

Information Directly from Webpage for 2014:

Neighborhood Grants

Neighborhood Services is excited to offer grants to Fort Collins neighborhoods! Neighborhood grants will be available during three cycles in 2014. Grant amounts range from \$25 to \$500 and can be put toward any event which builds community and benefits everyone in the neighborhood. Planning a neighborhood clean-up? [See our tip sheet](#). Please note: Larimer County offers a 50% discount on one 30-yard roll-off per neighborhood per year. For more details, [please contact us](#).

- Increase the grant maximum \$1000
- \$15K/year
- Double budget maybe through donation
- Frustration w/ keeping neighborhood on same trash
- Discount on roll off on clean up!

Eligible activities may include:

- neighborhood clean-ups, --\$250/dumpster; reduced dump fee; Sat 8-12
- block parties or potlucks, --night out \$\$
- beautification projects, and
- neighborhood gateway projects.
 - Funding for community events
 - Helps neighbors get organized on events
 - Resources to help plan events
 - Engage neighbors better
 - Get nextdoor membership increased
 - How to: Better neighborhood participation engagement?
 - Would be nice to see "How To" guidance on various engagement efforts

Ineligible activities include:

- political campaigning,
- alcohol purchase,
- homeowner association business expenses, and
- projects on private property.
 - Should double the budget for grants!!

HOW ARE GRANTS EVALUATED? (Total Grant Fund \$15,000)

Grants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- fostering positive neighbor relationships, *funding to improve common areas (Trilby and Constellation)
- building a sense of pride in one's neighborhood and community,
- number of neighbors participating and benefiting from event, and
- matching donations and volunteer hours contributed to event.
 - Make it clear that you can do different nights

As the grant program gets more popular and more competitive, it is important to emphasize your neighborhood's contributions and any donations on your grant application. To help demonstrate this, we have created a sample budget for your use.

The City of Fort Collins has a strong commitment to sustainability and will not consider funds for paper plates, napkins, and other disposable items. Instead, we encourage neighbors to provide their own which will also reduce the amount of trash created.

GRANT DEADLINES

Grants will be awarded three times in 2014. Deadlines are March 14, July 7, and September 19. The July 7 deadline is ONLY for Neighborhood Night Out events. (Saturday Night Out) Other applications should be submitted by March 14 for events occurring before October 3 and by September 19 for events occurring after October 3. Late applications will not be considered. If you need a paper copy of the application, [please contact us](#).

- Publish the fact that it is flexible
- Frustration with deadlines
- 3 deadlines help since they have gone to that

W9 FORMS

A [W9 form](#) must be submitted or on file with Neighborhood Services at the time of application in order for the project to be considered. A link to this form is available on this webpage, below the application. New applicants will need to complete and submit the form with your application. This is for City of Fort Collins tax purposes only. You **do not** need to report this on your tax return. These funds are not considered income. Please return the [W9 form](#) to Neighborhood Services. While W-9 Forms can be received either electronically or through the mail, it is recommended they be submitted in person to reduce the risk of the applicant's personal information being lost or stolen.

Application:

Contact Information

Date of Event, Type

Amount Requested

Neighborhood/HOA Name

1. Please describe the project/event and planning timeline.

2. Is this a Neighborhood Night Out Event, hosted on August 5, 2014?

3. Number of Households who will benefit from program/event:

4. Number of people you expect to attend:

5. How does this project/event benefit your neighborhood?

6. How will the event be publicized? Please describe in detail.

(Remember you can copy flyers for free at Neighborhood Services, 281 North College Avenue! Call 970-224-6046 for details)

7. Is there any on-going maintenance required for this project/event?

If yes please describe.

8. Will the project/program be held on private property?

If yes, please provide contact information for the Property Owner indicating you have her/his permission to hold the project/event on the property.

Property Owner's Contact Information

5. Neighborhood Services Grant Application - Event/Project Budget

Budget: Item Description, Cost to Purchase, Donations, Donation Value

Total Volunteer Hours

Agreement: Document drawn up by City Attorney's Office; Under Review Currently for Simplification

Additional Comments:

- Why does the City fund this effort? What does the City hope to gain?
- I like the grant program. I would like to see the neighborhood program grow substantially.
- How can I engage area developers with the City and the neighbors near future developments?
- Older members of neighborhood?
 - Most social activities are for families w/ children
- I really had to think about some questions and do research and reach out to neighbors to complete the grant. My check was sent to the wrong place (not even my HOA) which delayed payment by over a month.
- It would be helpful to have a feedback from the city to neighborhood leaders regarding applications—so there is no duplication of effort
- *One response*
 - Work:
 - Informal : social *illegible*--few work it—NYE/Halloween
 - NEEDS: *illegible*--*illegible* core of each other
 - Caring
 - Comm board
 - Not Work:
 - Boys club—comm poor—(help increase *illegible*)
 - Policy—new neighbor laws
 - Rules—botchy/*illegible*
 - Biggest Issue: Ignore bylaws
- Double budget maybe through donation

- Frustration w/ keeping neighborhood in same trash
- Neighborhood Enforcement Team creates bonds w/ enforcement
- Clean up with neighborhood event combined. CSUnity involved.
- How do I convince neighbors that communication and engagement is beneficial?