



## Healthy Neighborhoods 2020 COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants

Please submit this completed application via email to [healthyneighborhoodsla@gmail.com](mailto:healthyneighborhoodsla@gmail.com)

For help with the application, use the email above or call 207-415-4245.

### Background

Healthy Neighborhoods is a network of people who live in or love Downtown Lewiston. We are working to transform the Tree Streets neighborhood into a place that people choose to live, work, play, and invest in.

Our annual grant program aims to engage new and existing partners and to foster collaboration among volunteers, small and large organizations, institutions, and businesses. In past years these grants have sponsored neighborhood beautification projects including murals, flower boxes, and creative crosswalks; community events such as Trash Amnesty and the Kennedy Park Block Party; and creation of new public spaces such as the Pop-Up Garden on Bartlett Street and the Heart and Soil garden at Birch and Pierce Streets.

In light of the COVID-19 situation, we reached out to the community for feedback on how we could best support each other during this difficult time. Thank you for helping us revise this year's program to help as many neighbors as possible. Here are the details of the program:

### Goals

- Streamline the process to get funds into the community as quickly as possible.
- Spread the funds across multiple organizations and needs to touch as many households as possible.
- Use the funds for **new expenses and projects** necessitated by the COVID-19 crisis; this includes payroll and operating expenses.

### Process

- The maximum grant amount is \$2,500.
- All local community organizations with an established history of meaningful impact in the neighborhood may apply. Unaffiliated residents may partner with an organization to apply.
- **We are accepting applications immediately**; we will review and award funds in the order in which we receive the applications. Application review and notification could take as little as three days.
- Recipients of funds can re-apply for a second grant after 14 days; the maximum award per organization is \$5,000 (two \$2,500 grants).
- We will continue to accept applications and award grants until the pool of rapid response money runs out.

## Application

**Name of Primary Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is the person responsible for grant funds and reporting.

**Applicant's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best time and method to contact Primary Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Applicant's Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a resident not usually affiliated with an organization, you may partner with an organization to apply and list their name here.

**Organization's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of Co-Applicant(s) or Collaborators (*If applicable*)**

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**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum request amount: \$2,500\*\*

### **\*\* A Note on Eligible Expenses**

Funds must be used for projects or expenses that are directly related to the COVID-19 situation. If your organization cannot afford its usual operating expenses because of COVID-19, then you may request funds to cover those expenses. In this case, your goal might be "Stay open and staffed to continue to serve the community".

**1. Explain the proposed project or activities that will help the neighborhood during COVID-19.**

- a. What are the main goals of the project or activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What are the steps you will take to achieve these goals?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How do you know that this project is important for the neighborhood during the COVID-19 pandemic? (e.g. feedback from residents, increased demand for existing services, etc)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. How will you know that the project or activities have been successful? (What will success look like?)

**2. What is the timeline for your project?**

This funding is specifically designed for rapid response to the current crisis. All funds should be spent by November 30, 2020.

- a. Approximate start date:
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Approximate end date:
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Is there anything else we should know about your timeline?

### 3. What other resources would be helpful to you in accomplishing your goals?

Some examples include: help from organizations with relevant expertise; volunteer services from the Healthy Neighborhood network.

### 4. How will you spend the requested money?

Please explain how you will use the funds. Your costs should add up to the total funding request, which **cannot exceed \$2,500**.

Both direct costs (such as supplies, materials, and stipends for neighbors) and operating costs (such as payroll and rent) are eligible for this grant.

Item	Cost
Total Cost (\$2,500 or less)	

Primary Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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To expedite funding, please also send a completed W-9 form to the same email address.