

North End Recreation & Leisure Fund

The North End Recreation & Leisure Fund’s purpose is to support informal groups of individuals and North End community residents investing in their neighborhoods by:

- Supporting initiatives that build social capital.
- Developing neighborhood capacity, stability, well-being and increasing Community Economic Development possibilities.

Scope of North End Recreation & Leisure Fund

The North End Recreation & Leisure Fund provides a \$500 grant for residents of the North End. This fund will grant a recipient funding by way of their nearest Residents Associations or organization of reputable status, who will take on the role of acting administrators for the money.

The North End Rec & Leisure Fund Eligibility

- Non-incorporated groups of individuals that are working to improve their respective neighborhoods.
- Informal groups or individuals not operating in on behalf of organizations or established groups, including those organizations with a designated charitable number.
*Partnerships with Residents Associations or reputable organizations (for administration purposes only) are mandatory and do not apply to this stipulation.
- Individuals seen as leaders in their respective neighborhoods and communities.





Eligible Expenses could look like:

- Program supplies, honorariums, transportation, facility rental fees etc.
- Though one off events are preferred, already existing and ongoing programs/activities will be judged on a case by case basis and approved if they fall within the boundaries of the grant.

What type of projects are eligible?

Projects that embody:

1. **Neighborhood Capacity Building:**
Supports projects that: promote neighborhood consultation, outreach, awareness and collaboration; enhance knowledge, skills and leadership; nurture individual and community pride; and support the sustainability of programs.
2. **Neighborhood Stability:**
Complements physical improvements in a neighborhood by supporting projects such as: renovations to neighborhood facilities; developing or reclaiming of parks and open space for community use; developing community gardens; improving local amenities; and contributing to neighborhood beautification.
3. **Neighborhood Economic Development:**
Assists neighborhood organizations to prepare Community Economic development (CED) strategies for their neighborhoods that foster balanced, equitable and sustainable economic development and develop projects that: provide local business opportunities; enhance employment and training opportunities for local residents; and promote local purchasing.
4. **Neighborhood Well-being:**
Funds activities that support neighborhood cohesion and well-being by: enhancing neighborhood safety and preventing crime; reducing at-risk behavior (e.g. recreation programs); contributing to better health practices; strengthening tenant-landlord relations; and improving neighborhood co-operation



North End Recreation & Leisure Fund application process

All applications will be filled out by appointment with NECRC's Recreation and Wellness Liaison. Prior to each meeting, be sure to come prepared with answers to the following:

- The neighborhood that will be in focus.
- Purpose of project and how it relates to recreation and leisure.
- 2 Letters of support – please include one letter from a reputable organization and one character reference.
- The specific individuals involved.
- Total budget for the request and how the funds will be spent.
- Project time frame.
- A letter of consent and acceptance of responsibility for fund administration from your residing Residents Association or administrating organization.
- Short and long term plans – is this an ongoing event or a single event? Desired effect on the community? How will we gauge this?

Reporting process of approved project

Projects and reporting must be completed by October 15th, 2022.

- A letter of consent and acceptance of responsibility for fund administration from your residing Residents Association of administrating organization.
- Submit a final report on outcomes i.e. people in attendance, hours of operation, letters of support etc.
- Submit copies of all receipts for grant expenditures.

*If help is needed, please contact Deana Paisley (Community Development Manager) for support.

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