



City of Grand Rapids



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UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCH FUND?

Also called "NMF"

- Financial resource for resident leaders and community based projects
- Awards contracts up to \$10,000 two times a year
- Requires resident "match" equal to the NMF investment amount

OUR PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

RESIDENT LEADERSHIP

Lift up resident leadership in the development and implementation of the project

CONNECTIONS

Build stronger connections (relationships) between neighbors

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Promote social justice and inclusion

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Benefit the public / community as a whole

ELIGIBLE NMF APPLICANTS:

Project lead must be a Grand Rapids resident from the community impacted by the project



Non-profits located in
Grand Rapids



Informal resident groups
from Grand Rapids



Individual Grand
Rapids Residents

Businesses or companies are not eligible for NMF grants



Project Examples

- West Leonard Mural
- Juneteenth Celebrations
- Black Book Exchange Box GR
- Block Organizing
- Neighborhood Wellness Garden
- Summer Evening Sport Series
- Promoting Water Safety
- Adult & Youth Literacy Events
- Sidewalk Snow Removal
- Beautification/Community Clean Ups
- Intergenerational Sewing Circle
- COVID-19 Resiliency Projects
- Cultural Celebrations
- After School and Summer Youth Programs





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Process & Logistics

STEP - BY - STEP



Step 1:

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 a clear draft of 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

Submit Idea	Notified of Decision	Meet with NMF Staff	Project Start Date	Project End Date/Closing Report
June	Mid July	Early August	September	February 28
December	Mid January	Early February	March 1	August 31



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Completing & Tracking your Project

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

TRACKING YOUR SPENDING

Start Tracking Early!

- We will need to know:
 - How much of your award was spent
 - How much of the award was spent in GR city limits
- Leftover funds must be refunded to the City



IMPORTANT DATES:

*Only 1 award per applicant per year

SUBMIT PROJECT IDEA:

June 1 – June 30

DECISION NOTIFICATION:

Mid July

MEET WITH NMF STAFF:

Early August

FUNDS AVAILABLE* BY:

September 1

IMPLEMENT PROJECT:

September – February

CLOSING REPORT DUE

February 28 at 11:59 pm



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