

- Provide information about grant and loan programs available to Little Rock homeowners
- Provide information about community greening resources and other resources available for business districts

Please note that requests for service are not guaranteed. City Departments will review requests and will fulfill as feasible.

Grant funds must be expended within the grant window (May 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020). Completion of projects shall not be dependent on additional or future funding from the City.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a Committee composed of City Staff. All selected applications will be forwarded to the City Manager for funding.

Grant Guidelines

All grant proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020.

Up to a \$1,000.00 reimbursement from the City of Little Rock will be awarded to the applicant at the conclusion of the Project and after meeting **all** grant submission requirements. Therefore, it is extremely important that all grant recipients keep receipt copies and accurate financial records of costs associated with each project. **Original receipts are to be submitted.** The maximum grant award will be **\$1,000 per proposal.** A minimum 25% match in the form of either donated materials, donated equipment and/or in-kind labor (volunteers) is required. (NOTE: Donated labor is calculated at a rate of \$10/hour. Volunteer hours must be documented by forms provided by the City of Little Rock. Additionally, these Grant dollars are subject to audit by the City's internal audit staff, therefore, it is the responsibility of each Organization receiving a grant to keep accurate records of all expenditures and in-kind contributions).

Examples of Previously Approved Projects

- Footbridge across park pond;
- Upgrading of playground equipment;
- Landscaping of neighborhood parks or common areas;
- Replacement of roofs on community buildings and storage facilities;
- Sprinkler systems for parks and flower beds;
- Entry signs into neighborhoods;
- Installation of house numbers;
- Purchase of tools, mowers, weed eaters and landscaping equipment to set up a tool-loan inventory;
- Storage sheds for neighborhood equipment;
- Equipment and supplies to publish and distribute newsletters, flyers, brochures, etc.;

- Equipment for crime watch programs;
- Litter control activities and equipment;
- Park benches and grills;
- Summer jobs for youth;
- Neighborhood sponsored youth activities;
- Youth tutoring programs; and
- Construction of neighborhood basketball courts.

**** Neighborhood Organizations that were awarded 2019 Love Your Block Grants, but failed to provide the required information to close out those grants will not be eligible for 2020 awards, unless an extension was requested before the end of 2019. If the required information is provided before Friday, April 17, 2020, your 2020 application may be considered. ****

The deadline for submitting your grant application is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020

If awarded, City staff will notify the Project Coordinator identified in the Project Proposal.

**2020 Love Your Block
Grant Agreement**

Name of Neighborhood Based Organization:

Grant Period: May 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Total Grant Amount: Not to exceed \$1,000.00

To receive this award, the Grant recipient hereby agrees to the

following:

1. Payment of Grant:
 - A. The Grant is payable in up to two (2) installments.
 - B. Up to a \$1,000.00 reimbursement from the City of Little Rock will be awarded to the applicant at the conclusion of the project and after meeting all grant submission requirements.
2. The project, as outlined in the Grant application must be completed by December 31, 2020.
3. Send two (1) main contacts to a grant orientation workshop where they will meet with representatives from the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs if required.
4. The grantee is required to:
 - A. Maintain separate, complete and accurate records of expenditures of Grant funds.
 - B. Keep copies of invoices, canceled checks, and receipts for at least two (2) years after the funds are spent. Original receipts are to be submitted.
 - C. Demonstrate the ability to mobilize a minimum of twenty (20) neighborhood volunteers to take part in the revitalization of their block.
 - D. Meet all Grant reporting requirements. ***Failure to do so may result in ineligibility for future Love Your Block Grant funding by The City of Little Rock.***

If the above correctly reflects your Organization's understanding of the arrangements made regarding the 2020 Love Your Block Grant, please sign this agreement and return it along with your application to:

Lisa Wells
City of Little Rock
Department of Housing and Neighborhood
Programs
500 West Markham, Suite 120W Little
Rock, AR 72201

Name (Please Print)

Title

Signature

Date



2020 Love Your Block Grant Application

The deadline for submitting your application is 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020.

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Date Received: W-9 included?	
Received By:	

Section I: Applicant Profile

Association/Organization Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	Web Site (if applicable):
Did your Organization receive funding last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, for what?: _____ _____	
Proposed Project Location: _____ _____	
President:	
President Phone #:	Email:
Contact information of the person responsible for writing/implementing Grant & including W-9 (Primary Contact):	
Name:	
Title/Affiliation:	Phone Number:
Address:	Email:
Secondary Contact:	
Name:	
Title/Affiliation:	Phone Number:
Address:	Email:

Section II: Project Proposal

1. What is the Association/Organization's objective in using the Love Your Block Grant funds?

2. Please give a description of the proposed project. *What is the purpose and how does it fit with the mission of Love Your Block?*

3. Describe how your Organization will match the Love Your Block Grant funds.

4. How will this project benefit your neighborhood?

5. If this project is a part of a larger plan, please explain the relationship and indicate the final expectations.

6. How will this project promote volunteer-ism and benefit your neighborhood and nearby Little Rock residents?

Section III: Budget

Please specify the amount you are requesting, up to \$1,000.00. \$ _____

Expense (materials, supplies, etc.)	Total Cost	Amount Requested from Love Your Block	Details (purpose, timing, in-kind, etc.)
Total			

Submit your application via:

Email: lwells@littlerock.gov

Fax: 501-399-3461 Attn: Lisa Wells

In-person:

City Hall
Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs
500 West Markham, Ste. 120W
Little Rock, AR 72201
Attn: Lisa Wells

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