Enhancing Our Neighborhoods

The Eagle County Neighborhood Partnership Program
What is the Neighborhood Partnership Program?

Local grant program to support projects which enhance neighborhood livability and encourage a strong sense of community. Projects must align with at least one of the below focus areas:

- Safety
- Physical Activity and/or Healthy Eating
- Environmental Stewardship
- Neighborhood Beautification
What is the Neighborhood Partnership Program?

- Provides portal for community and neighborhood organizations to improve areas they live in
- Assists in developing, resourcing, and executing projects
- Focus on small to medium sized projects on public property/neighborhood common areas
- Align with Plan 4 Health Initiatives
NPP Project Criteria

- Demonstration of Need
- Alignment intent/focus areas
- Visibility
- Community Support
- Cost share match
- Maintenance
- Income Qualified / Equity
NPP Funding

- Annual appropriations and budgeting through BoCC
- Recommended 50% project cost share minimum
- Cost share maximums / additionality
- Program success a requirement for future funding
- Funding: $50,000 / year
NPP is About Community

County-wide involvement

• Review committee made up of representatives from:
  ○ Public Health
  ○ Planning
  ○ Sustainable Communities
  ○ Engineering
  ○ Facilities & Project Management
  ○ ECO Transit & Trails

• Committee meets a minimum of quarterly, unless additional discussion on applications is required
Rolling application review process

1. Application submitted via google form
2. Review committee reviews application within 2-3 weeks
3. Applicant notified of approval / denial
Rolling application review

- Committee members work with community representatives to complete applications

- Review criteria:
  - Funding Need (15%)
  - Project Alignment (10%)
  - Project Visibility (15%)
  - Community & Partner Support (20%)
  - Cost Share (10%)
  - Maintenance (10%)
  - Income Qualified (20%)
Community Engagement

- Marketing through Word of Mouth
  - Successful projects
  - Needs identified by successful past applicants
- Use of Public Health channels and contacts
- Press releases
- Website - https://www.eaglecounty.us/NPP/
- Outreach to underserved communities a challenge
NPP is About Community

Working with and engaging with existing groups is key to program and project success

- Neighborhood Navigators
- Family Leadership Training Institute
- Students
- Non-Profits
- Collaborating with Public Health and Human Services
- Homeowner Associations
- Recreation / Metro Districts
Project List

- Willits and El Jebel Playgrounds
- Lake Creek community gardens
- Eagle Valley Elementary gardens
- Eagle River Mobile Home Park playground
- Dotsero Mobile Home Park playground and pencing
- Dry Lake Motocross Track grading equipment
- Pond hockey / skating rink broom tractor
- Riverwalk bear-proof public recycling containers
- Bike repair station, Eagle Valley Middle School
- Recreation path bilingual signage
- Missouri Heights wildfire mitigation brush thinning
Telling the Story

- Celebrate projects through news and social media releases
- Utilize partners to encourage them to utilize the projects to share their story

Short videos:

- Lake Creek Community Garden
- Storm Drain Stenciling Project
Lessons Learned

- Difficulty w/ qualified applications
- Low-income / LatinX community engagement
- Grass roots vs. larger projects
- Project funding match minimums vs. maximums
- Barriers to entry vs. skin in the game
- Considerations for evolving/growing the program
- Focus areas --- serving vulnerable communities / addressing equity
- Choose one community per year vs. smaller grants across a breadth of projects / neighborhoods
- Proactive vs. reactive role of the program and review committee
Ask us a question...we may have an answer

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