

THE CITY OF BEAVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM MATCHING GRANT FUND

“A Catalog of Ideas to Get You Started!”



Matching Funds could include the following:



- **Physical Improvements (Pages 2-4)** such as neighborhood welcome signs
- **Neighborhood Organizing (Pages 5-6)** such as the creation of a book of “21 cool things to do in your neighborhood”
- **Neighborhood Preservation (Pages 7-8)** such as the development of an oral history of your neighborhood by recording the stories of longtime residents
- **Cultural, Social, and Recreational Initiatives (Pages 9-11)** such as a reading program for children in a local park during the summer months



Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list. NACs are encouraged to submit applications for projects not found in this catalog.




NEIGHBORHOOD PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

Materials and services to be used toward improvement projects including:

- playgrounds
- public open spaces
- community gardens
- identity signs
- trash cans
- benches


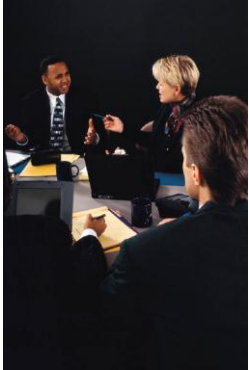
GROUND LEVEL PLANTERS	CONTACT	REQUIREMENTS
 <p>NACs may create ground level planters to help beautify their neighborhoods. The style and design would be left to the NAC, but it would need City approval.</p>	<p>Available at a number of local nurseries and home improvement stores: \$30 and up, depending on size.</p>	<p>Contact Neighborhood Program staff at 503-526-2543 for a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>
PARK/SCHOOL GROUND IMPROVEMENTS	CONTACT	REQUIREMENTS
 <p>NACs may plant trees, flowers, bushes, etc; or make improvements to playground equipment or trails.</p>	<p>City of Beaverton Operations - 503-526-2220</p> <p>Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) - 503-645-6433</p> <p>Beaverton School District Facilities - 503-591-4449</p>	<p>Contact Neighborhood Program staff at 503-526-2543 for a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>



<p>SANDWICH BOARD/ A-FRAME SIGNS</p>  <p>These signs are placed on a stand outside the NAC meeting facility.</p> <p>Prices range from \$175 and up depending on size and what is on the sign.</p>	<p>CONTACT</p> <p>Beaverton Signs - 503-672-7636</p> <p>Elite Signs - 503-775-1637</p> <p>Fast Signs - 503-526-0216</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Neighborhood Program staff can provide NAC members with a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>
<p>STREET SIGN TOPPERS</p>  <p>These signs display NAC names and are placed on top of light posts and street signs. The signs must be ordered through the City's vendor as a way to maintain continuity throughout the City.</p>	<p>CONTACT:</p> <p>Jason Wachs Neighborhood Program - 503-526-2543</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Neighborhood Program staff can provide NAC members with a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>
<p>TRIMET BUS SHELTERS</p>  <p>TriMet works with various organizations to place bus shelters at stops that are heavily utilized by commuters. The cost depends on the location and existing infrastructure, such as a cement pad.</p>	<p>CONTACT</p> <p>TriMet's Capital Project Manager at parky@trimet.org or 503-962-2138</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Contact TriMet to discuss the proposed shelter in detail before completing and submitting an application.</p>

<p>WELCOME SIGNS</p>  <p>These signs are placed at primary entrances to a neighborhood to create neighborhood identity.</p> <p>Prices depend on size, material and what is on the sign.</p>	<p>CONTACT:</p> <p>Beaverton Signs - 503-672-7636</p> <p>Elite Signs - 503- 775- 1637</p> <p>Fast Signs - 503-526- 0216</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Neighborhood Program staff can provide NAC members with a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>
<p>WROUGHT IRON BENCHES</p>  <p>NACs would install and provide ongoing maintenance of the bench. However, the City's Operations Department is available for advice.</p> <p>Ordering through the City's vendor will help maintain continuity of the benches throughout Beaverton.</p> <p>Price: Approximately \$645, but will depend upon what is required for installation.</p>	<p>CONTACT</p> <p>NW Recreation 4025 SW Condor Ave. Portland, Oregon 503-248-7770</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Neighborhood Program staff can provide NAC members with a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>
<p>WROUGHT IRON TRASH BINS</p>  <p>NACs would install and provide ongoing maintenance of the trash bins. However, the City's Operations Department is available for advice.</p> <p>Ordering through the City's vendor helps maintain continuity of the bins throughout Beaverton.</p> <p>Price: Approximately \$635 each.</p>	<p>CONTACT</p> <p>NW Recreation 4025 SW Condor Ave. Portland, Oregon 503-248-7770</p>	<p>REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Neighborhood Program staff can provide NAC members with a contact list of City departments to check on City regulations.</p>

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING / ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- generate new neighborhood membership
- enhance the NAC organization
- educate NAC leadership toward the organization’s development and continued operation

PROJECT	DETAILS
<p>CHILDCARE</p>  <p>Provide childcare during NAC meetings.</p>	<p>Advertise the service on agendas and other publications. In order to be successful, childcare must be offered on a regular basis so that people can come to expect it when they would like to attend a meeting.</p>
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY GUIDE Create a guide of “21 Things to Do in Your Neighborhood”</p>	<p>Distribute to new residents, schools, and other organizations. Contact local businesses to have them sponsor/advertise the guide.</p>
<p>SUBCOMMITTEE PROJECTS</p> 	<p>Convene subcommittees to carry out specific goals of the NAC and use the matching fund to carry out the goals. This can provide new volunteers with very specific goals and tasks that utilize their talents and immediately gets them involved with something tangible.</p> <p>Subcommittees could include: Land Use, Special Events, New Member Outreach, and many others.</p>

PROJECT	DETAILS
<p data-bbox="111 180 520 212">NAC T-SHIRTS/APPAREL</p> 	<p data-bbox="821 180 1955 305">Design, print and distribute t-shirts or other apparel with the NAC logo. These can be used as prizes during events, and current members can wear them to promote the NAC.</p> <p data-bbox="821 315 1913 347">One idea is to create the t-shirts on the internet at www.cafepress.com.</p>
<p data-bbox="111 716 352 748">BLOCK PARTY</p> 	<p data-bbox="821 716 1969 841">Organize a block party in your neighborhood to promote your NAC's activities and goals. The block party could include a barbeque, games for children, a visit from the local police and fire departments, and much more.</p> <p data-bbox="821 894 1944 1019">Block parties do require a Block Party Permit from the City of Beaverton's Mayor's Office. Visit the following web site for more information on obtaining a permit.</p> <p data-bbox="821 1029 1990 1062">www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/neighborhoods/NAC/permits.aspx</p>

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

- sustain or improve the health, public safety, and welfare of the neighborhood
 - e.g. crime watch, traffic management, home weatherization programs
- contribute positively to the neighborhood's aesthetic quality such as community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

MAINTENANCE/HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE



Form a volunteer program to assist senior and/or disabled residents of the neighborhood maintain their yards or make minor improvements to their homes. Contact local businesses to sponsor by donating food and drinks to encourage participation.

Contact ReFIT for ideas - www.remodelersfoundation.com/

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY PROJECT



Record and preserve an oral and/or written history of your neighborhood by interacting with the residents who have been in the area the longest.

The matching fund dollars could be used for purchasing recording devices, printing the final product, and other expenses.

NEIGHBORHOOD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Form a volunteer program to maintain common areas of the neighborhood that are not currently receiving enough attention. This could include mowing, weeding, planting flowers, and other landscaping or maintenance activities. Contact local businesses to sponsor by donating food and drinks to encourage participation.

TREE PLANTING EVENT



Organize your neighbors to plant trees in public spaces. Trees are essential to the physical, social, and environment health of a community.

For help with organizing and implementing a tree planting event contact the Friends of Trees at 503-282-8846 or visit their web site at www.friendsoftrees.org.

Friends of Trees inspires community stewardship by bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver area together to plant and care for city trees and urban natural areas.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Form a Neighborhood Watch in your community and then use the Matching Fund to purchase signs and implement events. The signs and events can be effective in letting criminals know that the program is active while also keeping your neighbors actively involved in the program.

Call the Neighborhood Program at 503-526-2543 to obtain Beaverton Police Department Neighborhood Watch contact information. A Police Department representative will come to your neighborhood meeting to provide more information about how to form a Neighborhood Watch Group.

Once your group is active you can register your watch group online at www.usaonwatch.org/ and purchase signs and supplies from www.nnwi.org.



Neighborhood Cultural, Social, and Recreational Initiatives

Materials, programs or services that promote:

- diversity
- family literacy
- neighborhood access to technology
- after school enrichment programs
- youth athletic leagues
- career preparation
- services for the needy, disabled, or elderly
- cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.

ATHLETIC PARTNERSHIPS



Partner with youth athletic organizations to help them financially while receiving volunteer time from the athletes to accomplish neighborhood projects.

BLOOD DRIVE



Contact the American Red Cross to organize a blood drive in your neighborhood. The Oregon Trail Chapter of the Red Cross can be reached at (503) 284-1234 or on the web at www.redcross-pdx.org/.

READING EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN A LOCAL PARK



Develop a reading program for children in the local park during the summer months. This would include purchasing and providing books to children, as well as recruiting adults to read to them. The children could then trade the books and donate them to the library when they are done.

COMMUNITY GARDENING EVENT



A gardening event could include a number of ideas including the following:

1. Plan an event for neighbors to sow wildflower seeds throughout the neighborhood.
2. Organize a "Walking Tour" of neighborhood gardens that are especially attractive. Residents would sign up to showcase their gardens and groups would be organized to take the tour.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK



Develop concerts in parks utilizing local talent. If you would like to explore the idea of using a park that the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District (THPRD) oversees, they can be contacted at 503-645-6433 or by email using the form located at www.thprd.org/contact/index.cfm.

KARAOKE FOR KIDS NIGHT



This type of event could be held at a local school or park. If you would like to explore the idea of using a park that the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District (THPRD) oversees, they can be contacted at (503) 645-6433 or by email using the form located at www.thprd.org/contact/index.cfm.

If you would like to explore the idea of using a local school call the Beaverton School District at 503-591-8000.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT



Hold a National Night Event the first Tuesday of each August in your neighborhood and invite the police and fire department to participate. Matching Funds could be used to purchase signs, t-shirts, and other material to promote and hold the event. Go to the following website for more information

www.nationalnightout.org/nno/.

"WORK IT OUT" EVENT



Plan an event for neighbors to come together to exercise in a prominent place in the neighborhood. This could include playing basketball, group yoga classes in a local park, or any other physical activity that a group could participate in.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Work with the Beaverton Arts Commission to develop public art in your neighborhood. Contact the Beaverton Arts Commission at 503-526-2288 to discuss your ideas.