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**Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Applications Now Open**

**LIBERTY, Mo.** – Now in its ninth year, the City of Liberty’s Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program continues to help residents reinvest in their own neighborhoods. With \$10,000 in the City’s budget, this matching program allows residents to identify priorities for their neighborhood and to undertake the enhancement project together.

In 2018, Neighborhood Enhancement Grants were awarded to the College Place West HOA for sign repair and landscaping; Bent Oaks for pond renovations; Dougherty Historic District for historic district signs; First Baptist Church for ADA ramp and sidewalk repairs and to Historic Downtown Liberty, Inc. for gateway signage at Parkview and Kansas Streets.

Grant awards could range from \$500 to \$10,000, depending on the scope of the project and the number of grant proposals received. To be eligible for a grant:

- The neighborhood must be organized as a neighborhood or homeowners’ association and be registered with the city. The association is not required to be incorporated or have tax exempt status, but must have an elected board and adopted by-laws.
- The project must be something that benefits the entire neighborhood and must be located in the city’s right-of-way. Examples of eligible projects include: landscaping, planting street trees, neighborhood park improvements, installing signage for a subdivision or neighborhood watch, etc.

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Grant awards are competitive and selected by the Preservation and Development Commission, who consider feasibility, need and potential impact to the neighborhood and community when selecting grantees.

If a neighborhood would like to participate, but is not yet organized, city staff is available to help coordinate an organizational meeting.

Applications are available online at [www.libertymissouri.gov/Neighborhoods](http://www.libertymissouri.gov/Neighborhoods). The deadline for submitting a grant application is Friday, March 15. Grant awards will be announced in April. For more information about the grant or for any questions, call Jeanine Thill, Community Development manager, at 816.439.4537.

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