



2026 Neighborhood Services, Grants, and Programming

GRANTS

Small & Simple Grant: Neighborhood groups may apply for up to \$500, per year, with no match requirement. Submit a one-page narrative and budget sheet, follow application instructions. Applications accepted Jan 1 - Sept 1, 2026. bton.in/Simpl

S&S Grant Project Ideas: invasive plant removal/native replacement, educational workshops, neighborhood newsletter printing/mailing, street sign toppers.

Neighborhood Improvement Grant: Funds may be used for physical improvement, public art, leadership training, and organizational capacity building projects and events with neighborhood-wide benefit. Requirements include: attendance at an informational meeting, letter of intent, formal application, presentation of project proposal. See reverse for dates and times. bton.in/NIG26

Improvement Grant Project Ideas: neighborhood entrance signs, neighborhood park improvements, public art installations, public benches and planters, landscaping, leadership training workshop, capacity building event.

Neighborhood Cleanup Grant: One-day event during which residents clean up their neighborhood with City assistance. Items collected include: trash, recycling, hazmat, electronics, tires, scrap metal, brush & tree limbs. Applications due Monday, March 2, 2026. Possible cleanup dates: April 11, 18, May 2, 9, 30, June 6, 13. bton.in/Clean.

PROGRAMS

Blooming Neighborhoods Celebration: A gathering of Bloomington's neighborhoods that offers an opportunity for neighborhood groups to share their achievements, projects, and initiatives with their counterparts from around the city. Saturday, October 17, 2026, 10am-12pm. bton.in/Bhood.

Front Porch Trailer: A cargo trailer filled with the equipment, supplies, and games you need to throw one heck of a neighborhood block party or other community gathering. Available to neighborhood groups and local non-profits to borrow for free, March-November. bton.in/Porch.

Residents Academy: Eleven-week program that introduces participants to City government through an interactive learning experience. Every Thursday, August 13 through October 22, 2026, 6-8pm. Registration deadline - Monday, July 6, 2026. Apply anytime. bton.in/RAcad.

Pick-it-up Litter Patrol: HAND provides free blue trash bags to residents and neighborhood groups to conduct litter patrols in the community. The Sanitation department picks up the filled bags for free. bton.in/PikUP.

2026 Neighborhood Services Calendar

CALENDAR

January

Thursday, January 1 - First day to submit Small and Simple Grant applications.

Thursday, January 29, 6pm - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Informational Meeting #1.

February

Wednesday, February 4, 7pm - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Informational Meeting #2.

Monday, February 16, 5pm - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Letter of Intent to Apply due.

March

Monday, March 2 - Neighborhood Cleanup Grant Applications due.

Monday, March 23 - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Applications due.

April

Monday, April 13, 6-8pm - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Applicant Presentations.

Wednesday, April 15, 5-7pm - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Council work session.

May

Monday, May 4, 5pm - Redevelopment Commission votes to allocate Neighborhood Improvement Grant funds (tentative).

June

HAPPY SUMMER!

July

Monday, July 6 - Residents Academy Applications due.

August

Thursday, August 13, 6-8pm - First meeting of Residents Academy.

September

Tuesday, September 1 - Last day to submit Small & Simple Grant applications.

October

Saturday, October 17, 10am to noon - Blooming Neighborhoods Celebration.

November

Monday, November 16 - Deadline for submission of ALL grant receipts/invoices.

December

Monday, December 14 - Deadline for submission of ALL grant final reports.

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