

Neighborhood Partners Fund FAQ

Is my association eligible to apply?

Your association must:

- Be within the jurisdiction of the city of Las Vegas.
- Have a board and project manager who live within the boundaries of the neighborhood.
- Have volunteers who will plan, organize, implement and document the project activities.
- Be registered with the city of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department (registration is free).
- Be a homeowners association, neighborhood association (e.g. subdivision) or a business association within a commercial district.

How much funding is available?

Associations may apply for up to \$5,000 each year for projects. This is a competitive grant with a total of \$80,000 budgeted for the year.

What types of projects can be funded?

The Neighborhood Partners Fund program is for self-help projects that:

- Address a critical issue that improves the quality of life in the neighborhood.
- Enhance the physical, public safety, cultural, recreational or educational condition of the neighborhood.
- Benefit the majority of neighborhood residents.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Cultural and community events (e.g. block parties, community workshops)
- Neighborhood cleanups (e.g. dumpster rentals, bags, trash pickers, graffiti removal products)
- Murals
- Sustainability projects (e.g. LED light conversions, drought-tolerant trees, and shrubs in HOA common areas)
- Safety improvement projects (e.g. security lighting or cameras)
- Neighborhood signs, including neighborhood watch signs

Note: Projects on private property or in the public rights-of-way will require proof of permission upon the grant submission.

What types of projects cannot be funded?

If the association does not own the property where the project will be located, additional insurance, permits, public rights-of-way agreements or landscape maintenance agreements will be required. For this reason, landscaping and other physical improvement projects are not feasible for voluntary associations that do not have long-term, guaranteed financing and a legal structure. It is the sole responsibility of associations to be accountable for ongoing maintenance.

In addition, funding cannot be used for:

- Projects that benefit an individual or individual property only.
- Projects proposed by an individual commercial property, a nonprofit association, or for-profit association.
- Projects identified with political parties of any kind.
- A direct subsidy of existing services, ongoing operating budgets, or reserve budgets of common-interest community associations.
- A direct subsidy of care for the medically indigent.
- Associations that practice discrimination of any kind.
- Overhead costs or salary wages.

- General contributions to capital campaigns, operating deficits, retirement of debt or endowment programs.
- Commercial housing or construction projects.
- Gift cards, video cameras to record events, alcohol, tobacco, drugs or related services.

When are applications available?

The application process opens Jan. 29, 2024.

When is deadline for applications?

Applicants complete a brief pre-application by Feb. 29, 2024, to demonstrate eligibility. Once your pre-application is approved, you will have until April 25, 2024, to submit your full application.

When is funding available?

If your association is awarded funding, your association president and project leader will both need to sign an agreement with city of Las Vegas in August 2024. Once the agreement is signed, associations will be able to implement their projects beginning in September 2024. All projects must be completed within six months, by the end of March 2025.

How many applications can we submit?

An association is limited to one application per year.

What happens after we submit our application?

If your application is complete and meets required guidelines, your association will be invited to give a presentation before the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board in June 2024. Your association will be asked to present for five minutes and answer questions from the Board for five minutes. The Board will forward its recommendations for funding to the Mayor and City Council for possible approval at the City Council meeting in July.

Do associations get the funding directly?

No. The city of Las Vegas will pay the vendors directly. In very limited circumstances and with prior approval, a homeowners association may request reimbursement if they provide appropriate documentation.

What if my association does not have volunteers?

This grant program is designed to increase engagement by supporting associations that are addressing significant neighborhood issues through achievable projects. With this in mind, associations must match at least 25% of their grant request with volunteer labor and must match the remaining 75% of their grant request with volunteer labor, cash or donated goods/services.

Can you explain the match in more detail?

The Neighborhood Services Department will be happy to meet with you to crunch numbers once you have a project in mind and an estimated cost. In the meantime, let's say that your association decided to apply for the full \$5,000. At least 25% of the match must come from volunteer labor valued at \$31.80. Example: $\$5,000 \times 25\% \div \$31.80 = 39$ volunteer hours to meet minimum required. The remaining 75% or \$3,750 of the match can come from cash, donations, or additional volunteer labor (alone or in combination). To meet the match with 100% volunteer hours, you would need 157 volunteer hours.

How can we get more information or additional help?

- Contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at (702) 229-2346 or NPF@lasvegasnevada.gov to schedule an introductory presentation to your association or to request in-person technical assistance.

- Visit the city's website at <https://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Residents/Grants>.