



Neighbors Helping Neighborhoods Grant Program

About Greater Newark LISC



Our work in Greater Newark:

- Investing in housing and other real estate
- Increasing family income and wealth
- Stimulating economic activity
- Improving access to quality education
- Fostering safe and healthy communities

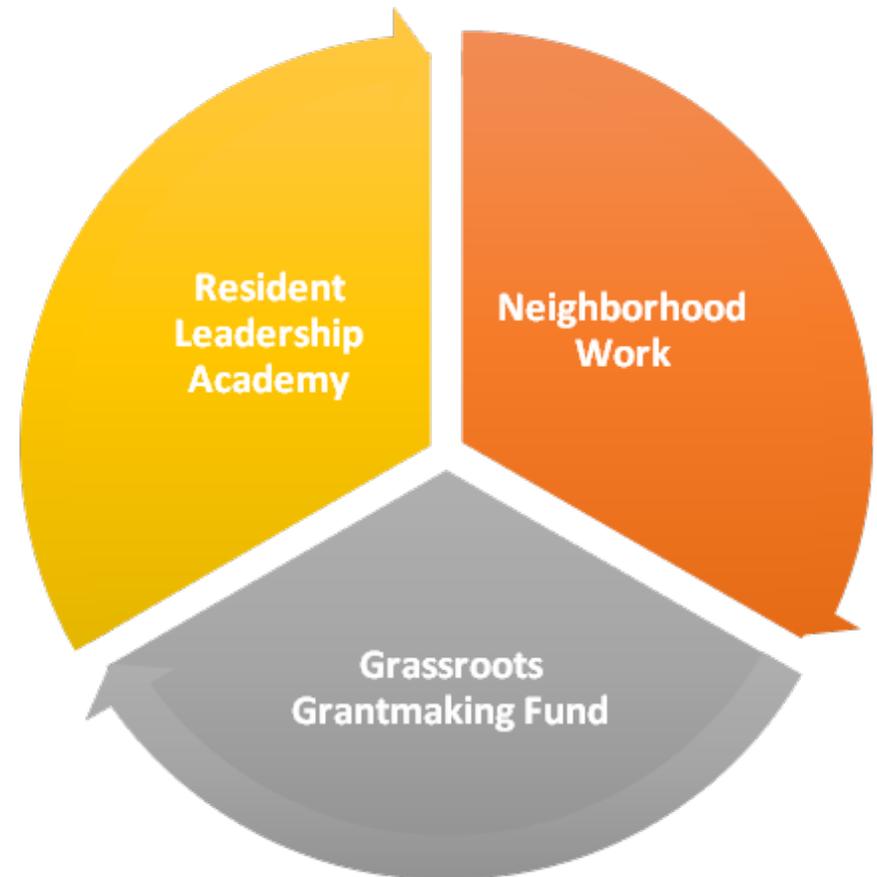


Our Neighborhood Work

Our community building strategy employs a three-prong approach to develop residents' capacity to lead change in their communities through the following:

- Resident Leadership Academy
- Neighborhood Work
- Grassroots Grantmaking Fund

Building Resident Capacity to Lead Community Change



About the Neighbors Helping Neighborhoods Grant Program



- **Why?** Our goal is to empower residents with resources to activate community change.
 - We are looking for grassroots projects that address neighborhood issues
 - We want to build strong relationships among residents
 - Provide resources to support leadership development
 - Increase the number of residents actively involved in making the community better
- **Who?** Residents in the Fairmount Heights & Clinton Hill communities.
- **How?** Grants will be selected by a committee of residents and community stakeholders.

Overview of the grant criteria and important dates



Criteria:

- Each grant up to \$1,000
- Projects must be led by team's of residents
- You do not have to be a nonprofit organization
- Projects must focus on one or more of the four key areas –
 - Community Beautification
 - Economic Development
 - Health & Safety
 - Youth Leadership & Mentoring

Important dates:

- Application are available now
 - www.neighborshelpingneighborhoods.org.
- Help Desk and Information Sessions
 - Saturday, November 3rd, 10am-12pm, NAN Tech Center, 400 Hawthorne Avenue
- Applications due Nov. 27th
- Grant awards to be announced in December

Finalists and Semi-Finalists from 1st NHN Round



- Clearly demonstrated need
- Showed us how the team lead and other supporters would meet the community need
- Demonstrated they were ready to work in teams and collaborate with others
- Had clear budgets and program plans

Applications/Projects were less successful when:

- Applications were incomplete
- We weren't sure what the project goals were or if the project did not clearly address a challenge or opportunity in the community
- Did not increase resident engagement to improve quality of life in the community
- We weren't sure where/how funds were planned to be spent

APPLICATION HELPFUL HINTS



1) Please briefly describe your project

- Opportunity to provide detailed description of your project including reasons why the project is needed for the community. Include research data and statistics if available, highlight potential partners, etc.

2) What are the goals for your project? And how will you track them?

- Your goals should clearly state **what** you are trying to achieve, **who** will benefit? **Where** it will happen? And **When** your goal will be achieved? Sometimes it may even state **why** that goal is important.
- You should clearly share how you will track your goals? Will people sign in? Do people have to register in advance?

3) How will this project help to get more people in the neighborhood actively involved?

- This is an opportunity to share how your project will grab the attention of your neighbors and get them excited about participating.

4) How will this project be continued after the grant ends?

- Share who you will consider for support moving forward to keep your project going.

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