

Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for creative and innovative ideas that make our community a more beautiful place to live, and that will impact the lives of the residents of Fishers.



WHO CAN APPLY?

Homeowner's Associations, Neighborhoods, homeowners, and nonprofits located within Fishers City Limits

Grant Snapshot

- The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant is a matching grant
- Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost
- Maximum amount to be awarded is \$5,000
- The Grant is open from November through January annually
- Grants are competitive and will not be awarded for recurring or maintenance items
- Grants are applied [online](#) through the ViewPoint Cloud

Acceptable Projects

Funding must be used towards costs of a project which involves design, construction, or installation. Ideas and example photos are provided here to kick start creativity! Priority is given to projects that will have the greatest visibility and positive effect on Fishers as a community. Projects located inside the public right-of-way are subject to additional review and approval. Below are ideas for preferred projects:

Environmental & Agricultural

- Converting high maintenance common area lawns to no-mow native plantings
- Installation of shoreline plantings, water aeration, or rain gardens near Detention/Retention Ponds ([White River Alliance Resource](#))
- Monarch Butterfly Waystation and/or Wildlife Habitat Corridors
- Neighborhood Community Gardens

Recreation & Neighborhood

- Common Area Trail Repairs & Improvements
- Park Improvement such as Picnic Shelters, Benches, Planters, Mini-Libraries, or Accessible Playground Equipment
- Connected two or more Neighborhood Walking Trails
- Installation of Solar Lights or other renewable energy projects
- Improved Pedestrian Connectivity or Tactical Urbanism



Playground upgrades at Sweet Briar North



Holland Park Mini Library



Prairie Trail along Promise Road

Application Requirements

Applications are open from November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Completed [online](#) application
2. [Registration](#) of Homeowner's Association, if applicable
3. A location map clearly indicating the location of proposed improvements
4. Images of existing conditions of project area and drawings or plans showing the proposed project
5. Detailed project budget with itemized list of project costs and revenue sources (please see budget detail sheet)
6. Verification of cost, such as a contractor bid verifying total cost of improvements
7. All planting plans must specify scientific names, including genus and species (and cultivar when available); Planting projects must comply with the [City of Fishers Planting Guide and Urban Forestry Program](#) and utilize all native species unless otherwise proven to support local species.

Grant Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Neighborhood Vibrancy Committee. The Committee's recommendation is provided to the Board of Public Works for review and approval.

While reviewing applications the following rubric will be utilized and special consideration are given to:

- Age of the neighborhood
- Sustainable or environmentally friendly solutions
- Vibrant and innovative ideas that are unique and solve an existing problem
- The potential impact of the grant and number of people to benefit from the project
- The extent of local volunteers, fundraising, and involvement in the project

Award Process

After a decision has been made in March 2023, the grant applicant will be directed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. After the document is signed, funds will be dispersed via Direct Deposit.

Applicants will have until November 1, 2023 to complete their projects and submit a written report detailing the project success.



Community Garden Beds



Community Entrance enhancements in Sunblest



Other City Resources

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant

Since 2021 the Commission has distributed over \$92,000 in funds to 28 projects and organizations. Project can be exhibits, programs, displays, or other artistic or cultural expressions. More info [here](#).

Stormwater Grant

Fishers accepts applications for its [Stormwater Grant](#), which awards funds to neighborhoods, non-profits, and homeowners within city limits as an incentive to improve local water quality and/or drainage function. This is a 50% matching grant.

Keep Fishers Beautiful

Projects are encouraged to include use of other city amenities such as the free [Rain Barrel](#) program free [Compost Tumbler](#) program and the [Neighborhood Blitz Box](#) program.



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