



## Application Contents Checklist Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP)

To make sure your Application is complete, please check (✓) the items below that you are including in this package. **Some items are required.** Include this page with your Application.

### **Application Documents**

\_\_\_ A clean, easily readable copy of your Application, with all sections filled out and questions addressed. (*Applications written in pencil will **not** be accepted.*)

\_\_\_ Any price quotes, news articles, design plans, photographs and other supporting documents (if applicable). (*All attachments must be 8.5x11 in size and suitable for copying.*)

\_\_\_ A letter of support from each partner organization (see guidelines for further explanation, if applicable)

### **Fiscal Sponsorship Documents**

\_\_\_ *We are requesting that the East Tennessee Community Design Center serve as our Fiscal Sponsor. (No document required.)*

However, if you are **not** using the Design Center as your Fiscal Sponsor, you must include either:

\_\_\_ A copy of your group's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt certification letter from the IRS.

**or**

\_\_\_ A letter from your own Fiscal Sponsor indicating that it has agreed to accept, monitor and account for your grant funds, **and** that organization's 501(c)(3) certification letter.

### **Organization Documents**

\_\_\_ Your organization's two most recent treasurer's reports and/or bank statements.

\_\_\_ A list of officers and board members, as well as their addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

\_\_\_ A copy of your bylaws. (If you have no bylaws, please include a statement explaining your procedures for electing officers and conducting the organization's business.)

If you are unable to provide all these organization documents:

\_\_\_ We are attaching a statement explaining why these documents are not available. **or**

\_\_\_ *We are a start-up organization as defined in Page 3 of the Program Guidelines and therefore have not yet generated these documents.*

## Application Submission and Deadline

Applications submitted via email, mail, or in person must be received no later than **4:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2021.**

- No application will be accepted beyond this deadline.
- No application will be accepted by fax.
- No application will be accepted written in pencil.
- No application will be accepted with missing documents

If you wish for the Office of Neighborhoods to review your application for completeness, you may turn in your application no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 12.

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City of Knoxville  
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City County Building  
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Knoxville, TN 37902



Application Form  
Neighborhood Small Grants Program  
(NSGP)

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**A. Organization Profile**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person for This Application \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a start-up group? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ (See Page 3 of the Application Guidelines.)

Neighborhood Boundaries

North \_\_\_\_\_

South \_\_\_\_\_

East \_\_\_\_\_

West \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how often did your neighborhood group meet in the last 12 months?

8-12 times \_\_\_ 3-7 times \_\_\_ 2 times \_\_\_ 1 time \_\_\_ no meeting \_\_\_

On average, how many members/neighbors attend each meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have by-laws or operating rules? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

How often do you elect new leaders? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your organization have a checking account? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Name of Your Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasury**

- Please attach your two most recent treasurer's reports and/or bank statements to this Application. (Do NOT submit your annual budget.)
- Please provide your total cash on hand as of the date of this application.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Include funds in checking & savings accounts and any other funds at your disposal.)

**If your total cash on hand exceeds the amount of your request, please explain 1) how you intend to use your cash on hand and 2) why they cannot be used for this project.**

**Describe your neighborhood and its residents.**

For example, you may wish to describe the diversity of people who make up your neighborhood. Use one additional sheet if necessary.

**Tell us about your neighborhood organization.**

Include how your organization currently conducts outreach to your neighbors. Use one additional sheet if necessary.

**B. Grant Request**

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 minimum to \$3,000 maximum)

***This amount should equal the figure on top line of Page 9 and top line of Page 10.***

***Please Note:*** Dollars you receive from the Neighborhood Small Grants Program must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with other contributions.

Project Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_ (approximate date)

Project Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_ (no later than January 31, 2023)

\_\_\_\_\_ represented our group at the Pre-Application Workshop.

**Fiscal Sponsorship**

City grants can be made only to tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) status. See Page 4 of the Application Guidelines.

Please check the choice that applies to your organization:

\_\_\_\_\_ Our group has a valid 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS and will receive funds directly rather than use a fiscal sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will use East Tennessee Community Design Center as our fiscal sponsor.

**The Design Center provides this service under contract with the City.**

\_\_\_\_\_ We will use the following 501(c)(3) organization as our fiscal sponsor:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **C. Your Project**

**Describe the project or activities for which you are requesting funding and support.**

Address such questions as: How was the project selected? Who will carry it out? What do you hope to achieve or accomplish by doing this project? How will it improve the neighborhood? (Please attach a sketch of the proposed design of physical projects, such as parks, signs, and major landscaping projects.)

## How will your project connect and engage residents in your neighborhood?

### D. Measure the Results

#### What are your project goals? How will you measure your success?

Measurable goals could be things like frequency of a particular activity (potluck supper), number of residents participating in a social event, number of residents reached in a door-to-door survey, and percentage of those residents who get involved in the organization in some way.

You can also measure success with more subjective evidence, such as testimonials, first-hand accounts, and narratives of the impact of your project.

**E. Project Work Plan and Timeline**

Please complete the following Project Work Plan and Timeline. Chronologically and separately list each key step or task that will be necessary to carry out your project; name the actual person(s) in charge of carrying out each task (DO NOT name “Board” or “Committee”); and indicate with a check mark in which quarter the task is to be completed.

**Project Work Plan & Timeline**

<b>Project Tasks</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2022</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2022</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2022</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2022</b>



**F. Proposed Project Budget – Income and Expenses Will Be Equal**

Estimated Cash Income

*Total Cash Income includes the amount of your request from NSGP, your group’s cash contribution, cash contributions from others, and project income.*

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Neighborhood Small Grants Request	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Estimated Cash Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*\*\*\*\* Total Cash Income **must equal** Total Cash Expenses. \*\*\*\*\*

Estimated Cash Expenses

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Estimated Cash Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>

**G. Matching Contributions – Need To Be Equal or Greater Than Grant Request**

The money you receive from the Neighborhood Small Grants Program must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis with the total value of volunteer labor; donated goods and services; and any non-NSGP, non-City-of-Knoxville cash income dedicated to the project. **The total of your matching contributions must equal or exceed the amount requested from NSGP.**

At least one third of the match must be in the form of volunteer labor provided by **three or more** residents.

Funds from other City of Knoxville sources, such as City Council 202 funds, can be used in an NSGP-funded project, but they cannot be used for the match.

For volunteer labor, calculate the value based on \$15/hour. Labor donated for specific professional services can be charged at that professional’s rate, which should be specified in a letter to you and attached to this Application.

Neighborhood Small Grants Request	\$
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**Matching Contributions**

Type and Source	Value
Volunteer Labor	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Cash Income (other than NSGP or City of Knoxville)	
	\$
	\$
	\$
Donated Goods & Services (list separately)	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Estimated Matching Contributions	\$
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## **H. Budget Narrative**

**Some line items in your project budget and matching contributions may need an explanation. If so, use this space to elaborate.**

**How will the project or improvements be maintained after the grant ends? Have you been able to identify other possible sources of funding?**

**If you receive some funds, but not the total amount you requested, how would you modify your project?**

