

What is the Neighborhood Beautification Grant Program?

Orange County Neighborhood Beautification Grant Program provides direct funding to support and assist neighborhoods and organizations in improving the physical and social quality of neighborhoods.

Funding is available in the form of grants to help organizations revitalize and preserve their neighborhoods. The grants program is only one component of the overall strategy to engage and strengthen neighborhoods in the County.

Neighborhood Grant Advisory Board

- The Grant Advisory Board is a seven-member panel of citizens that oversee the grant programs from selection of winners to the completion of projects.
- The board meets once a quarter to conduct its duties.
- The committee reviews applications and conducts site visits.

Orange County's Neighborhood Strategies

- Equip citizens with tools and funding to organize their communities
- Provide grants for neighborhood-enhancement projects to strengthen code compliance
- Target mandatory and voluntary association groups

When to Apply

- Applications are considered quarterly October through April.
- Applications are due the second Thursday of the first month of each quarter.

Approval Process

- Applications are submitted to the Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board for review and recommendations.
- Submitted applications are reviewed for completion by staff.
- Final approval by Board of County Commissioners can take up to eight (8) weeks from deadline.

Successful Grant Writing Tips

- Provide everything that is required
- Use Checklist to verify completion
- Think from a reviewer's perspective (Remember this is a competitive grant)
- Be specific, thorough, and detailed but be concise
- Community participation is important



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"Engaging and Strengthening Neighborhoods"

Mandatory Entranceway Improvements

- Grant awards are available County-wide in amounts up to \$15,000
- All projects must be located along a major thoroughfare
- Subject to eligibility
- Eligible projects are organized by neighborhood groups, homeowner associations and individual property owners
- Wall grants are for structural damages only, to repair to original condition

Projects Include:

- Irrigation upgrade
- New entrance signage
- Community wall repaint and repair
- Installation of solar lighting
- Shade cover for playgrounds
- Landscaping
 - \$5,000 for communities with irrigation



Before



After

Landscaping Grant



Before



After

Sign Repair Grant



Before



After

Wall Repair Grant

Voluntary Entranceway Improvements

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Projects Include:

- New entrance signage
- Community wall rebuild, repaint and repair
- Installation of solar lighting
- Landscaping
 - \$1,000 for DIY Installation

Organizations are required to have a seven- to five-member grant team.

GRANT TYPE	GRANT AMOUNT	MATCH REQUIREMENT
Mandatory	Up to \$15,000	50%
Mandatory Landscape	Up to \$5,000	50%
Voluntary	Up to \$15,000	-
Voluntary Landscape	\$1,000	-