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## Neighborhood Small Grants Program 2006-07

### What it is?

New program provides \$200,000 in small grants to neighborhood and community-based organizations. Grants being distributed through seven neighborhood district coalitions. [Applications](#) are being accepted through November 1, 2006. Deadline extended to December 1st for SE Uplift, NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, and SW Neighborhoods, Inc.

### Goals of the grants program

The program's goal is to support neighborhood and community-based organizations through projects that build their organizational capacity, attract new and diverse membership, and sustain those already involved in their organizations.

Projects are encouraged to:

- Establish partnerships amongst neighborhood associations and other under-represented community-based organizations;
- Provide opportunities for under-represented communities to become engaged in the neighborhood system; and
- Result in re-invigorating community participation and implementation activities associated with VisionPDX (the effort in which residents are invited to help envision Portland 20 years from now.)

### [Criteria for Selection and Requirements](#)

A minimum set of criteria for selection and other eligibility requirements have been jointly established for grant making procedures for each of the seven district coalitions. Each district coalition may chose to add additional rules which would be listed on their coalition's [Application Form](#).

[Click here](#) for the minimum city-wide eligibility criteria, preferred use of funds, and what funds cannot be use for.

### [Free grant writing workshops offered in September](#)

In order to ensure neighborhood and community-based organizations of all sizes and capacities have an opportunity to apply for this grant, interested parties may attend one of three free grant workshops. These sessions will help answer questions about the [application](#), the committee review process, use of funds and provide technical assistance for actual grant writing. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Deadline for Proposals

Proposals will be due no later than **4:00 PM, Wednesday, November 1, 2006**. *For Southeast Uplift, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. the deadline has been extended to December 1st.* [Applications](#) need to be turned in to the [district coalition office](#) you are submitting an application too. NOT the Office of Neighborhood Involvement! Applications received after the deadline will not

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be accepted.

### **Each district coalition is responsible for their own grant making procedures**

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- Grants are being administered through the seven neighborhood district coalitions funded by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.
- Applicants will need to choose a neighborhood district coalition to submit proposals to depending on whether the project benefits the residents residing within that coalition's geographical area.
- Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis amongst proposals submitted within each specific district coalition, not on a citywide basis.
- Each district coalition will determine the minimum and maximum dollar range for which grant awards will be made for their geographic area.
- Each district coalition will determine dates for awarding funds and dates for final completion of projects in 2007.
- Each district coalition will recruit their own grant-making committee made up of district coalition and/or neighborhood association, business community and under-represented community non-profit leaders.

### **Why create a neighborhood small grants program?**

The grants program responds to years of input from neighborhood and community leaders for increased direct resources to neighborhood associations and other community-based groups working on local neighborhood projects. City Council approved the funding as part of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's fiscal year 2006-07 budget. This is a one year pilot project with the goal of becoming an ongoing grant program.

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