

Take Pride in Dunedin

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

General Program Information

Purpose:

The City of Dunedin Neighborhood Enhancement Program is intended to make aesthetic improvements to Dunedin neighborhoods, including signage, landscaping, and enhancements that emphasize neighborhood identity.

Eligible Projects:

Eligible projects must be physical improvements of a permanent nature that will fulfill a public purpose by improving the physical appearance of the neighborhood, providing a safer environment, and/or creating or enhancing an identity for the area. Projects may include, but are not limited to, community identification signs, landscaping, tree planting, entryway embellishments, cleanup projects, etc. All projects must occur on public property, such as City of Dunedin rights of ways and medians on City-owned streets.

Ineligible Projects:

Organizational salaries or operating expenses.

Projects that are located on private property.

Projects that are not located within the incorporated City of Dunedin limits.

Projects that do not fulfill the public purpose of this program.

Eligible Applicants:

Homeowners Associations

Neighborhood organizations such as Neighborhood Watch

Community Associations

Groups of interested residents in neighborhoods not otherwise represented by a neighborhood association.

City Funding:

The City of Dunedin has budgeted limited funds to this program, and the City's goal is to assist with as many neighborhood improvements as feasible within the allocated funding. Available funding will be allocated among approved projects to achieve this goal.

Applicant Match Funding:

Applicants are expected to match the requested City funding. Applicant matching funds may take the form of cash or in-kind contributions. Examples of in-kind contributions may include:

- Professional services provided by the applicant (landscape design or engineering services).
- Donation of materials, if such materials are appropriate to the project.
- Labor, in the form of physical project assistance and/or continued maintenance of the improvements.

Applicants Project Criteria:

Proposed projects must:

- Provide a public benefit and be supported by a majority of the subject neighborhood.
- Be in the public (City of Dunedin) right of way or otherwise on public property.
- Be permissible under Federal, State, or local regulations.
- Be located within the corporate limits of the City of Dunedin.

Applications must include the following information for the proposed project:

- A description of the involvement of the neighborhood residents in selecting and planning the project.
- A plan for completing the proposed project
- A site map (maps will be provided by the City on request, for planning purposes).
- A project budget, including volunteer time and donated services and materials.
- A description for the ongoing maintenance of the improvements, if applicable.

Ineligible applications:

Applications will not be considered if:

- The submittals are incomplete.
- They are submitted after the indicated deadline
- They are not located within the City of Dunedin.

Project Selection:

All eligible project applications will be submitted to the Committee on Environmental Quality for review and ranking. Final project approval will be made by the Dunedin Parks and Recreation Department, based on available funding, neighborhood contribution to the project, and the projects' probable impact on Citywide beautification.

Project Implementation:

Projects will be implemented through close interaction between the applicant and the Dunedin Leisure Services Department. Grant-funded services and materials will be purchased by the City in accordance with City of Dunedin purchasing policies. Project completion will be scheduled according to the availability of City staff and equipment, and the availability of neighborhood volunteers.

Project Maintenance:

Ongoing maintenance of improvements is a prime component of this program. The City of Dunedin's budget allows for a standard level of maintenance and this must be considered when developing landscape plans and other improvements. In project areas presently maintained by the City, the City will continue to provide the level of maintenance for which the area was previously budgeted. Additional maintenance requirements will be the responsibility of the applicant.