



YOUNGSTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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2018 Lots of Green Youth Greening Grant Program

Application Deadline: April 27, 2018

I. About This Grant Opportunity – Please Read Carefully!

This grant opportunity was funded through the Centers for Disease Control. The University of Michigan is leading this project, a 5 year, 3 city study of vacant land reuse and youth violence prevention. Flint, Michigan and Camden, New Jersey are also participating in the project. This grant helps neighborhood-based groups in Youngstown, Ohio to clean up vacant lots and work with youth in city neighborhoods. Youth involvement (ages 10 – 24) must be at the core of proposed projects for this grant opportunity. As this is a study, project grantees will be contacted by researchers periodically, and will need to keep basic records of work performed on the vacant lots that are being improved. These procedures will be provided to project grantees and will not be time-intensive, but are required. Awardees **MUST** participate in study activities and turn in reports monthly or will risk becoming ineligible for future funding opportunities or losing unspent funds. 2017 grantees who did not turn in reports in a timely manner **ARE NOT** eligible for funding in 2018.

II. Use of Funds

Groups will receive an average of \$1,700 for each vacant lot that the group is planning to green and maintain for the season. The funds can be used for the following purposes:

1. To reward youth (ages 10-24) with gift cards or other incentives for their participation in the project as well as for project installation costs for 2018. Adult salaries or incentives **will not** be approved.
2. For supplies, materials, and small equipment needed for project installation. Contractors can be hired to do some initial cleanup or installation tasks that cannot be completed by volunteers, such as grading or tree removal, but funds **cannot** be paid for **professional maintenance** through this grant. The grantee is responsible for maintaining the project and must have a plan to do so.
3. This funding will be awarded to improve currently vacant and unused lots – it **cannot** be used to improve lots where projects currently exist. Funds **can**, however, be used to expand an existing project to additional lots.

Projects will be owned and operated by the project grantees and grantees are responsible for maintaining them. **YNDC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE for maintenance, grass cutting, or future upkeep.** Organizations will **NOT** receive funding for maintenance beyond 2018 for improved lots, so maintenance plans should be completed for future years of the project.



If awarded, funds will be transferred directly to groups with 501(c)(3) status. Groups who do not have 501(c)(3) will work directly with YNDC for purchasing via direct payment to vendors or reimbursement.

III. Eligible Applicants and Criteria for Selection

Eligible applicants are located in the city of Youngstown and include groups of city residents, neighborhood associations, businesses, non-profit organizations, and local faith-based organizations. All applicants should be committed to working with youth to install and maintain awarded projects. Once applications are submitted, they will be reviewed by YNDC and the project review committee.

Applications will be judged by the following criteria:

- Does the project involve and benefit city youth?
- Is the project (or proposed phase of the project) feasible during the grant timeline?
- Does the applicant have a successful track record of similar projects and the capacity to complete the proposed work?
- Is the project location impactful to the surrounding neighborhood?
- Does the project have a clear long-term maintenance plan?
- Does the project have community support from the neighborhood? Applicants must collect at least **TEN** signatures from residents surrounding the project site. Applications with less than ten will not be reviewed.

IV. Eligible Sites

Selected project sites **MUST** be located within the City of Youngstown to be eligible. Projects may be prioritized based upon their proximity to existing sites within the study, but all eligible groups with competitive projects within city limits will be considered for support and are encouraged to apply.

V. Grant Submission and Timeline

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT: ALL GROUPS MUST CONTACT JACK DAUGHERTY at 330.480.0423 PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION. Jack will provide technical assistance and confirm eligibility.

Friday, April 27, 2018: SUBMISSION DEADLINE. Application should be mailed or hand-delivered to the YNDC offices, located at **820 Canfield Road, Youngstown Ohio, 44511**. Applications **MUST** be received (not postmarked) at YNDC by 5:00PM. Applications received after this time will not be reviewed.

Week of April 30, 2018: Grantees will be notified by phone if they are selected. Funding for selected applicants may be contingent upon making reasonable adjustments to the project plan.

Early May 2018: Projects can begin.

November 16, 2018: Projects end and final reports are due.

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Youth Greening Grant Program Application

Group Information

Title of Proposed Project: _____

Name of Organization or Group: _____

Has your group been awarded a Youth Greening Grant in the Past? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the project name? _____

Did you submit all required reporting documents to YNDC? Yes _____ No _____

Has your group successfully completed a Neighborhood SUCCESS project in the past? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what is the project name? _____

Where is it located? _____

When was it completed? _____

Has your group successfully completed a vacant lot improvement project before? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, where is it located? _____

What is the current state of the project? _____

Is your group still maintaining it? _____

Primary Contact Person

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Contact Person

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Summary

Provide a brief 1-3 sentence summary of your proposed project here.

Site Information

How many lots are involved in this project, and what are their addresses and/or parcel numbers?
(Applicants MUST call Jack at YNDC for site eligibility review).

Why did your group/organization choose this site?

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What is the ownership status of the property on which your proposed project sits? Has the owner been contacted for permission or have reasonable attempts to do so been made?

If the property is abandoned, has the Mahoning County Land Bank been contacted about property acquisition? While the group is not required to own the property at the start of the project, it is highly recommended that ownership is pursued for the long-term stability of the project. Unfortunately, these funds cannot be used for land acquisition unless the Land Bank is already in possession of the property. The Land Bank can be contacted at 330.259.1040.

Project Information

Provide a description of your project. What would you like to do?

How will your project benefit the community? What problem are you trying to solve with this project?

How will youth participating in the project be chosen? Are they already involved in a group, or will they need to be recruited? How will project leaders recruit youth? The majority of youth engaged in the project should reside or go to school in the project neighborhood.

What is your history working with youth?

Will any other organizations or entities be involved in this project? If so, in what ways?

What long term maintenance will be needed for this project after 2018? Who will complete this maintenance, and how will the project be sustained?

