



Community Improvement Grants **NOW available through Vibrant Batavia**

Vibrant Batavia is offering grants to build, enhance & sustain our neighborhood values of diversity, safety, education, aesthetics and sustainability. Residents or organizations in the City of Batavia may apply for grants up to \$400. There is NOT a deadline for your request, however the projects will be selected on a first come, first serve basis while funds are available.

The following are examples of the types of projects that will be considered for funding, however the possibilities are unlimited!

Civic Engagement

Neighborhood campaigns that encourage residents to get involved such as a block party, yard sales, musical porches, coffee talk series with community leadership etc.

Beautification Projects

Neighborhood clean-up, planting, front door make over, curb appeal contest for the block etc.

Community Partnerships

Some individuals have already taken initiative to improve our City, who do you want to help? Batavia Art Canvas, Peace Gardens, United Way etc.?

We give priority to projects that:

- Foster Collaboration among different individuals and organizations
- Reflect a unique innovative approach
- Offer benefits the whole neighborhood can enjoy
- Demonstrates community resident participation and engagement
- Involve and serve a diverse community

Eligible Requests

We support projects directly benefiting the City of Batavia by individuals, nonprofit community-based organizations, businesses and other agencies. Proposals must include a direct benefit to five or more homes, the neighborhood or whole community. Grant requests are limited to a maximum of \$400. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2015.

Application Procedures

Please submit a letter of interest containing all of the items specified below. You will receive confirmation once your written request is received. The Vibrant Batavia Committee will review all applications and make funding determination within 14 days.

Application must include:

- Contact information (name, phone, email and street address).
- Brief project narrative that includes project description, statement of why the project is important, goals and objectives, target population, project activities, key partners etc.
- Project Budget (expenses, income and other funding).
- Publicity and/ or education and outreach planned. Measures of success/ project results.
- Background (credentials for carrying out project, we will also conduct a Police Record Check).

This is a reimbursement grant program unless authorized otherwise. In order to substantiate all expenditures, grant recipients must retain invoices for materials purchased and provide proof of payment. Labor costs and alcohol are an ineligible expenses; therefore, will not be funded.

Submit written requests to:

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C/o City of Batavia
One Batavia City Centre
Batavia, NY 14020

Or email to: Leanna@VibrantBatavia.com