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Akron City Council Announces \$100,000 Neighborhood Partnership Program Grant Funding Opportunity

Akron, Ohio, June 24, 2022 - To inspire the development of innovative community-based initiatives that improve Akron neighborhoods and enhance the overall health and well-being of its residents, Akron City Council has announced the issuance of the Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP) aims to cultivate and strengthen relationships between neighborhood residents through participation in projects and activities; and increase neighborhood residents' engagement in resolving the problems that impact them. "If there was ever a time we need to come together and actively be a part of the solution to the problems we face, it's now," said Council President Margo Sommerville

Neighborhood improvement projects and neighborhood education initiatives including, but not limited to vacant lot clean-ups, community gardens, youth literacy/art programs, and neighborhood safety programs are eligible for funding. Each Ward in Akron has been allotted \$10,000 from which to award individual grant awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for eligible projects.

NPP grants are awarded through a competitive process based upon the application's merit, the applicant's eligibility, and the availability of funds. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Grant Application can be found [here](#).

Eligible applicants include Non-Profits, Block Clubs/Associations, Faith-Based Organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDC), and Neighborhood-Based Organizations.

Program Timeline

- June 24th, 2022 - Notice of Funding Opportunity Issued
- June 30th, 2022 – Pre - Submission Forum
- July 15th, 2022 – Grant Application Submission Deadline
- Week of August 8th, 2022 – Grant Awardees Notified

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the Pre-Submission Forum on Thursday, June 30th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the Main Branch of Akron Summit Public Library at 60 S. High Street.

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