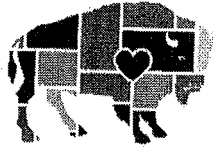


CITY OF BUFFALO



LOVE YOUR BLOCK



**CITIES
RISE**

Cities for Responsible
Investment and
Strategic Enforcement

MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN PRESENTS
2019 LOVE YOUR BLOCK MINI GRANT
POWERED BY CITIES RISE

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Mayor Brown and the City of Buffalo, Division of Citizen Services is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 Love Your Block mini-grant application. This new cycle is called, Love Your Block - Powered by Cities RISE. Small scale grants, ranging from \$250 - \$1000, are now available to neighborhood associations, block clubs and community-based organization for projects in the following categories.

PROJECT CATEGORIES

Project Category	Project Example
Vacant Lot Activation	Community garden/greenhouse, playground, public art installation, recreational space, and so forth
Community Space Revitalization	Repairs or modifications to community facilities (schools, community centers, park shelters, senior centers, etc.), graffiti removal and/or replacement of graffiti with a mural, planting trees and/or landscaping community facilities, and so forth
Accessibility Improvement	Implementing creative lighting, replacing broken or worn-out litter bins, creating/managing a "tool library" where neighborhood groups can borrow & return tools for cleanup projects, and so forth

BACKGROUND

In early 2019, Cities for Responsible Investment and Strategic Enforcement (Cities RISE) program supported the City of Buffalo to encourage and implement community driven neighborhood revitalization projects that addresses blight and provides measurable visual and physical improvements in their neighborhoods. The purpose of the Mini-Grant Program is to provide resources and funding to block clubs and community-based organizations for the implementation of volunteer-led projects addressing blighted public spaces in the neighborhoods, and produce positive social outcomes with a healthier, higher quality living conditions for residents, greater sense of belonging, ownership and empowerment in neighborhoods. Eligible applicants will have a chance to receive a small-scale grants ranging from \$250- \$1000.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Release Date : JUNE, 25th

Application Due Date : JULY, 26th

For more information, visit The Mayor's Office of Citizen Services at 65 Niagara Square
Room 218, Buffalo, NY 14202. Alternatively visit <https://buffaloveyourblock.org/>

E-mail: loveyourblock@city-buffalo.org or Call (716)851-4890. The deadline for filing an application is July 26, 2019. This new cycle is called, Love Your Block - Powered by cities RISE.

Copies of this form are available through the Division of Citizen Services located at 65 Niagara Square, 218 City Hall.

Name of organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Organization E-mail: _____

Contact person(s), title(s), e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of each:

Contact Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Proposed Project title: _____

Project Category (check one):

- ☐ Vacant Lot Activation
- ☐ Community Space Revitalization
- ☐ Accessibility Improvement

Project location: _____

Project start and finish dates: _____

Grant Amount Requested	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Total Project Cost

Has a representative from your group participated in a City of Buffalo CPTED training? YES / NO

Signature of Lead Organizer : _____

(Please type name) : _____

I. NARRATIVE

A. Organizational Background and Capacity (10 points)

- Briefly describe your organization's history, mission, and goals. (10 points)

- What are your organization's current activities and past accomplishments?

- Roughly how many volunteers does this project require? From where in the community does your organization plan to recruit volunteers for your project (schools, churches, community centers, block clubs, etc.)? **(10 points)**

- Include information about any other partners involved in the proposed project. How will they be involved and what specific contributions will they make?

D. Impact (10 points)

- How will you measure the success of the proposed project on your neighborhood? (Examples: the number of residents using the space, the amount of trash cleared or graffiti removed, the number of residents participating in the project) **(10 points)**

E. MAINTENANCE & SUSTAINABILITY (45 points)

Applicants are required to submit a maintenance plan to ensure long-term sustainability of the project.

Sustainability Objective	Sustainability Actions
Maintenance Requirements What equipment and materials will be necessary to ensure the project's survival? How often will it need to be serviced? (10 points)	
Financing What steps will your group take to fund your project after the Cities RISE grant is finished? (10 points)	
Activity Support How will your group promote the project in years to follow and recruit people to champion the work involved? (10 points)	
Project Evaluation How will your group continue to evaluate the project and share its success with the community? (5 points)	
Other Ex. Do you expect project needs to change after the initial grant period, and if so, how will you account for that? (10 points)	

II. PROJECT BUDGET

A. Itemized budget

Provide an itemized cost of the project. Include the source of funds: grant, cash, or in-kind contribution, for each item. Please note: The purchase of small tools and equipment is not allowed **unless your organization has written agreement from a local CBO that such items will be kept in their possession and made available to the community at large.**

Item	Mini-Grant	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Total
<i>(ex. 50 bags of wood chips at \$2.00/bag)</i>	\$50	\$50		\$100

B. Source of funds

List the source and amount of all matching funds and in-kind contributions being provided or potentially provided to support this project. Indicate what funds are currently in-hand, pledged, or pending. Fields may be left blank if unsure.

Funding Source	Amount	Cash or In-Kind	Status (<i>Already have, Pledged, or Pending</i>)
(ex. block club treasury)	10 Shovels	In-Kind	Pledged

If additional funds have not been secured, what are your plans to secure these resources?

For Office Use Only:

Neighborhood: _____ *Score #1* _____ *Score #2* _____ *Score #3* _____

Category: _____ *Total Avg. Score* _____

Reviewed By _____

Committee Recommendation: *Approve* _____ *Not Approved* _____ *Amount Awarded: \$* _____

Volunteer Form

A minimum of 5 volunteers are required for the project proposal.

If necessary, Cities RISE staff are able to provide volunteer recruitment assistance.

(Make copies if extra pages are needed)

Name (please print)

Hours

Phone #/e-mail

Signature
