



Neighborhood Pride Grant Application

Thank you for completing the pre-application to signal your interest in participating in the Neighborhood Pride Grant. Please follow the instructions below to have your group considered for selection.

Application Instruction

1. On this cover page, fill out the main contact information for your group.
2. Complete questions about your group on page 3.
3. Each Participant (one per house) must complete the questions on page 4.
4. The main contact for the group should return this application (including a separate 'page 4' for each participant to the Community Development Department.
5. Keep in mind the application will be reviewed by members of a board and the only information they are looking at is the information you convey in this application.

Applications due by: **May 1, 2022**

Award announced: **May 15, 2022**

Project completion deadline: **October 30, 2022**

Group's main contact person:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Questions, and completed application, should be directed to:

Kyle Havenar
Community Development Department
201 W Poplar St
Sidney, OH 45365
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How does the Neighborhood Pride Grant work?

Each participating property within a cluster is eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar match on exterior improvements (visible from the street), up to \$1,000 per property. Funding is competitive.

What improvements are eligible?

- Porch and soffit repair
- Porch painting
- Paint for siding and trim
- Exterior lights
- Flower boxes
- Front doors and screen doors
- Sidewalk repairs
- Front yard landscaping
- Mailboxes and house plaques
- Shutters

This list is not exhaustive. Contact the Community Development Department if you have any questions about this.

What are the selection criteria?

The Neighborhood Pride Grant is a competitive grant. Clusters that submit a final application will be scored using the scoring matrix found below. Additionally the review board will look at:

- **Completeness:** All components of the application should be addressed as fully and as thoroughly as possible.
- **Organization:** Proposed clusters should demonstrate a commitment to cultivating strong communications between neighbors and a shared sense of identity so that momentum gained in 2022 can be carried forward.

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| 1 | | Location in a Target Zone | Close Proximity of Clustered Properties | Number of Participating Properties | Teamwork on Projects | A Plan to Sustain the Momentum |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | 1: Not at all | | | | | |
| 4 | 2: A Little | | | | | |
| 5 | 3: Some | | | | | |
| 6 | 4: A Lot | | | | | |
| 7 | 5: Definitely | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | |
| 9 | Additional 1-5 Points for Unique Factors | | | | | |
| 10 | Perfect Score = 25 points | | | | | |
| 11 | Comments: | | | | | |

Each participant (one per house), please answer these questions:

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If this is a rental property, what is your home address? _____

1. Please list the physical improvements you would like to complete as part of the Grant. If possible, please note the approximate measurements (or space available for each improvement. (Examples: If the porch will be painted or repaired, list the approximate length and width of the porch. Or if you want to add shrubs and perennials to the front list how wide the lawn is and how deep the bed can be).

2. Not all improvements require much time or money. Separate from the project listed above, please indicate A) one small thing you will add to your property to strengthen your neighborhood, and B) one small negative condition you can remove from your property. Examples of small things to add: hanging flowers, edging the lawn, putting out a new welcome mat, adding a porch flag, etc. examples of negative conditions that can be removed: junk/clutter on the front porch or lawn, garbage cans that are routinely visible from the street, routinely tall (unmowed) grass, unused satellite dishes on roof, etc.

A. To add:

B. To remove:

3. Include an additional sheet with a project breakdown (including materials/equipment needed and cost estimates of each). For cost benefits we also encourage the use of buying materials in bulk. Based on your estimate of cost for the project please state the matching amount you are requesting (maximum \$1,000 per house).

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- Note projects must be completed, photographed, and all receipts turned in by 10/30/2022.
- If your group is selected, you agree to allow the City of Sidney to document your group's work including your own project and to use photos of your improvements on its website and social media pages to publicize and promote the Neighborhood Pride Grant.

Signature: _____