



Neighborhoods NOW: Building Partnerships

2017 Program Overview & Invitation

HAND invites residents from neighborhoods throughout Hamilton County to participate in Neighborhoods NOW 2017. The goal is to foster collaboration and build capacity in communities where volunteers are motivated and engaged in efforts to improve your community.

As an incentive, HAND is committed to providing up to \$500 to volunteer groups looking to build a stronger neighborhood. Funding is available to support a total of three community-based projects. HAND is willing to pledge professional support in the following ways:

1. **Capacity Building** to help communities conduct project outreach and recruitment
2. **Project Support** to help communities plan and coordinate activities
3. **Seed Funding** to help communities implement projects
4. **Program Resources** to help communities begin to address housing needs

HAND invites all types of neighborhood- or community-based groups to consider applying, from formal neighborhood associations with elected boards to informal groups of neighbors interested in bettering their block. There are few limitations on what you can do in this partnership, and the application is intended to help you start the group decision-making process. To get started, you could consider projects such as neighborhood clean-ups, public safety campaigns, walkability improvements or historic preservation. Projects at all phases of development are welcome.

Following the announcement of Neighborhood NOW partners in April 2017, HAND will finalize a partnership agreement with your group.

Applications are due by noon March 31.

Questions: Call Andrea Davis at (317) 674-8108 or email andrea@handincorporated.org.



2017 Neighborhoods NOW Application

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alt Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Basic Eligibility:

1. Do you have geographically defined boundaries? ___Yes ___No
2. Can you identify ways you can involve neighbors in beautifying or improving your community?
___Yes ___No
3. Do you want to have a volunteer workday in your community? ___Yes ___No
HAND may be able to recruit volunteer groups to help with your project. Are you interested in exploring these partnerships? ___Yes ___No
In what month do you anticipate your workday might occur? _____
4. In 2016, approximately how many volunteers were engaged in neighborhood activities? _____
5. Share your group's mission statement (if applicable): _____

Applications are due by noon on Friday, March 31. For your application to be complete, please submit this cover sheet along with the following attachments:

- Exercise 1: List of Project Ideas
- Exercise 2: Leadership Commitment

Exercise 1: What's your project?

How do you plan to spend the funds HAND will contribute to your volunteer project? In a group, brainstorm potential projects.

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Which of these projects do you feel are the highest priority and most achievable in 2017?
(List up to 3 priority projects and identify an estimated cost for each activity)

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Exercise 2: Leadership Commitment

Planning and implementing a project requires human capital, so HAND asks for a commitment from at least five residents willing to volunteer their time to lead the effort. Please identify five individuals who live in the neighborhood and pledge their support for the 2017 project. This is a pledge between individuals and the neighborhood, not a commitment to serving HAND.

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