we only had 33 cars come through the amount of trash was amazing. People expressed having it at the streets facility was very easy to access.
- ◆ I feel it is a great program to help everyone meet each other and help build a sense of community.
- ◆ In order to have a quality community, anything you can do to encourage pride in your neighborhood makes it a better place to live.
- ◆ In this day and age any opportunity to bring neighbors together is good. We had many positive comments on the gathering.
- ◆ It's valuable but I don't think it's needed.
- ◆ I wish every neighborhood could experience what we did. It brought us together and even made some neighbors decide not to do school-of-choice but to send their kids to the neighborhood school!
- ◆ We couldn't have done this event without the grant and support from Neighborhood Services.
- ◆ Absolutely-the event was a great opportunity to bring our neighbors together.
- ◆ I'm not sure the grants themselves make much difference. They are ultimately appreciated but I don't think they make or break these events. It's more the community support and involvement that matters.
- ◆ Maybe yes-maybe no. We had about the same turnout without the grant money last year. Program can be hard to explain to an "older" crowd.
- ◆ Yes, although I know there are some severe budget cuts the City is facing.
- ◆ I think it's a great program. I don't think the get-togethers would be as effective or as well attended without the resources provided by the City.
- ◆ I don't the general public is aware of the grant.
- ◆ Neighborhood picnics are VERY important to help communicate and help bring communities together. There were many HOA complaints on neighbors before I started doing these annual picnics in 2000. Now there are very few complaints and we live in a neighborhood envied by others.



City Park Pool was the location for a neighborhood pool party.

## Other...

- ◆ Good luck with funding-you provide a valuable service to FC.
- ◆ I really appreciate all of the help!
- ◆ As cost of landfill and roll-offs increase, may need to raise limit of grant.
- ◆ Thank you for all your assistance in making the grant available to us. Although this is, and has been, an annual event for our neighborhood, the grant allowed us to accomplish some things that weren't in our original budget and the subdivision looks much better because of it.



The Ridge likes to mix work and play and hosted a BBQ picnic & project day.

- ◆ Great program!
- ◆ Ginny did a great job of answering our questions and providing great suggestions.
- ◆ Everyone at NS was VERY helpful. Also appreciate participation by other City departments.
- ◆ The comment I would express is to please continue the program. It is valuable and much needed. I am sure it helps the code compliance officers as well.
- ◆ This is a cool program and helps get things started.
- ◆ The current program worked really well for us. Thank you.
- ◆ Make survey/eval available electronically.
- ◆ We all enjoyed the different food everyone brought. While we were sitting around we talked about everyone's gardens, houses, and where and why we moved to Fort Collins.
- ◆ This is the first year we have used the program, and it worked really well for us. It was easy and quick, thank you so much.
- ◆ The grant was very helpful! Our neighbors were so impressed with the event and that the City helped.
- ◆ A way to email us. Fax would be great.
- ◆ We just wish we would have had more money to work with-as it turns out we had a lot f people show up!
- ◆ I think it's valuable but if it needs to be cut for budgetary reasons, I'd understand.
- ◆ Try to get more stores to donate and support their businesses.
- ◆ Funds are probably low but a little more money would be great.



Westfield Park tidies up its water detention area.