



2015 Neighborhood Partnership Grants Application Questions

In addition to providing general contact information of the neighborhood group and fiscal agent, grant focus area, project name, dollars requested, and a detailed budget and narrative, applicants must answer the following questions on the online proposal form. Please note word limits as you prepare your draft.

- How long has your group been in existence? (100 words)
The Merion Village Association was founded in 1985 by a group of active and concerned residents of Merion Village. As the Association approaches its 30 year anniversary, the group continues to grow with the dedication of a diverse group of concerned and active residents of our Historic Neighborhood. The Association meets monthly and also holds bi-monthly Safety Committee Meetings where we engage residents in activities that can assist in improving the lives of those within the neighborhood while encouraging friendships and goodwill among members and neighbors.

For the following two questions, applicants must indicate the project name, the date of the award, the funding amount (when applicable), and any results you'd like to share with the review committee.

- Please list any neighborhood partnership grants your organization has received in the past, and briefly describe the project they supported. (75 words)
The MVA received several NPG awards in the past and a full list is below. Most recently, we received a grant to strengthen business-resident relationships with a buy local key card program.
2008 \$2,150 Historical Marker Southwood
2008 \$4,200 Community Outreach & Empowerment
2009 \$5,000 Community Outreach
2010 \$5,000 Community Outreach
2011 \$2,500 Safety Outreach and Data
2011 \$7,500 Gateway Signage and Art
2012 \$1,800 Outreach Workshops
2014 \$1,997 Buy Local Key Card Program
- Please list any other grants received in the past five (5) years. (75 words)
None
- What is the name of the neighborhood the project will serve?
Merion Village and Southside, Columbus, OH
- Describe the project's street boundaries (ex. Livingston to Main and Hamilton to Alum Creek Dr). Please describe the conditions or characteristics of the neighborhood: (100 words)
Merion Village is a diverse and blended neighborhood, combining historical structures with modern architecture and vehicle accessibility with walkable attractions.
 - NORTH from the Scioto River EAST on Greenlawn Avenue to South High Street, then EAST on Thurman Avenue, to SOUTH on South Pearl Street, to EAST on Nursery Lane, to NORTH on North on Blackberry Alley, to EAST on Whittier Street, to Parsons Avenue;
 - SOUTH from the Scioto River, along Frank Road, to NORTH on South High Street, to EAST along the alley south of Morrill Avenue, to Parsons Avenue;
 - EAST- Parsons Avenue;
 - WEST - the Scioto River.

- Describe how the project is resident driven. Who will be involved in project planning and implementation? (150 words)

Merion Village residents frequently discuss local crime and safety issues and look to the Merion Village Association for guidance and solutions to their concerns. The Merion Village Board Members and Safety Committee Chair will lead a group of passionate neighbors to schedule, promote and facilitate classes and educational sessions for our residents. The sessions will target areas of concern as determined by feedback from the residents of the neighborhood as well as local crime statistics and input from the private patrol and police forces.

- Describe your project. Be careful to explain WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and HOW. Include a description of your target audience (i.e. age, gender, economic level, etc.), and describe in detail how residents are engaged in the project. (500 words)

The Merion Village Safety Education Program is a direct response to the input and concerns of our residents. Our neighborhood is comprised of a diverse group of renters and homeowners with varied lives and backgrounds. The popularity of social media, websites, and mobile applications have raised awareness of local crime and safety concerns amongst our residents. The Merion Village Association feels strongly about responding to these concerns with educational programs and additional efforts to strengthen our neighborhood and community.

We feel that our slogan "Don't be Scared, be Prepared" embodies the intention and goal of the project. We want to encourage our residents to seek out and embrace education and self-improvement practices which foster confident and conscientious approaches to home and neighborhood safety and security. The strength of our community will continue to grow as we raise awareness and provide our residents with the tools to create block watch programs, feel confident in self-defense abilities and take measures to secure their home, vehicles and personal information. Each class will be promoted and advertised to all residents of Merion Village and will be followed by surveys requesting feedback. Attendees will receive take-home packages themed to the classes they attend which will further their education and promote sharing what they have learned with their families and neighbors. Classes will be held within the neighborhood at various locations and will be open to all residents. We anticipate between 60-100 attendees per class and will accommodate more when there is additional interest.

- List the collaborators or partners involved in the proposed project. Please indicate their specific contributions (monetary, in-kind, etc.), and whether they represent support from within the community or from outside the community. (150 words)

The proposed project will include statistical and professional opinion input from the Merion Village liaisons with the Columbus Police Department and the Community Crime Patrol. The Association will also seek professional services from local safety and security educators at a reduced cost representing a portion of the estimated in-kind donations. The Association will focus on utilizing community and local resources to educate residents and promote community awareness and safety. This project will also seek products, services and material donations from local businesses and organizations in order to facilitate the classes and provide attendees with take-away items to further the education process.

- What improvements will this project/program achieve in the neighborhood? How will you measure the success of the project? (250 words)

The goal and intention of this program is to improve overall education and implementation of security measures to improve the safety of our neighborhood, homes and schools. A safe neighborhood with active community participation is essential to building strong foundations for education, business and homes. The Association intends for this program to launch in 2015 and continue indefinitely, providing residents with a method to address their safety and security ideas and concerns. Overall success of the program will be determined by resident surveys, follow-up discussions with the Columbus Police Department and Community Crime Patrol and monitoring of local crime and safety statistics.

- Timeline – List the key activities and/or events as they relate to the planning and execution of the project. Provide dates whenever possible. (250 words)

The program will provide a class or educational session to residents every other month, in rotation with the Merion Village Association Safety Committee Meetings. The program and classes will kick-off in August 2015, in conjunction with our annual neighborhood festival. Prior to the launch, the Merion Village Association Board and Safety Committee Chair will develop the team of residents who will help to coordinate the classes based upon neighborhood input. The Association will include a booth at the 2015 festival introducing the neighborhood to the program and seeking additional input and feedback. Following the initial launch, each class or education session will target groups of residents as well as specific areas of concern. The scheduled events will be promoted and will include take-away items relevant to the classes which will further the overall education and safety implementation process.

In addition to the above questions, a complete proposal includes:

- 1 letter of support from a collaborator/partner involved in the project.
- A complete budget and narrative form.
- IRS Letter of Designation to confirm 501(c)(3) status.
- If an organization is using a fiscal sponsor, a signed authorization letter from senior leadership (e.g. CEO/President, Executive Director, CFO, COO or Board Leadership) of the sponsoring organization, along with that organization's IRS Letter of Designation is required with the application.



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Fiscal Agent:	The Merion Village Association
Neighborhood Org:	The Merion Village Association
Project Name:	The Merion Village Safety Education Program
Dollars granted:	\$3,300

Project Budget

Complete the project budget detailing the use of NPG funds and matching or in-kind contributions.

Item	NPG Funds	Match / In-Kind	Total
Stipend	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Rental	\$0	\$600	\$600
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0
Copying/Printing	\$450	\$0	\$450
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$450	\$250	\$700
Materials	\$600	\$300	\$900
Fiscal Agent Fees (<i>not to exceed 5%</i>)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Class/Program Instructors and Facilitators)	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$3,600
Total	\$3,300	\$2,950	\$6,250

Budget Narrative

Referencing each line item in the project budget, provide a descriptive narrative which clearly states how Neighborhood Partnership Grants (NPG) funds will be used, how costs were determined, and any other information you'd like to share.

Item	NPG Funding Description	Match Description	Total
<i>Example: Copying/Printing</i>	<i>ABC Printing will provided 200 home-repair education pamphlets @ \$3/each. NPG Request: \$600</i>	<i>ABC Printing provided color copies for valued at \$100 / Match: \$100</i>	<i>\$700</i>
Facility Rental	N/A	Facilities are to be donated by local business or churches for meetings.	\$600
Copying/Printing	A mix of color (\$0.06 each) and black/white (\$0.03 each) copies will be needed for meeting attendees and for promotion of the meetings. These prices are based on costs from copiesohio.com	Children's Hospital has worked with us in the past to print posters and promotional materials. We anticipate this cooperation on this program as well.	\$450
Supplies	Supplies needed will include basic items such as folders, pens, and paper, etc. Also needed are mat rentals (pending final location selection) for self-defense classes.	We will seek some donations and reduced costs items from local vendors. Many of these will be re-used for several classes.	\$700
Materials	Materials would include example safety items and instructional aides. Examples include various lock types, motion sensors, cameras, and alike. Take home items for attendees would include black light pens, safety whistles, etc.	We have coordinated with Lowes, Ace and Homedepot in the past and anticipate continuing these relationships with discounted materials and donated materials. We also plan to work with the CPD for additional discounts.	\$900
Other (Class/Program Instructors and Facilitators)	Speaker, presenter and instructor fees will average \$600 for each course. The association intends to host 4-6 courses annually.	Half of the course speaker fees are expected to be donated by CPD, CFD, local businesses and organizations as well as knowledgeable residents.	\$3,600
Other			
Total			
Anticipated volunteer hours: 300 (Planning, Coordinating, Facilitating, Advertising, Follow-Up)			