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GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

LOVE YOUR BLOCK

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a registered 501c3, OR Designate a fiscal agent
Boys and Girls Club, Local Health Center
- Projects must be on CITY property or in a PUBLIC right of way
- Have TWO Contacts including yourself
- Organize enough volunteers to complete the project
- Complete a POST- project report with metrics

Number of trash bags collected, planted plants, buckets of paint etc.

MILDRED AVE

From a dark uninviting place
next to a playground. To a
painted work of art.



ORLANDO STREET ROCK GARDEN

Once an over grown median,
now a beautiful garden.



WALDREN ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



Inspire the next generation.



GETTING STARTED

- Include PICTURES and STATISTICS
- Ask others to read and give comments
- REVISE
- SUBMIT BEFORE DEADLINE

WRITING THE PROPOSAL

- **USE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE**

Stating the outcomes of your project:

Non-specific: Students will use technology to study summer stars.

Specific: From May 3rd to August 5th, Bright Valley High School students of the solar science club will identify and catalog constellations with the Hyper-Scope 225.

- **CLARITY** Avoid words that are doing double duty

"Better improvements" : Improvements are by definition better.

Now: "Improvements"

"Both residents and community leaders" : Using "Both" is redundant.

Now: "Residents and community leaders"

DEFINING THE PROJECT

Project Description

- **WHAT is your project?** The Problem
What is happening? What are the underlying causes? What are the negative effects?
- **HOW does your project provide a solution?**
- **WHO will be involved?** Neighbors, Nonprofits, The City
Who is affected? Who else thinks it's a problem?
- **WHERE will your project take place?**
- **WHEN will your project be completed?**
When will volunteers get involved?

CITY SERVICES

- **Select all City Services you feel your project requires.**

(Services are subject to availability)

- Trash pick-up
- Yard waste removal
- Road closure
- pothole repair
- Tool loaning
- Tree/Garden supplies
- Replacing signage
- Graffiti removal

ACTION PLAN

- **This section is where you go into greater detail beginning to end as to how you plan to carry out your project.**

Actions include: planning, community outreach, volunteer organizing, gathering materials, and project day activities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PERSON(S)• RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INTENDED OUTCOME
Community outreach to inform residents of Love Your Block Grant	John Doe	Month/Day/Year	Explaining the project & identifying community leaders to take on specific responsibilities

VOLUNTEER PLAN

The Volunteer plan details the tasks your volunteers will be performing on the project day(s).

TASK	DETAILED DESCRIPTION	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Mural Painting	Completon of a 12' X 25' mural on blank wall next to the vancant lot	#

BUDGET

This is a key in determining the award amount for each project. Be as thorough as possible. This could include things outside of tools needed for the project.

For example : community meeting cost and reach out. Make sure to research average prices for each item.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF USE	COST
Planters	To install in public plaza	\$300
TOTAL		\$300

ENGAGEMENT METHODS

Open wall

- Tape a large piece of poster paper to a wall
- Distribute markers and ask group members to write or draw their project ideas
- Once the poster is full, discuss which projects match core values
- To pick a project use Dot voting ↓

Dot voting

- Write a list of chosen project ideas
- Discuss the benefits and drawbacks
- Using colored dot stickers or markers, have member vote by marking next to the item on the list they feel is best

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Applicants need to lay out a plan detailing how they will Inform, Engage and Involve community members in their project.

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	Inform, Involve or Engage?
Flyering	Using flyers in prominent places to inform community	Inform
Community Meeting	Host a meeting to get feedback from the community	Engage
Participatory Design	At a community meeting residents are invited to participate in the final design of the project	Involve

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN



What we want:

- Your project should look the same if not better for years to come

How to get there:

- **What will you do to maintain the project?**
 - Maintenance cost, Change in elements?
- **Who will be responsible?**
- **How often will this action take place?**
- **How will you continue to engage community members?**



**MORE
QUESTIONS?**

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