



Neighborhood Youth Engagement Grant Guidelines 2013

1. **Youth driven with strong adult support.** Youth (15 to 20 years old) are in charge of -- or play a very active role in designing, leading and implementing the proposed project.
3. **Neighborhood focus.** “Neighborhoods” are defined by clear boundaries and associations that are registered with the City. The applicant’s project builds on neighborhood strengths or addresses neighborhood concerns.
2. **Seeks Results.** The applicant has clear goals and a focused plan of action for reaching them (i.e.: *How many people do we want to involve and what is our plan to reach them? Who will do what by when?*)
4. **Demonstrates long-term thinking.** The project can be a one-time event or an ongoing program; either way, it should take into account the long-term health of the neighborhood.
5. **Creative.** The grant applicant’s project is creative, and demonstrates an original idea for addressing neighborhood issues.
6. **Inclusive.** The grant applicant’s project strengthens the social fabric of the neighborhood by bringing different kinds of people together.
7. **Opportunity.** The project provides leadership and skills-building for youth that prefer a non-traditional learning environment. Priority will be given to projects that involve youth with limited financial resources.

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1. Please list the names and ages of your project team. Briefly explain the interest each team member has in this project and in the neighborhood.

2. What do you want to accomplish and how will you do it (be as specific as possible)?

3. Why is this important to your neighborhood - and to your project team?

4. How is the project promoting long-term thinking?

5. How is the project creative? What makes your approach fresh and worth trying?

6. How is your project inclusive? What will you do to make all the residents in your neighborhood feel welcome to participate and/or help with your project or event?

8. How will you spend the \$1,000.00 and what other resources will you seek in the community?

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