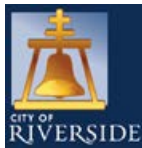




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**“Every aspect of a neighborhood’s well-being depends on people coming together to strengthen the fabric of their community.”**

### **What is Riverside Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program?**

For many years residents within the City of Riverside have invested countless hours of time, services, materials, and money in various neighborhood improvement projects. The Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program supports local grassroots projects within the 26 neighborhoods in the City of Riverside. Small Sparks provides cash to match community contributions of volunteer labor, donated professional services or materials, or cash donations in support of neighborhood-based self-help projects. Projects are funded up to \$500.00 once a year to neighborhood groups.

### **What kinds of Neighborhood Matching Grant projects are funded? Three categories:**

1. Neighborhood Improvement/Beautification: A project that creates or enhances a physical improvement in a neighborhood.
2. Neighborhood Social Enhancement: A one-time grant for a community building activity such as a festival or celebration.
3. Neighborhood Education Opportunity: Workshop or training that benefits your community

### **Funded projects should:**

- Improve the health & safety of residents
- Benefit a significant number of people or a neighborhood
- Be resident initiated and neighborhood based
- Encourage residents to prioritize goals and collaborate on projects
- Build community by connecting neighbors
- Occur within the Riverside city limits



### **What cannot be funded:**

- Projects for programs developed and delivered by an outside organization, for example, PTA, scout groups, service clubs
- Projects for ongoing operating costs or programs
- Projects for retro-active expenses or debt retirement
- Projects that benefit only one person
- Projects that promote political campaigns

### **Past projects funded:**

- Community Garden Plant Material
- “Meeting tonight” Yard Signs
- Historic District Identification Signs
- Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Kits
- Community-based Traffic Safety Program Materials
- Neighborhood Tree Planting/Beautification
- Membership Drive Block Party



### **Apply today for the Neighborhood Matching Grant:**

Completed applications are reviewed by the Neighborhood Engagement Division on a first come, first served basis and will be accepted until funds are fully allocated. For questions or more information, please call (951) 826-2077.

