

# Town of Windsor

## Neighborhood Improvement Funding Program

The Neighborhood Improvement Funding Program supports a park, street, block, neighborhood, or community project facilitated by a group of Windsor neighbors. The purpose of this reimbursement program is to jump start an idea, to strengthen a neighborhood, or engage a group of neighbors, through the coordination of an improvement project. A project may be reimbursed up to \$1000 for eligible expenses for projects that increase communication among neighbors, improve the physical condition of a neighborhood, park, community, enhance neighborhood pride and identity, or helps build bridges between cultural groups.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, your project must meet the following requirements (Please view the application for full listing):

- Provide an identifiable benefit or positive impact to a park, street, block, neighborhood, or community at large. It can be either a physical project, event, or community service
- The activity must encourage community engagement or bring neighbors together to plan an improvement project
- Have a specific timeline, clearly defined steps and outcomes, and a breakdown of the anticipated costs
- Must include the active involvement of at least three Windsor neighbors or residents

### Example Projects

Here are a few examples of projects that might be eligible for funding:

- Volunteer at or plan a community service project, community clean-ups and beautification activities. A project may involve volunteers for a Windsor non-profit
- Events for a neighborhood, community at large or a specific group of people that encourage people to get to know each other
- Community gardens, tree planting, food forests, sheet mulching, etc.
- Emergency preparedness efforts
- Food drive or Toys for Tots
- Walking or exercise groups.



### Awards Process

Applications are offered and accepted once a year. The Town's Park and Recreation Commission will review the applications and the funding. Once funds are approved, the projects must be completed by May 3, 2018. To receive reimbursement of the awarded amount, you must submit: photos, itemized expenses, and a final report describing the project's success by June 1, 2018. The Town reserves the right to decline an application that does not meet the stated intent and criteria of this program.

**Applications are available on the Town's website -**

**<http://bit.ly/NIFP2017> and at Town Hall.**

**Applications must be submitted and approved prior to starting your project or event.**

**Applications are due on Thursday, April 27, 2017, by 6:00 p.m.**



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