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City of Muskegon

**Fair Housing Neighborhood Grant Program
Guidelines and Application**

2023



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Fair Housing Neighborhood Grant Program Guidelines

Objectives

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 active neighborhood associations located within the City of Muskegon for green space and park 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.

Scope of Services

- Grants are between \$2,000-\$3,000.
- Must be an improvement to a park or green space.
- Cannot receive more than one grant per neighborhood.
- Project must be completed by June 30, 2024.

Eligibility – To be eligible, the recipient must:

- Have a park or green space project 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 at a qualifying address.
- Must be an active neighborhood association.

Process

1. Applicant will contact CNS staff to verify if project address qualifies for grant.
2. Applicant will complete and return this application.
3. Applicant will also submit a proposal with their application, for their intended project.
4. Applicant will submit before and after pictures upon completion.
5. Applicant will submit receipts for their project.
6. The entire grant award must be spent on the project.
7. Awardee will submit quarterly reports if the project takes longer than 90 days, also submitting a final report with 30 days of completion. Reports will include outcomes, attachments, photographs, demographics, and addresses.

To learn more, please contact:

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Community and Neighborhood Services

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please provide a general description of the project:

Statement of Commitment:

I have read and agree to the Fair Housing Neighborhood Grant Program 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 green space/park improvement projects as described above. **I will provide City Staff before and after pictures, receipts, and a final report.**

Congratulations, we wish you well on your project!

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

Owner (signature) / Date

Community & Neighborhood Service Staff, City of Muskegon (signature) / Date