

2018 LOVE YOUR BLOCK GRANT GUIDELINES

Applications are accepted from volunteer-led groups based primarily in low-income neighborhoods in all five boroughs of New York City. Groups may be long-standing, newly established or in the process of forming, and are not required to have non-profit or 501(c)(3) status. Groups without this status will need a fiscal conduit or a bank account if a grant is awarded.

Our grants are not for: individuals; for-profit projects; businesses; organizations with paid staff; religious, fraternal, and partisan organizations; groups with an annual budget of greater than \$40,000; projects affiliated with staffed organizations. We also do not fund the following: rent, utilities, web hosting, web development, 501(c)(3) incorporation fees, salaries, speaker honorariums, and computer equipment.

Submitting an application is easy: Describe a project to strengthen your community that can be carried out from April-June 2018, provide a budget of up to \$1,000, and indicate which City services your group is requesting.

We look for projects that: are clear and thoughtful; address important community concerns; contribute to building stronger communities through neighbors working together; and result in concrete and sustainable improvements.

Upon completion of a group's project, we will request a simple final report. Groups will also be required to submit receipts for expenses associated with the project.

Applications are accepted once a year, and must be submitted via the online form, e-mail, fax, or mail by November 6, 2017 by 11:59 PM.

We are happy to answer questions about the application. Contact Shawn Whitehorn at 212-822-9563 or swhitehorn@citizensnyc.org