Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Workshop

Landscaping and Environmental Impact Projects

Tempe
ARIZONA

Neighborhood Grant Program

Goal: Provides residents with an opportunity to come together to improve their neighborhood

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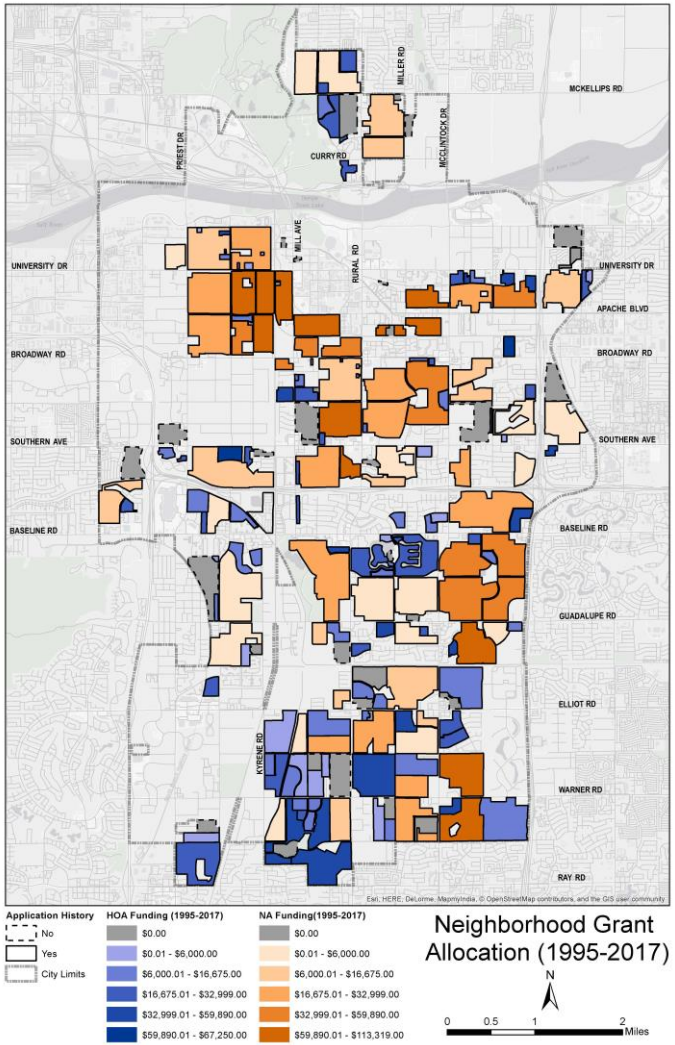
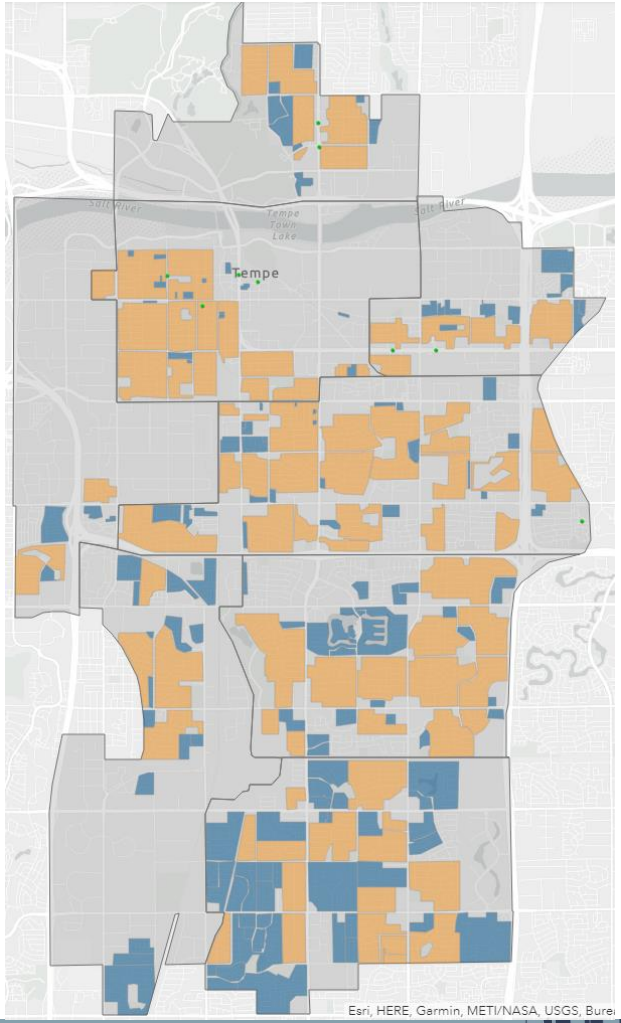
Funding

- Since 1994, 660 projects completed and over $4.8 million invested
- NEW this cycle, $350,000 anticipated to be available with possible additional funds for water conservation projects
- NEW this cycle, Maximum grant amount is $20,000
- A match of at least 25% <u>of the requested funds</u> is required for HOAs and certified Crime Free Multi-Housing communities



Who can apply?

- Currently 82 neighborhood and 139 homeowners' associations have registered with the City – must be registered to apply



What can you apply for?

- A capital project that benefits the entire neighborhood and is a one-time expenditure completed by June 30, 2022.

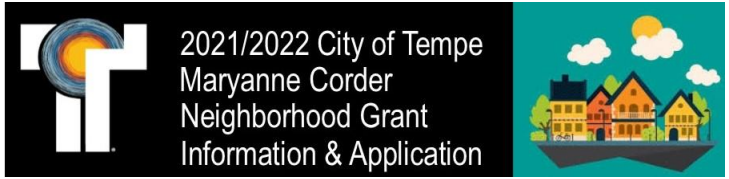
What can't you apply for?

- Requests may not be for maintenance projects such as entry gates, roofing repair, common ground and pool maintenance, painting, road repair (for private streets) etc.
- Project maintenance or operation costs or items identified as a code violation

Who do I involve?

- Community involvement must happen early on and throughout the project process.
- All residents of the community:
  - ✓ must be notified of the opportunity to apply for a grant
  - ✓ provided a chance to propose and comment on project ideas
  - ✓ be included in the final selection of the project

What do I submit?



- Application Form
- All project types:
  - ✓ required # of bids for your grant ask amount
  - ✓ “before” pictures, aerials from Google
  - ✓ plans
  - ✓ proof of community involvement and neighborhood approvals
- Specific mandatory requirements for your project type

What is evaluated?

Quality

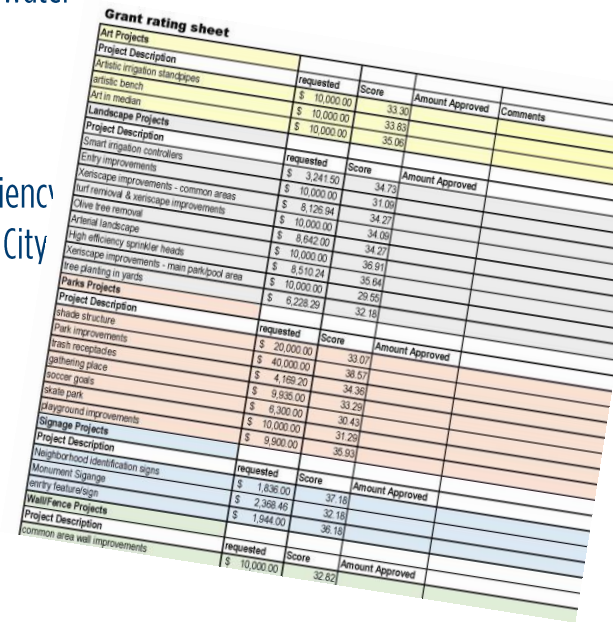
- clear and detailed
- engages the neighborhood
- completeness of application
- budget is specific and accurate

Ability

- ability to complete the project during the fiscal year
- addresses how project will be maintained in the future

Impact

- provides an environmental benefit (i.e. water and/or energy conservation, shade)
- enhances the aesthetics
- improves health and safety
- addresses a known neighborhood deficienc
- complements other projects (private or City



Grant rating sheet

Art Projects				
Project Description	**requested**	**Score**	**Amount Approved**	**Comments**
Artistic irrigation standpipes	$ 10,000.00	33.30		
artistic bench	$ 10,000.00	33.63		
Art in median	$ 10,000.00	35.06		
Landscape Projects				
Project Description	**requested**	**Score**	**Amount Approved**	
Smart irrigation controllers	$ 3,241.50	34.73		
Entry improvements	$ 10,000.00	31.09		
Xeriscape improvements - common areas	$ 8,126.94	34.27		
turf removal & xeriscape improvements	$ 10,000.00	34.09		
Olive tree removal	$ 8,642.00	34.27		
Arterial landscape	$ 10,000.00	36.91		
High efficiency sprinkler heads	$ 8,510.24	35.64		
Xeriscape improvements - main park/pool area	$ 10,000.00	29.55		
tree planting in yards	$ 6,228.29	32.18		
Parks Projects				
Project Description	**requested**	**Score**	**Amount Approved**	
shade structure	$ 20,000.00	33.07		
Park improvements	$ 40,000.00	38.57		
trash receptacles	$ 4,169.20	34.36		
gathering place	$ 9,835.00	33.29		
soccer goals	$ 6,300.00	30.43		
skate park	$ 10,000.00	31.29		
playground improvements	$ 9,900.00	35.93		
Signage Projects				
Project Description	**requested**	**Score**	**Amount Approved**	
Neighborhood identification signs	$ 1,836.00	37.18		
Monument Sigange	$ 2,368.46	32.18		
entry feature/sign	$ 1,944.00	36.18		
Wall/Fence Projects				
Project Description	**requested**	**Score**	**Amount Approved**	
common area wall improvements	$ 10,000.00	32.82		

Coordinate efforts with other associations

- Submit a joint application that combines resources for mutually beneficial community projects
- Any combination of neighborhood and homeowners' associations can partner together on improvements that benefit all members of the community

Street trees projects

University Estates neighborhood

Street trees projects

Brentwood Cavalier neighborhood

Escalante neighborhood

Street trees projects

College Ave: Brentwood Cavalier neighborhood

George Ditch: University Park neighborhood

Park trees projects

Meyer Park

Hallman Park

Park trees projects

Daley Park

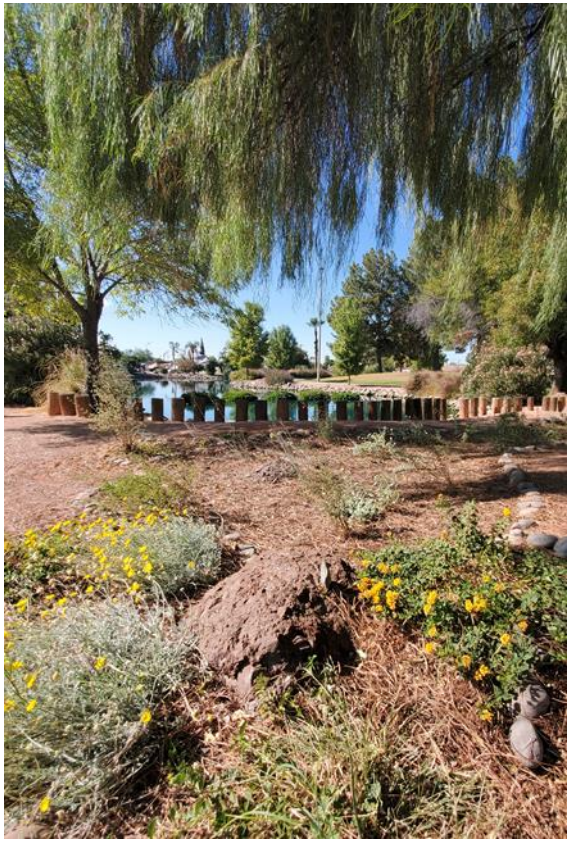
Optimist Park

other ideas…

shade

Selleh Park

Floating island habitats



Butterfly garden

other ideas...

Escalante Community Garden: Cistern

solar lighting

other ideas…

bike racks

Community Gardens

rented garden beds

community garden space

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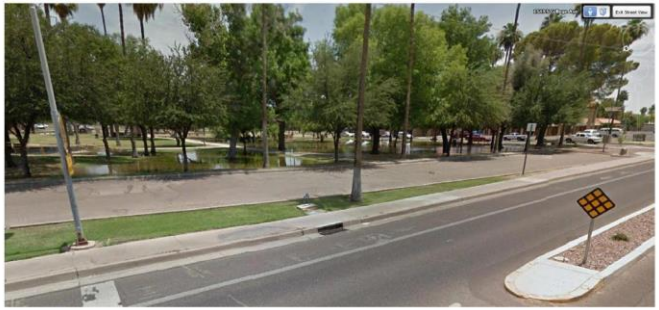
Escalante Community Garden

Repurposed parking lot at Daley Park



parking lot transformation

Bocce Court

other ideas...

Repurposed concrete pad - skate park

Contemplative maze

Watershed Management

Before

After

Water conservation

High efficiency irrigation

xeriscaping

Non-grant projects

rainwater in basin; as demonstration, also installed cistern

Lemon and Dorsey LID

Other types of possible projects…

Neighborhood ID signs

park improvements

art

traffic calming

Grant Process: BEFORE Submitting your grant application

Attend grant workshop (today ☺)

Now – Feb./March
Meet with neighbors, brainstorm project

Now- Feb.
Contact Neighborhood Services (and other applicable staff) to discuss project

2nd meeting with neighbors: discuss progress, make any necessary decisions, decide how to divvy up work

Grant Process: BEFORE Submitting your grant application

Now – Feb./March
Get bids from contractor

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Now- Feb.-April
Prepare grant application

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No later than April 20, 2021
Submit your draft grant application to Neighborhood Services for review of completeness

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APRIL 27, 2020 – SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION to Neighborhood Services

Grant Process: AFTER submitting your grant application

May/June
Staff committee meets to review applications and make recommendations

July
City Council considers recommendations and votes on grant awards

August
You receive written notification of approval or denial of application,

August/September
You are notified of next steps including if any permits are required.

August/June 2022
Once any necessary permits are secured, city staff will contact you to notify contractor to proceed with work.

What is the timeline?

Connect with neighbors to choose a project	Now
Contact Neighborhood Services & Traffic Engineering	Now
Data collection / studies	Now – late Feb.
Grant applicants seek approvals from neighbors	Feb. - March 2021
Applicant seeks bids	March – April 20221
GRANT DEADLINE	**APRIL 27, 2021 by 5 PM**
Neighborhood Grant panel review	May/June 2021
City Council review and approval	Late Summer 2021
Projects must be completed	**JUNE 30, 2022**

Other upcoming workshops

Arts projects	Thursday, Dec. 17 at noon
Parks projects	Monday, Dec. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Visit **tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants** for links to upcoming workshops and recordings of previously held workshops

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Questions?

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