

## Neighborhood Grant Program

### Project Ideas

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Grant Program (NGP) provides matching grants of up to \$10,000 to neighborhoods. Homeowners associations and other resident-based groups located in Sarasota County may apply. The following list is suggestive, not exhaustive, of projects that may fall within the spirit of the NGP.

1. Character: "place-making" through the creation or enhancement of assets that are a source of pride and neighborhood identity
  - Beautification (landscaping, art, clean-ups)
  - History (landmark restoration or other celebrations of the neighborhood's past)
  - Appreciation programs (Yard of the Month, Neighborhood Hero)
2. Leadership: training neighborhood leaders or teams, and developing skills, for neighborhood governance or action
  - Communication (directory, website, newsletter)
  - Workshops or conferences (tuition support, cost of instructional materials)
  - Teambuilding experiences and exercises
3. Safety: equipping the neighborhood with knowledge or tools to prevent, prepare for, confront or respond to incidences of crime, danger or disaster
  - Implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles
  - Educational programming on pedestrian and bicycle safety
  - Community Emergency Response Team training & other disaster-preparedness exercises or resources
4. Environment: protecting water & energy resources, and native plants & animals
  - Improving water quality in our watersheds (ditches, canals, retention ponds)
  - Removing invasive species (Brazilian Peppers, Air Potato, etc.)
  - Habitat enhancement for native animals
5. Health: increasing access to nutritious diets, physical or mental fitness opportunities, or health education
  - Community gardens, mobile farmers markets
  - Trails, stretching stations, playgrounds, equipment storage, meditation gardens
  - Presentations from health professionals

Please see the Neighborhood Grant Program *Overview and Application* for prohibited project expenses.