



HAND 2021 Neighborhood Cleanup Grant Application Guidelines

The City of Bloomington, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) invites neighborhood groups to apply for the 2021 Neighborhood Cleanup Grant. A neighborhood cleanup is an effective way to work together to instill pride in your property as well as your community.

Annually the HAND Department awards Neighborhood Cleanup Grants to eligible neighborhood groups through a competitive application process. A key factor in putting together a winning application is having enough volunteers and good communication within the neighborhood to make the event successful. Demonstrate that your neighborhood is committed, motivated, and ready to work. Priority will be given to neighborhoods that have not received a Neighborhood Cleanup Grant in the past two years. Two Neighborhood Cleanup Grants will be awarded in 2021.

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Prior to cleanup day

1. Your neighborhood submits a cleanup application, on which you indicate your first and second preferred dates from the five available options.
2. If your neighborhood is awarded a cleanup grant, you will be notified on which of these two dates your cleanup is scheduled. Assignments are made based upon the order in which applications are received.
3. The Neighborhood Cleanup Coordinator will meet with HAND staff for a neighborhood walk-through to discuss logistics, potential collection sites, and areas and properties that need to be addressed.
4. The Neighborhood Cleanup Coordinator will arrange enough volunteers to cover the Cleanup from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This includes collection site volunteers to help with offloading items from vehicles to collection receptacles, and volunteers who are willing to use their personal pickup trucks and/or trailers to drive through the neighborhood and collect items from neighbors who need assistance.
5. HAND staff will arrange all logistics to provide for removal of trash, tires, scrap metal, hazardous materials, and brush/limbs from the neighborhood.

Day of the cleanup

1. HAND staff arrive at the staging site by 8:15 .a.m. to set up. HAND staff will be present for the duration of the Cleanup.
2. At 8:30 a.m. ALL volunteers will meet at the staging site for a mandatory meeting with HAND staff, at which time they will be provided with a safety vest or t-shirt. Every volunteer will also be required to sign a Release, Hold-Harmless and Indemnification Agreement.
3. The Neighborhood Cleanup Coordinator must be present for the entire duration of the Cleanup, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4. At least two collection site volunteers must be on staff at all times.
5. All items for disposal must be brought to the staging site.
6. Volunteers will conduct a detailed final site clean sweep after the Neighborhood Cleanup is complete to ensure the entire area is cleared of all materials and debris.

Disclaimers

1. The City of Bloomington will not be responsible for any damage to personal property or vehicles belonging to cleanup volunteers or participants.
2. Event organizers and HAND staff have complete authority to reject commercial loads or those originating outside the sponsoring neighborhood. The cleanup is intended for the benefit of the grantee neighborhood only, and should not be advertised outside the neighborhood.
3. HAND staff has the right to close a cleanup site due to severe weather.

II. TIMELINE

Application deadline: Monday, March 8, 2021

Notification of grant awards: Monday, March 15, 2021

Cleanups take place on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The following Saturdays in 2021 are available to schedule a Neighborhood Cleanup:

May 1,

May 15,

May 22,

June 5,

June 12

III. ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from neighborhood-based organizations located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Bloomington that have not received a Neighborhood Cleanup Grant in the past two years.

IV. APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

HAND staff will evaluate applications and make all final decisions based on the following criteria:

1. All parts of the application are complete.
2. Neighborhood submitting the cleanup application meets eligibility requirements.
3. Neighborhood's overall plan is well developed and attainable.
4. Promotional plan is well developed and all neighbors are informed in a timely manner. Efforts are being made to promote good neighbor relations.
5. An adequate number of volunteers have been secured, and a completed Cleanup Volunteer Commitment Form is included with the application.
6. There is a demonstrated benefit to the entire neighborhood.
7. Additional consideration is given to those neighborhoods that: (a) accommodate neighbors who are unable to deliver items to the cleanup site, and (b) plan a neighborhood-wide social event during and/or following the cleanup.

V. APPLICATION--due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021

Please complete all portions of the application. In order to submit the application you will need a Google account. This will allow you to upload files, receive a copy of your application, and edit your application after submission. Upon submission of the application form, you will receive an email containing a copy of your application. At the top of this email there will be an "edit submission" button. If you need to make changes, you may do so by following that link. Please remember that your ability to secure your preferred cleanup date may be affected by the order in which completed applications are received.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN to fill out the application form, please read the application in its entirety. At the end of the form you will be asked to upload a completed Cleanup Volunteer Commitment Form. Please have this document prepared and available to upload before you begin to complete the form.

For application assistance, please contact Angela Van Rooy at 812-349-3505 or angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov.

[Click here](#) for the 2021 Neighborhood Cleanup Grant Application form.

[Click here](#) for the Cleanup Volunteer Commitment Form