

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCH FUND



What is the neighborhood match fund?

- Also called “NMF”
- Financial resource for resident leaders’ community-based projects
- Awards contracts up to \$10,000 two times a year
- Requires resident “match” equal to the award amount

NMF Purpose and Objectives:

- The purpose is to invest strategically in resident and neighborhood leadership, with an emphasis on communities with the greatest need.
- Our investments are meant to achieve the following objectives:
 - Lift up resident leadership in the development and implementation of the project
 - Promote social justice and inclusion
 - Benefit the public/community

Eligible NMF Applicants are:

- Project lead must be a Grand Rapids resident living in the project impact area
- Non-profits located in Grand Rapids
- Informal resident groups from Grand Rapids
- Individual Grand Rapids residents
- NOT businesses or companies...however....

Project Examples

- West Leonard Mural
- Black Book Exchange Box GR
- Neighborhood Wellness Garden
- Promoting Water Safety
- Adult & Youth Literacy Events
- Beautification/Community Clean Ups
- Cross Cultural/Language Exchange
- COVID-19 Resiliency Projects
- Youth Career Readiness
- Block Organizing & Celebration
- Summer Evening Sport Series
- Juneteenth Celebrations
- Sidewalk Snow Removal
- Intergenerational Sewing Circle
- Teen Writing/Yoga Series
- Walking Path and Walking Groups



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NMF PROCESS & LOGISTICS

STEP-BY-STEP

Submitting your Idea

- Project lead can submit at www.grandrapidsmi.gov/nmf
- They will be asked to :
 - Describe and explain project in writing or video format
 - Explain how project aligns with NMF purpose and objectives
 - List how you would use NMF funds
- If you know the Grand Rapids nonprofit that will serve as your fiduciary, make sure they are registered as a vendor with the City.

NMF Timeline

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COMPLETING & TRACKING YOUR PROJECT

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Tracking your Match

- Start tracking early!
- You must contribute at least the amount you are awarded
- Encourage local spending
- Types of Match donations / contributions:
 - **Cash:** match contributed in dollar form
 - **In-Kind:** non-cash contributions – food, discounts, service
 - **Volunteer:** One volunteer hour = \$27.20 of match

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