

**The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for unique and innovative ideas that make our community a more vibrant place to live, and will impact the quality of life in the City of Westfield.**

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Homeowner's Associations  
& Neighborhoods within  
Westfield City Limits

## GRANT OVERVIEW

- The NVG is a 2 to 1 matching grant program
- It will provide up to \$10,000 per project
- The program accepts applications on a rolling basis and will award funds biannually



## ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS

Funding must be used towards the cost of a project that involves design, construction, and/or installation. Ideas are provided here to help guide applicants. Priority is given to projects that will have a greater visibility and positive effect on the quality of life within Westfield. Projects that are located within the public right-of-way will be subject to additional review and approval.

**Below is a list of project examples.**



### Environmental & Landscape Enhancement

- Converting high-maintenance common area lawns to no-mow native planting areas
- Installation of shoreline plantings, water aeration, or rain gardens
- Butterfly or wildlife habitat corridors
- Tree mitigation
- Neighborhood community gardens



### Recreation & Neighborhood Amenities

- Common area trail repair & improvements
- Park improvements such as benches, shelters, little libraries, etc.
- Neighborhood connectivity (connecting the trail network between two or more neighborhoods)
- Installation of solar lights
- Improved alternative transportation connectivity



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant is a 2 to 1 matching grant program. It provides up to \$10,000 per project.

If a community group wants to create a park garden costing \$12,000, the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant will match the group's funds at a 2 to 1 ratio. This means for every \$1 the group raises, the grant will provide \$2.

If the group raises \$4,000, the grant will contribute \$8,000, bringing the total to \$12,000. The grant can cover up to \$10,000, so the group would need to raise at least \$5,000 to get the full \$10,000 from the grant.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

*Applications accepted year-round on a rolling basis*

- Complete the online application
- Register the HOA with Westfield's WeCan group
- Provide a detailed location map clearly indicating the location of the proposed improvements
- Provide images on the existing conditions or project area
- Provide plans or drawings showing the proposed project
- Provide a detailed project budget and timeline
- Provide verification of cost (ex. a contractor bid or quote to verify total cost of project)
- All planting plans must include a species list with scientific names and cultivar when available. Preference will be given to projects that utilize all natives and/or plants that will support local wildlife
- Projects must be complete within one year of receiving the awarded funds

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### ROUND 1

- APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 1 - MARCH 1
- COMMITTEE REVIEW: MARCH
- AWARD: APRIL 1

### ROUND 2

- APPLICATION PERIOD: MAY 1 - JULY 1
- COMMITTEE REVIEW: JULY
- AWARD: AUGUST 1

## AWARD PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the NVG Committee. The Committee's recommendation is provided to the Board of Public Works for review and approval.

### Consideration will be given for the following

- Age of neighborhood
- Sustainable or environmentally friendly projects
- Vibrant and innovative ideas that are unique and solve an existing problem
- The potential impact of the grant and the number of people/homes the project will benefit
- The extent of local volunteers, fundraising, and neighborhood involvement in the project
- Beautification
- Visibility from the right-of-way