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**Akron City Council Announces
2024-2025 Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program
Releasing \$150,000 into Akron Neighborhoods**

Akron, Ohio, October 8, 2024 – To foster community partnerships, and inspire the development of innovative community-based initiatives that improve Akron neighborhoods and enhance the overall health and well-being of its residents, Akron City Council has announced the issuance of the 2024-2025 Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program (NPGP) aims to cultivate and strengthen relationships between neighborhood residents through participation in projects and activities and increase neighborhood resident engagement in resolving the problems that impact them. “Now more than ever, we need to intentionally and collaboratively engage in the development and implementation of practical solutions to the problems we face,” said Council President Margo Sommerville.

Neighborhood improvement projects and neighborhood education initiatives including, but not limited to vacant lot clean-ups, community gardens, youth literacy/art programs, and block safety programs are eligible for funding. In a demonstration of Akron City Council’s continued commitment to support the city’s neighborhoods, the budget for this investment was increased by \$50,000 to a total of \$150,000 annually. Each Ward in Akron has been allotted \$15,000 to award individual grant awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$15,000 for eligible projects.

NPGP grants are awarded through a competitive process based on the application’s merit, the applicant’s eligibility, and the availability of funds. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Grant Application can be found at <https://bit.ly/2024-2025NPGP>. Applications must be submitted through the Submittable online platform starting October 15th. **Paper applications**

will not be available. Council staff will be available to assist applicants with utilizing the online portal and can be contacted at 330-375-2256.

Eligible applicants include non-profits, Block Clubs/Associations, faith-based organizations, Community Development Corporations (CDC), and Neighborhood-Based Organizations.

Program Timeline:

October 8, 2024 - Notice of Funding Opportunity Issued @ <https://bit.ly/2024-2025NPGP>

October 15, 2024 - Application Submission Period Opens

October 17, 2024 - Pre-Submission Information Session @ 10:00 a.m.,
Akron- Summit Public Library, 60 S High St, Akron, OH 44326

November 8, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. - Application Deadline

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