

Neighborhood Beautification Program

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Neighborhood Beautification Program – Overview

The first round of grants were distributed in Fall 2022, with 34 organizations receiving funding totaling **\$481,500**. Organizations receiving grants include:

Berg-Lahser Community Association – D1
Cross Pollination Corridor Project – D1
Grandmont #1 Improvement Association – D1
Minock Park Block Association – D1
North Rosedale Park Civic Association – D1
North Rosedale Park Block Captains – D1
Schoolcraft Improvement Association – D1
Demographic Inspirations Detroit – D2
PR²OmiSE– D2
Crane Street Garden – D3
East Davison Village Community Group – D3
Marjorie Street Garden – D3
Mohican Regent Homeowners Association – D3
Mt. Olivet Neighborhood Watch – D3
Rescue MI Nature Now – D3
Camp Restore Detroit – D4
Canfield Consortium – D4

New Beginnings CDC – D4
Sanctuary Farms Block Club – D4
Arboretum Detroit – D5
Bailey Park NDC– D5
Field Temple – D5
NW Goldberg Cares – D5
Class Act Detroit – D6
United Block Club Council – D6
Woodbridge Neighborhood Development – D6
A Place of Refuge – D7
Calyxium Catalyst – D7
DeSoto Ellsworth Block Association – D7
Evergreen Block Club – D7
Esper Street Robert Aviation Community – D7
In Memory of Community Garden – D7
Nardin Park Improvement Rock – D7
Renaissance of Hope Inc. – D7

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The Neighborhood Beautification Program awards grants for organizations in the City of Detroit to **IMPROVE VACANT LAND** in their neighborhoods.

Grants range from **\$500-15,000** and can be used for:

**COMMUNITY GARDENS,
PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS,
and CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a **CITY-REGISTERED** block club or neighborhood association.
- Non-profit or faith-based orgs can apply **IN PARTNERSHIP** with a neighborhood association or block club.
- Must provide **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP** of the parcels to be improved in the name of the applicant 501c(3) or LLC.
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Note: deeds can **NOT** be in the name of individuals



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What **CAN** you do with the funding?

COMMUNITY GARDENS	PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS	CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raised beds for flowers, vegetables, or crops (< 1 acre)• Fruit trees (< 10 trees)• Ornamental gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landscaping (trees, flowers, shrubs, etc.)• Benches and tables• Art installations• Fencing or boulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brush clearing• Grading and seeding• Street/alley clean-ups• Graffiti removal• Litter removal
Project related administrative costs (<10%), insurance, contractor or design fees		

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What can you **NOT** do with the funding?

COMMUNITY GARDENS	PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS	CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheds, shipping containers or hoop houses• Rainwater catchment or irrigation systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavilion or gazebo construction• Water features• Food purchases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction or rehab activities• Street/alley activations

Programming, stipends/payroll, land acquisition costs, reimbursements

These items can still be a part of your project, but they CANNOT be paid for by this grant.



LOT LICENSING PROGRAM

You can apply to conduct clean-up activities on City-owned lots through the Detroit Land Bank Authority's **LOT LICENSING PROGRAM**.

Parcels must be listed on the DLBA website as **NEIGHBORHOOD LOTS** to be eligible for funding. Please only apply for lots within one mile of your block club or organization.

Funding for this program supports **CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES ONLY**.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

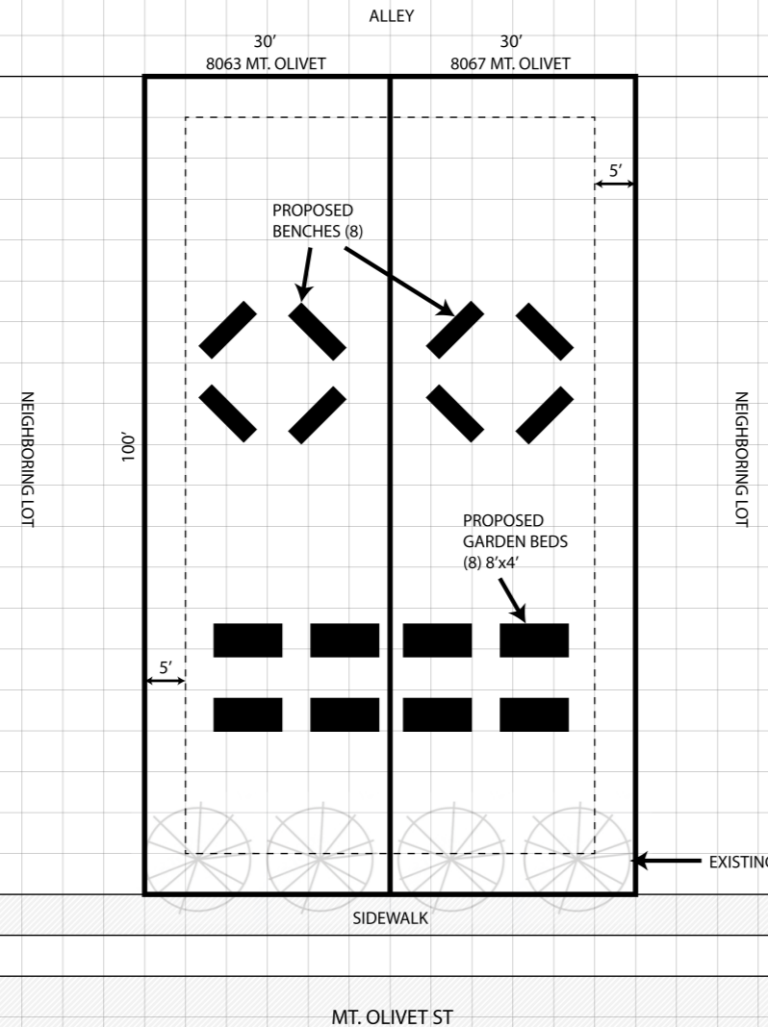
- Completed online application
- Demonstrated community support
- Budget totaling \$15,000 or less
- Plot plan
- Deeds for all lots
- Partnership letter (if applicable)
- 501c(3) documentation (if applicable)



A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

Below is a list of items/documents needed to successfully submit an application:

- Completed Online Application.
- Completed Budget (contained within online application).
- Deed(s) held by a legal entity (LLC or 501(c)3) with the same name as the applicant organization.
- Plot Plan (more on how to create a plot plan here: [Plot Plan, Site Design, and Maintenance Guide](#)).
- If applicable, Partnership Letter with Block Club or Neighborhood Association (please complete and upload a [Neighborhood Beautification Partnership Letter Template](#)).
- If the applicant organization is a 501(c)3 or using the fiduciary status of another organization, the following documentation is required:
 - 501(c)3 IRS tax exemption letter in applicant's name OR identification of a tax-exempt fiduciary organization.
 - Proof of an operating board.
 - Most recent fiscal year financial statements that show the organizational operating budget 2021-2022 Michigan Annual Nonprofit Report.
 - Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws (you may be able to find your articles of incorporation here: <https://cofs.lara.state.mi.us/SearchApi/Search/Search>).
 - Certificate of Good Standing from LARA: (<https://cofs.lara.state.mi.us/corpweb/HelpPages/OrderSystemInfo.aspx>).

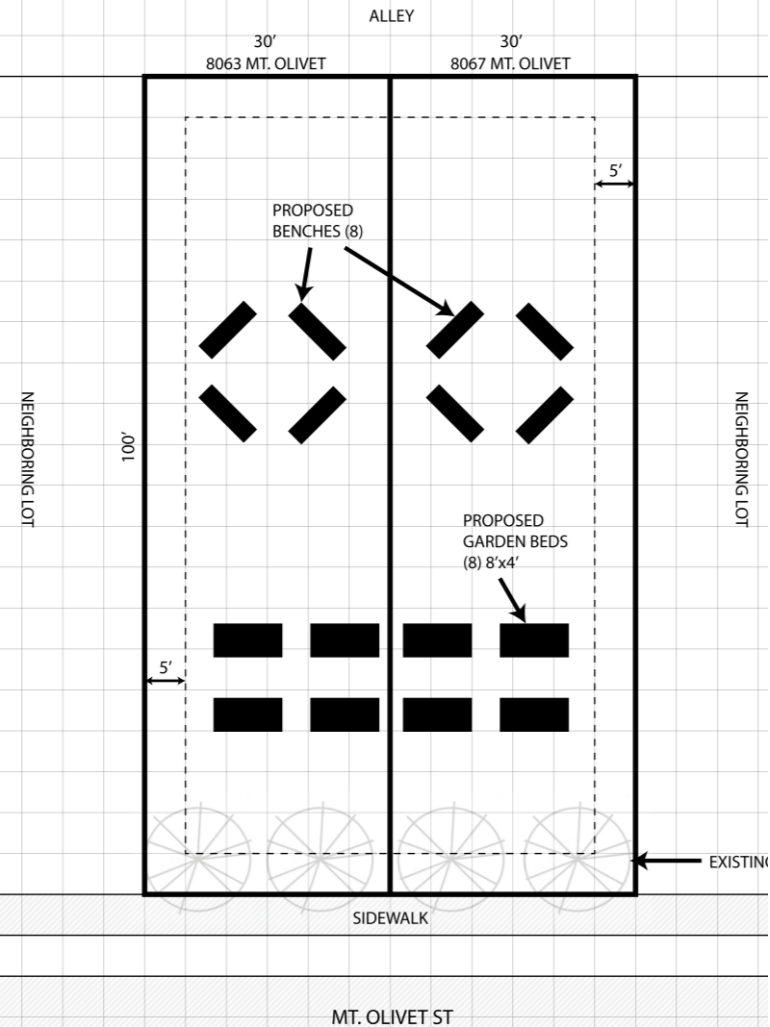


WHAT IS A PLOT PLAN?

[Plot plans](#) are measured drawings of your property that show the location of existing and proposed features of your project.

They are used by the Buildings, Safety, Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED) to permit your project.

Submitting a plot plan for permitting is required to receive funding. City Staff are available to assist you in creating your plot plan before the application deadline, so **DO NOT WAIT** to reach out!



WHAT IS A PLOT PLAN?

Plot plans should include the following:

- Property lines,
- The length and width of your parcels,
- Locations of sidewalks, streets, and alleys,
- Existing features,
- Proposed features,
- Features to be removed,
- Five-foot setbacks between your property lines and any garden features,
- Labels.

Neighborhood Beautification Program – Timeline

JAN. 25 INFORMATION SESSION

FEB. 1 PLOT PLAN + PERMITTING SESSION

FEB. 8 APPLICATION RE-OPENS

FEB. 22 Q+A SESSION

MAR. 10 APPLICATION CLOSES
Last day to submit documents

Neighborhood Beautification Program – Application

To apply to the **NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM** or to read the full grant guidelines, please visit:

<https://www.waynometro.org/neighborhood-beautification-grant/>

To apply to the **LOT LICENSING PROGRAM** or search for eligible Neighborhood Lots, please visit:

https://buildingdetroit.org/purchase_property

RESOURCES

Don't know your lot's zoning? Need help with your plot plan? Have questions about eligibility?

Samuel Coons

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(313) 407-8950

Karmel Reeves

Karmel.Reeves@detroitmi.gov
(313) 918-7746

Tamra Hardy

fountainet@detroitmi.gov

Need technical support? Don't have access to the internet?

Wayne Metro

NBG@waynemetrol.org
(313) 388-9788

**Neighborhood Beautification
Program Office Hours**

WEDNESDAYS
9AM-11AM

FRIDAYS
11AM-1PM

**Land-Based Projects
Office Hours**

**EVERY OTHER
THURSDAY**
12PM-1PM