



**Community Relations Commission
Neighborhood and Community Development Seed Grant Program**

Deadline: June 30, 2022

Date Submitted: _____

Amount of Grant Request: _____

Application Process

Grant applications will be accepted through June 30, 2022. Applications will be reviewed and grants are anticipated to be awarded by mid-July 2022. Applicants must submit the attached Community Seed Grant Form. Please send this form and supporting materials to: Neighborhood and Community Seed Grants, City of Worthington, 6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085; or via email to Lori.Trego@worthington.org For questions or more information, e-mail or call Lori Trego at 614-854-7171.

Funding

The Community Relations Commission has allocated a total of \$2,000 of funding for applications.

Grant Review Committee Use Only

Date Reviewed: _____

Decision: _____

Amount Awarded: _____

Project Completion Date: _____



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Background

The Community Relations Commission (CRC) distributes seed funding through the Neighborhood and Community Development Seed Grant Program for project ideas that will help build a stronger sense of community and align with its mission. Resources are available for individuals, neighborhood and community associations who propose a project that builds community and/or improves community relations. Project ideas themed around making Worthington a Diverse and Equitable Community, as highlighted in the Worthington Vision Statement below, are of particular interest. The goal is to provide resources for projects with lasting impact.

Vision: Worthington is a diverse and equitable community

Worthington welcomes people across age, race, gender, ethnicity, orientation, gender expression, abilities, income, religion and politics. We are committed to systems, processes, resources, employment and public services that are accessible and fair for all. We recognize inequities and actively work to overcome biases and injustices that create barriers to full inclusion within our community. Diversity strengthens the social fabric of Worthington as we build authentic, lasting relationships and care for one another.

As a community, we

- *Create conditions that increase the diversity of our city to better reflect the racial and ethnic composition of our region.*
- *Proactively identify, evaluate and address policies and practices that negatively affect underrepresented populations.*
- *Create opportunities and remove barriers for people from a wide range of ages, abilities and income levels to live in our city.*
- *Implement policies and foster inclusive environments that increase diversity in public employment, business ownership and community leadership.*
- *Honor and celebrate our diversity with regular cultural events and multicultural education.*

Read more about Vision Worthington at worthington.org/visioning.

More information about the CRC can be found online at worthington.org/crc

Eligibility

The Grant Selection Committee will consider the following eligible applicants:

- Residents of the Worthington School District who are working as:
 - An individual or group.
 - An organization or neighborhood association.
 - If forming a new community organization or group, they are applying to building programs to benefit the Worthington community or individual neighborhoods.
 - Informal groups should provide information on how they are organized and plans for collaboration and sustainability of the project (when appropriate).
 - Businesses are not eligible.
- Projects must:
 - Impact a neighborhood, geographical area, specific population, or the community as a whole.
 - Projects involving physical improvements should be on public property (improvements to private property are ineligible).

Responsibilities of Grantees

Those that are awarded grant funds must:

- Use grant funds during the calendar year of award.
- Sign and submit the Grant Agreement Form prior to receiving funds.
- Submit a Project Completion Report and receipts for expenses supported by grant funds to the City of Worthington 30 days following completion of the project, but no later than December 31 of award year.

Selection Criteria

The Grant Selection Committee will consider project requests which meet as many of the following criteria as possible:

- Fostering or enhancing community
- Creating opportunities to volunteer and work together
- Bolstering partnerships within the community
- Demonstrating sustainability of project beyond initial launch

Grant Review Committee

Grant applications will be reviewed by members of the Community Relations Commission and City of Worthington staff.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can an organization apply for multiple grants within the same year?

Yes, an organization may submit multiple applications for different projects targeting the different grant focus areas.

Can a single project combine multiple areas?

Yes, a single submission may be eligible in multiple focus areas.

Is the grant renewable?

No, the grant is not renewable. This is intended to be a seed grant that will allow an organization to launch a new initiative that can be sustained through other resources. However, organizations may apply a following year for a different project.

Is the grant open to traditional 501(c)(3) service providing organizations?

Yes – but priority will be given to organizations that do not receive other City funding.

What are examples of community organizations eligible for the grant program?

Beyond the traditional neighborhood associations, this grant would be open to a youth group, Boy Scout or Girl Scout group, a grassroots organization, social media groups, or residents who want to organize around a specific topic.



CITY OF WORTHINGTON – NEIGHBORHOOD SEED GRANT APPLICATION FORM

General Information

1. Name of Association or Project Group

2. Contact Person: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____

4. Telephone Number: _____

5. Contact E-Mail: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(Attach additional sheets if further space is needed)

Please choose which statement under Making Worthington a Diverse and Equitable Community best represents your project:

- _____ Create conditions that increase the diversity of our city to better reflect the racial and ethnic composition of our region.
- _____ Proactively identify, evaluate and address policies and practices that negatively affect underrepresented populations.
- _____ Create opportunities and remove barriers for people from a wide range of ages, abilities and income levels to live in our city.
- _____ Implement policies and foster inclusive environments that increase diversity in public employment, business ownership and community leadership.
- _____ Honor and celebrate our diversity with regular cultural events and multicultural education.

1. Provide a brief description of the project. Please attach any photos, drawings or other supporting materials which will further explain this project.

2. How will the project build or enhance the community?

3. How will residents/volunteers be involved?

4. Describe what partnerships will be leveraged in this project.

5. What is the estimated timeline for completion of this project?

6. How will this project be sustained beyond the first year?

Additional comments

PROJECT BUDGET

List items provided through in-kind donations, including (if applicable) funding from an association.

Describe donated item, service or funding

Estimated Value

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

List other items to be paid for with the Neighborhood Grant funding:

Materials and Supplies

Estimated Cost

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Services

Estimated Cost

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Other

Estimated Cost

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total Grant Amount Requested

\$ _____