



Neighborhood Beautification Projects

The projects listed below provide examples of the type of projects that will be funded by neighborhood beautification grants. This is by no means a complete list, and it is only intended to help illustrate the purpose of the grants. We strongly encourage neighborhood groups to develop creative and innovative projects that accomplish the goals of the program.

Adopt-A-Median – The Adopt-a-Median program provides the opportunity for residents to take responsibility for medians in the neighborhood. Medians at neighborhood entryways or along neighborhood corridors can be landscaped and maintained by the neighborhood. Median projects beautify the neighborhood and reduce the need for City maintenance. Median landscaping plans cannot negatively impact street visibility and would require approval prior to implementation.

Neighborhood Signs – Neighborhood signs can build neighborhood identity and pride, welcome people to the community, and promote neighborhood gathering places. Neighborhood signs can be placed at neighborhood entryways, green spaces, or other important spaces. Signs can be built with reused or recycled materials and be designed by a local artist to express the uniqueness of the neighborhood

Public Space Improvement – Neighborhood groups can take responsibility for underutilized public spaces in the neighborhood and transform them into community gathering spaces. Improvements can include landscaping, tree planting, walkways, picnic tables, benches or other amenities desired by the community. Public space improvement projects build community, beautify the neighborhood, and reduce the need for City maintenance.

Information Kiosk – An information kiosk can both build community and help beautify the neighborhood. The kiosk provides neighbors with a way to communicate with each other and reduces the need for flyers to be posted around the neighborhood. Kiosks can be built with reused or recycled materials and be designed by a local artist to reflect the uniqueness of the neighborhood.

Garden Installation – Transform a space at a library, recreation center, school, or vacant public space in the neighborhood into a garden of your choice: vegetable, flower, or theme garden. Theme gardens include butterfly, ponds, alphabet, scent, and wildflower gardens. When complete the garden can be used as a community gathering space for meetings, growing vegetables, reading, studying urban ecology, or just relaxing.

Restoration – Restoration projects may focus on invasive plant species removal, erosion control, re-introduction of native plants, and educational signage.

Graffiti Abatement – Graffiti is unsightly in a neighborhood and encourages more graffiti. Graffiti removal projects erase graffiti from your neighborhood and can create a clean slate for a mural project.

Mural – A mural project can beautify the neighborhood, express the unique identity of the community, and also prevent graffiti.

Tree Planting – Reduce pollution, add shade, prevent erosion, and improve the value of your neighborhood for decades to come by planting trees at a library, recreation center, school, or vacant public space in the neighborhood.