

CITY OF CLOVERDALE
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PILOT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVE THE GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 044-2019 adopting the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2019/20 Budget included \$5,000 for the creation of a program to encourage neighborhood building activities at the neighborhood level; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Pilot Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program will assist in the implementation of this goal; and

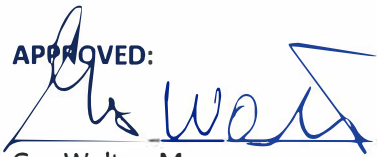
WHEREAS, the pilot Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15061(b)(General Rule).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cloverdale does hereby authorize the creation of the Pilot Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program and approve the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program Guidelines (Exhibit A):

The foregoing Resolution No. 017-2020 was duly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of February 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Councilmembers Bagby, Brigham and Cruz, Vice Mayor Turner and Mayor Wolter
NOES: (0) None
ABSTAIN: (0) None
ABSENT: (0) None

APPROVED:


Gus Wolter, Mayor


ATTEST:


Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk

Attachment:

Exhibit A - Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program Guidelines

I, IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, City Clerk of the City of Cloverdale, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 017-2020 adopted by the City Council of the City of Cloverdale on the 12th day of February 2020.


Irene Camacho-Werby, City Clerk



City of Cloverdale: Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program Guidelines

Program Description

Do you have a great idea for your street, block, neighborhood, or the community as a whole? The City of Cloverdale may be able to help bring your idea to life through the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects that increase communication among neighbors, improve the physical condition of a neighborhood, enhance neighborhood pride and identity, or help build bridges between cultural groups. The Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program is the City's way of helping you create a successful project. By bringing people together for a neighborhood improvement project, you are helping to strengthen the Cloverdale community.

The purpose of this grant is to jump-start your new ideas for making your community a better place. It is intended to help residents improve communication, increase public safety, and enhance cultural understanding in neighborhoods.

Eligibility

Neighborhood Grants are available for projects that bring neighbors together for a common benefit. Eligible projects must meet the following requirements:

- Provide an identifiable benefit or positive impact to a street, block, or neighborhood. It can either be a physical project or an activity that brings neighbors together. Grants are also available for expanding the scope or outreach of existing neighborhood projects.
- Project funding request has been limited to once per year.
- Activities involving Emergency Preparedness.
- Recycling Projects.
- Beautification Projects.
- Cultural Events.
- Have a specific timeline, clearly defined steps and outcomes, and a breakdown of the costs.
- Must include the active involvement of at least three neighboring households, defined by having separate addresses or separate building units.

Ineligibility

Neighborhood Grants will not be granted if one or more of the following apply:

- Is political or religious in nature, including, but not limited to the support of a proposed initiative, ballot measure, or candidate.
- Does not include the active involvement of at least three neighboring households, defined by having separate addresses or separate building units
- Grant Funds are used for the purchase of alcohol
- Multiple funding requests submitted for same project, same location in same year

Example Projects

Here are a few examples of projects that might be eligible for grants:

- Neighborhood emergency preparedness activities
- Recycling projects
- Cultural Events
- Community gardens, tree planting
- Volunteer projects, community clean-ups and beautification activities
- Organizing events that encourage neighbors to get to know each other (e.g. block parties)

Involvement

An important aspect of community building is working together with others for a common benefit or improvement. The project must include the active involvement of at least three neighboring households- the more neighbors involved, the better the project!

Project Design

We want to ensure that your project is successful and that any grant funds are efficiently used, the project should be well thought out and planned with specific timelines, defined steps, and a plan for ongoing maintenance, if needed.

Grant funds are provided to groups through a reimbursement process. Groups will be required to submit receipts or similar verifiable documentation of expenses before reimbursement can be made. Reimbursement checks are issued to the project team leader after the event/project is completed.

How to Apply

Copies of applications are available in English and Spanish on the City's website www.cloverdale.net and at City Hall. Applications must be submitted by the stated deadline listed on the application form and approved prior to starting the project or event.

Awards Process

Applicants awarded will be notified after the deadline has passed and applications are reviewed for approval by staff. Once funds are approved and made available, applicants may be required to enter into an agreement to the satisfaction of the City attorney, and the project must be completed within six (6) months. Upon project completion, the awarded applicant must submit pictures, itemized expenses, and a final report describing the project's success. The City reserves the right to withhold grant funds for any project that does not meet the intent of this program.

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