

# 2007 Neighborhood Grant Summary

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



## Survey Results

Neighborhood Services provided services and support needed for this project:

“ The funding enabled us to do some things, such as outdoor movie, which we otherwise may have been prohibited from doing. This allowed the event to be extended and greatly added to neighbors getting to know each other. ”

- ◆ Thank you so much for the grant money!
- ◆ Wonderful services and support!
- ◆ About 50%.
- ◆ Ginny is a wonderful resource. She has always helped us help our neighbors.
- ◆ Yes.
- ◆ We really appreciated the grant money as it allowed us to have a fairly big party at a relatively low cost to the attendees. We also liked the bag provided by the City—the kids especially like the balloons and temporary tattoos.
- ◆ Without this money, nothing would have been done.
- ◆ Fort Collins is very fortunate to have the grant program to foster neighborhood events.
- ◆ Program is well explained on fcgov.com.
- ◆ The funding for this event is wonderful. I think more people are willing to come when they don't have to bring a lot.
- ◆ Thanks so much.
- ◆ We were very thankful for the dollars for our neighborhood party. We still had a raise an additional \$113 to cover costs, but it was well worth it. Thanks for the copies too!
- ◆ Great feedback on proposal, assistance with printing flyers, etc.

## Neighborhood Services responded in a timely manner to my requests for information:

- ◆ Yes!
- ◆ Excellent timely manners!
- ◆ Yes.
- ◆ Ginny is more than helpful...regardless of any confusion or questions the 'HOA' presents for all activities related to our neighborhoods.
- ◆ Very friendly and efficient in making contact.
- ◆ Yes.
- ◆ Ginny answered all of my questions right away.
- ◆ Yes!
- ◆ Our event was two days into the new grant period. Neighborhood Services responded prior to the event and we were able to talk to them three times prior to the event!
- ◆ Very helpful staff.
- ◆ I always have my questions answered right away.
- ◆ Thanks so much.
- ◆ Ginny Sawyer was a great contact with great ideas to make our party even better. Everything came on time.



## The grant program is easy to access:

- ◆ Yes, it is on the internet.
- ◆ The application was involved.
- ◆ It was easy and quick. Thank you so much for the funding.
- ◆ Once an applicant has an idea regarding the process, things seem to be easy. Again, thanks to Ginny's time and patience, questions are answered and projects become reality.
- ◆ Yes. Thank you!
- ◆ I think it is easy to access, although I am not sure if there's enough publicity about it. Publicize more to people who don't have internet access.
- ◆ This is a little known but very good program.
- ◆ While it would be nice if the application was web-based, the process does require some effort on behalf of the applicant, which is a good thing.
- ◆ Application was simple and concise.
- ◆ Fcgov.com for forms – very convenient.
- ◆ Please continue to send me information about timelines for grant

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



*A great chance to get sweaty with your neighbors!*

“ This is a fabulous program to “jump start” neighborhood gatherings which lead to increased communication among neighbors and pride in one’s neighborhood. Thank you. We’re making this an annual event. ”

- ♦ Yes! It brings people together. It builds community. People shared and helped each other.
- ♦ Wonderful program. Everyone here at Westchase Subdivision really appreciates the City of Fort Collins for all their support and encouragement for this event!
- ♦ Yes!
- ♦ Many neighborhoods do not have the needed funding to assist neighbors in need. This program offers an opportunity for people to accomplish tasks that may otherwise be beyond their financial abilities.
- ♦ Obviously would like more funding but very pleased with what we were given.
- ♦ Yes, it provides another incentive.

- ♦ This grant brings communities together. It helped us bond as a neighborhood. It brought together people of diverse backgrounds and ages. We feel more secure and safe when we know who our neighbors are, and we have a support system that we can rely on in difficult times.
- ♦ Without the grant, we would not have been able to have our clean-up. Much appreciated.
- ♦ The program greatly enhanced our event and actually encourages events to be larger and more encompassing.
- ♦ Thank you! Thank you!
- ♦ Seems to be a fairly low cost program with some potentially big benefits.
- ♦ Definitely gave us the opportunity to put on a wonderful neighborhood event. Also was a great opportunity to meet and greet new neighbors and also meet and recognize people who have been here 30-40 years. The event definitely brought more of us together as a neighborhood.
- ♦ I am so thankful for this resource. I wish more neighborhoods could do what Siena has done. People who were considering moving have actually changed their minds, thanks to the community of neighborhood events.

### Other:

- ♦ Move up the deadline for summer grant giving to Memorial Day.
- ♦ None that I can think of.
- ♦ Ginny and the grant program are top notch...deserving of sparkling gold stars. The only improvement that comes to mind: (1) please continue to allow funding; (2) never lose site of your valuable resources; eg, Ginny. Thank you.
- ♦ For other community businesses to support Neighborhood Night Out. If more businesses were aware of our efforts, maybe they could provide discounts for event purchases (?)

## Other con't:



“ I think just maybe more ideas of how to use grant monies and more publicity. Maybe promote the idea in lower income neighborhoods where people don't have internet access or get the paper. I think the grant can help these neighborhoods the most. ”

- ◆ We would love to hear what other neighborhoods do – especially with grant dollars.
- ◆ Thank you Ginny Sawyer.
- ◆ Thank you very much.
- ◆ I feel it was pretty easy to put together-- event through application process. I don't think I would change anything.
- ◆ While I do believe some effort is necessary by the applicant, it would be great if the application was web-based rather than just downloadable. The effort could be placed into requiring the applicant to provide more details or greater feedback on-line.
- ◆ I am hopeful that the program will continue into the future despite limiting funds available. Our neighborhood is a very mixed group comprising many students, families and long-term residents and this program allows us all to gather in a fun atmosphere where you can meet each other and share neighborhood happenings. The program is a valuable asset to the community!
- ◆ I think the grant program is great. I would like a better explanation of donations and if this increases the amount you may receive. If you have donation of \$X amount, you will receive matching funds or how that works. I had a note on my grant about listing more donations, a lot of which I didn't think of as donations. I also didn't have the time this year to get donations from business members that I usually do. I just wondered if that is taken into consideration.
- ◆ Thank you for the wonderful program! Perhaps consider asking the newspaper to cover a neighborhood event(s) to encourage other to take part in this great program.
- ◆ Thank you!
- ◆ On behalf of Siena Neighborhood, we would like to thank Neighborhood Services for their part in making our neighborhood an awesome place to live. Thank you.
- ◆ Because our attendance was less than projected, so were our expenses. Therefore, enclosed is a check for \$154.50 as well as receipts for expenses incurred. I will email pictures from the event when my computer is working.
- ◆ It is a fine program. We had the opportunity to greet new neighbors and say goodbye to those departing. The event does build a stronger neighborhood.
- ◆ None that I can think of. Our neighborhood would still get together regardless of whether there is/was a grant program. But, it's great that the City of Fort Collins supports us both physically and financially.