

Fostering Welcoming Connections in Capitol View

Mini Grant Program

1. Overview:

- These mini grants seek to support the "Welcoming Capitol View" initiative, a project designed to enhance community cohesion and create a more inclusive and welcoming environment within the Capitol View neighborhood.
- Our purpose statement, "Make Capitol View a more welcoming place," guides our efforts to address existing social barriers and promote neighborly interaction.
- Through targeted activities and community engagement, we aim to strengthen social bonds, increase resident participation, and cultivate a sense of belonging for all Capitol View residents.

2. Needs Statement:

- Capitol View, like many urban neighborhoods, faces challenges related to social isolation, limited opportunities for community engagement, and a lack of readily accessible public spaces for interaction.
- Specifically, we have observed:
 - o A decline in informal social interactions among residents, especially legacy residents.
 - Limited participation in existing community events.
 - o There is a need for more inclusive and accessible public spaces.
- These factors contribute to a sense of disconnect and hinder the development of a strong, supportive community.

3. Project Description:

• The "Welcoming Capitol View Mini Grant" initiative will support a multi-faceted approach to address the identified needs, including:

Community Social Events:

■ Organizing regular, inclusive social gatherings, such as block parties, potlucks, and cultural celebrations, to foster interaction and build relationships.

Public Space Enhancements:

 Creating or improving existing public spaces, such as community gardens or Perkerson Park, to provide accessible areas for residents to gather.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Programs:

■ Developing programs that encourage residents to connect with one another, such as meal train initiatives for ailing residents or neighbor-teaching neighbor events.

Communication and Outreach:

■ Utilizing various communication methods to promote events, share information, and encourage resident participation.

4. Budget:

Capitol View Neighborhood Association intends for mini grants to be \$500 to \$2,500.
There must be at least two unrelated people willing to sponsor and be responsible for each grant. Funds may be used for expenses such as event supplies, space improvements, outreach materials, and other project-related costs.



5. Reviewing Criteria

- How well does the proposed project address the purpose of creating a more welcoming community?
- How well does the proposed project demonstrate a need and an impact?
- How well does the proposed project demonstrate an outreach plan to legacy residents?
- Is it clear and feasible what the project proposed to do?
- Is it clear and feasible how much the project will cost?
- Is there community support and involvement?
- Is it clear who will take responsibility for leading and seeing to the completion of the activities the grant supports?

6. Supporting Documents

- Budget Spreadsheet
- Map of Capitol View Neighborhood

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