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Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Applications Now Open

LIBERTY, Mo. – Now in its 10th 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 the nine years of the program, grants totaling \$58,283 have helped neighborhoods undertake a variety of improvement projects. In 2019, Neighborhood Enhancement Grants were awarded to the Clay Ridge Homeowners' Association for a gateway sign and landscaping improvements and the Jewell Neighborhood Group for a rain garden at Lightburne and Franklin streets. Due to budget cuts during the COVID-19 pandemic grants were not offered in 2020.

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 project must be a permanent neighborhood improvement 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, installing signage for a subdivision or neighborhood watch, etc.
- The project proposals must be approved by a vote of the neighborhood or homeowners' association board, 2021 Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program Prospectus and

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Application or a majority vote of the residents present at the meeting for such purpose. (If a neighborhood would like to participate, but is not yet organized, city staff is available to help coordinate an organizational meeting.)

- Selected projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2021.

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.

Additional information and the program application are available online at www.LibertyMissouri.gov/Neighborhoods. The deadline for submitting a grant application is 5 p.m. on 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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