



Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program

At-a-Glance

Program Overview:

The City of Bloomington, through the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND), offers annual Neighborhood Improvement Grants. In 2025, approximately \$30,000 in grants are expected to be awarded. The program encourages resident involvement in neighborhood enhancement, requiring applications to show substantial neighborhood support.

Eligibility:

- Neighborhood-based groups in Bloomington.
- Majority of group members must reside or conduct business in the neighborhood.
- Groups can include representatives from local institutions but must be resident-led.

Funding Scope:

- Projects may include physical improvements, public art, leadership training, or capacity building.
- Project budget minimum of \$1,100 and maximum of \$10,000.
- Applicant groups must match 10% in cash or in-kind contributions.

Grant Terms:

- Groups must demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Projects should use sustainable materials and prioritize native plants.
- Only one application per neighborhood per cycle is allowed.
- Projects must be completed by November 17, 2025.

Application and Scoring:

- Applications are assessed on feasibility, neighborhood participation, neighborhood benefit, and neighborhood match.
- A total of 100 points can be earned across these categories.
- The Neighborhood Improvement Grant Council reviews and scores applications.

Funding Process:

- Grants operate on a reimbursement basis, or through vendors directly invoicing the City.
- Purchases must be made without sales tax, using the City's tax exemption.

- Receipts for reimbursement and/or invoices must be submitted by November 17, 2025.

Timeline:

- Required Informational Meetings: Thursday, January 30@6pm OR Tuesday, February 4@7pm
- Letter of Intent due: Monday, February 10
- Application due: Monday, March 24
- Applicant Presentations: Monday, April 14@6pm
- Awards Announced: Late-April

Contact Information:

For assistance with the grant process, contact Angela Van Rooy at 812-349-3505 or angela.vanrooy@bloomington.in.gov.

***PLEASE NOTE:** This document provides only a general overview of the program. For complete program guidelines, please refer to the *2025 Neighborhood Improvement Grant Application Guidelines* document found at bloomington.in.gov/neighborhoods/grants/improvement.
