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Fair Housing & Homeowner Beautification Grant Programs Guidelines and Application

2023



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Objectives

Fair Housing Grant: To invest in local areas adversely affected by residential mortgage foreclosure by Fannie Mae, the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan has received a settlement to be distributed via grant funds throughout various census tracts within the City of Muskegon. Grant funds shall be made available to owner-occupied primary residences for front-of-home improvements. The following neighborhoods are eligible to apply: **Angell, McLaughlin, Marsh Field, East Muskegon, Steele, Nelson (partial), Marquette (partial), Jackson Hill (partial), and Sheldon Park (partial)**. Your project must be at a qualifying address within an impacted census tract. Addresses will be verified upon application.

Homeowner Grant: To empower and incentivize owner-occupied dwellings to invest in and improve the physical condition of their primary residence and front yard of the property by providing financial assistance for residential beautification projects. Grant funds shall be made available to eligible owner-occupied dwellings located in the following neighborhoods within the City of Muskegon: **Angell, McLaughlin, Marsh Field, Nelson, Marquette, Steele, Sheldon Park, Oakview, and East Muskegon**.

Scope of Services

- Grants are \$200 Home Depot gift cards.
- Must be an improvement to the front of the home (landscaping, paint, lighting, etc.).

Eligibility – To be eligible, the recipient must:

- FAIR HOUSING: Reside in Angell, McLaughlin, Marsh Field, East Muskegon, Steele, Nelson (partial), Marquette (partial), Jackson Hill (partial), and Sheldon Park (partial) Neighborhoods in the City of Muskegon.
- HOMEOWNER: Reside in Angell, McLaughlin, Marsh Field, Nelson, Marquette, Steele, Sheldon Park, Oakview, or East Muskegon Neighborhoods in the City of Muskegon.
- Be the owner-occupant of a single-family dwelling.
- Provide proof of identification for all adults over the age of 18.

Process

1. Applicant will complete and return this application.
2. Staff will verify address is within a qualifying census tract to determine which grant applicant is eligible for.
3. Applicant must submit before pictures when picking up their gift card.
4. Applicant promises to submit after pictures upon completion.
5. The entire grant award must be spent on the project.
6. All work must be done no later than June 1, 2024.

To learn more, please contact Sarah Romine (sarah.romine@shorelinecity.com) from the City of Muskegon.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Eligible Census Tract: _____ (To Be Completed By Staff)

Neighborhood: _____

Phone: _____

Please provide a general description of the project which must cost a minimum of \$200:

Statement of Commitment:

I have read and agree to the Fair Housing & Homeowner Beautification Grant Programs Guidelines. I also certify that the information provided above is true and accurate. I authorize the City of Muskegon to request additional information needed for verification. I attest the funds will be used specifically for the designated purpose(s) of improving the physical condition of the owner's primary residence and property as described above. **I will provide City Staff before and after pictures.**

Congratulations, we wish you well on your project!

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

Owner (signature) / Date

Development Services Division Staff, City of Muskegon (signature) / Date