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City's neighborhood improvement grant program now open



The 2019 Neighborhood Improvement Grant program is now open. This is the second year for the program, which is designed to support neighborhood projects that beautify public spaces and strengthen community involvement.

Information and guidelines about the program can be found at www.FortWayneNeighborhoods.org by clicking on the resources menu item. Letters of intent are due by June 28 and after that, neighborhood leaders will be invited to a workshop to refine their grant applications. Final applications will be due Aug. 30.

“Vibrant and welcoming neighborhoods are a key to the success of our community,” Mayor Tom Henry said in a statement. “This grant program will inspire local leaders to strengthen their neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all residents.”

The city’s Community Development Division will award grants up to \$5,000 to any registered Fort Wayne neighborhood association or one of the city’s four Area Partnerships. A simple registration form is available on the neighborhoods website.

Community Development plans to award a total of \$50,000 for the 2019-2020 Neighborhood Improvement Grant. Accepted projects must enhance the aesthetics of the neighborhood, provide a clear community benefit, be accessible to all residents and increase civic pride. Examples include community gardens, improvements to community centers, benches, public art or signage. Expenses such as routine maintenance, social events or operating expenses will not be covered.
