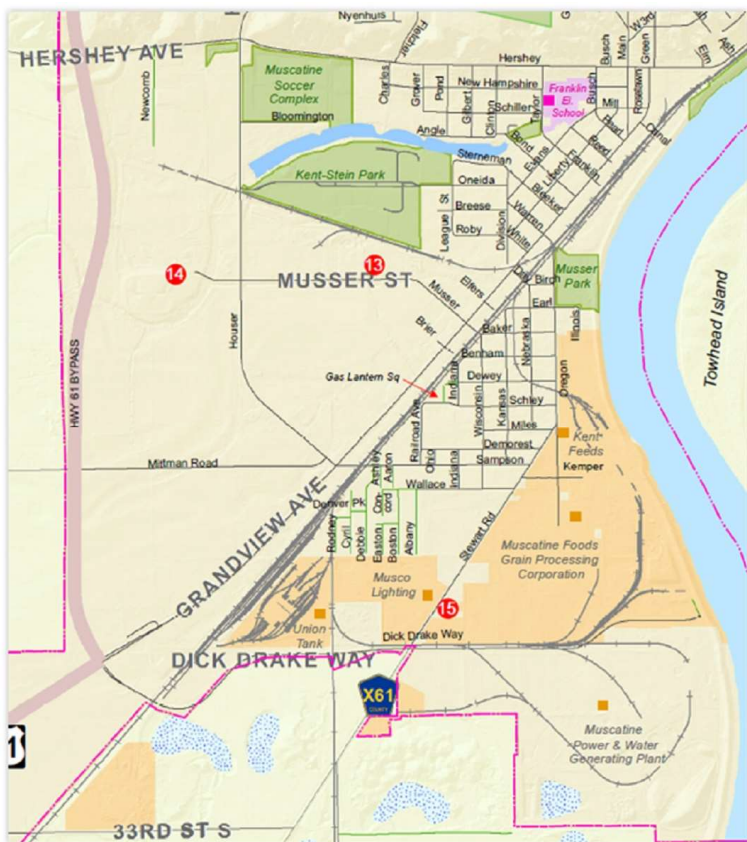
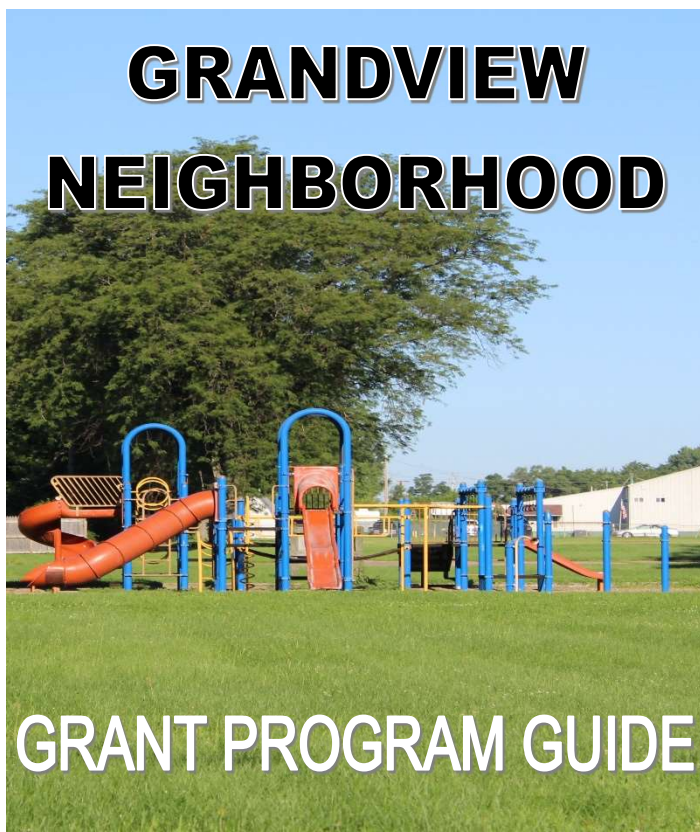


# GRANDVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD

## GRANT PROGRAM GUIDE



### The Neighborhood Grant Program at a Glance

#### • Tier I Mini-Grants

Phase I grants provide funding up to \$1,000 for small scale projects and community events. Phase I grants do not require a match. **The Tier I grant cycle opens on September 1, 2022 and closes on October 31, 2022.** Grants are awarded on a first come-first served basis. Projects should be completed within 90 days of award.

#### • Tier II Property Improvement Grants

Phase II grants provide funding up to \$10,000 for improvements to 4 or more homes (one of which can be a landlord/tenant property). A minimum of a 50% match is required. Improvements must be on the property's exterior and be visible from the street. **The Tier II grant cycle opens on February 1, 2023 and closes on April 30, 2023.** Grants will be awarded based on defined scoring criteria.

### What are Neighborhood Grants?

Neighborhoods are where our residents come together to live and interact with one another. It is where we build community identity, pride, and connection.

The City of Muscatine is dedicated to promoting positive neighborhood activities and relationships. These grants are intended to build a sense of community in our Grandview Neighborhoods by providing financial resources to bring neighbors together for a common purpose.

#### Types of Projects Funded for Tier I Mini-Grants include:

- Neighborhood cleanups
- Community gardens
- Community spaces (benches, gardens, etc.)
- Neighborhood events (e.g. picnics, outdoor movie night, ice cream social)
- Neighborhood tool library or food pantry
- Other innovative ideas!

Projects not eligible for Tier I grants: fund-raising and profit-motivated events, political or religious events.

Eligible applicants for Tier I grants include: service organizations, formal and informal neighborhood groups, nonprofit groups, and for profit entities.

#### Types of Projects Funded for Tier II Property Improvement Grants include:

- Facades (paint, porches, etc.)
- Roofs
- Landscaping
- Windows
- Front Entry Doors
- Sidewalks
- Steps
- Retaining walls

Projects not eligible for Tier II grants: interior home improvements or improvements to outbuildings.

# NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FAQs

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any resident (or group of residents) within the Grandview Corridor may apply for Tier I grants.

Tier II grants require four or more property owners within the same general vicinity to participate (see map). Properties more closely located with each other will receive preference. If you are a tenant in a landlord owned property, you will need the property owner's permission to apply for a Tier II Property Improvement Grant.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY PROJECT TO APPLY?

- Contact info for project/activity leads
- General neighborhood info ( street location, # homes, etc.)
- Project/Activity name and description
- Time and location of project/activity
- Cost estimate
- What specifically the grant funds will be used for
- Neighbor/neighborhood contribution
- Number of neighbors who will be helping plan or work on the project/activity
- Estimated # people attending or impacted by project/activity
- Plan for promoting your project/activity
- Any support requests you may have for the City

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications for Grandview Neighborhood Grants can be found online at <https://muscatineiowa.gov/1601/Grandview-Neighborhood-Grant-Program> once the application opens for each Tier.

If you are eligible to apply for a Neighborhood Grant, you will need to be aware of a few key dates and do a little bit of planning to assist with completing the application.

	Tier I	Tier II
Application Opens	September 1, 2022	February 1, 2023
Application Closes	October 31, 2022	April 30, 2023
Notice of Award Letters Sent	No later than 30 days after application is submitted	Late May, 2023
Project Completion Timeline	Within 90 days of grant award	Within 120 days of grant award

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

After you apply, the grant review committee analyzes proposals and makes funding decisions. You will receive notification of award/no award by email and will meet with the committee to review and finalize your proposal.

The review committee considers the following factors when evaluating grant proposals: ability to complete the project within the required timeframe, level of community benefit, eligibility of applicant, and projects that can serve as a catalyst for other community projects.

## WHAT AMOUNT OF FUNDS CAN I EXPECT TO BE AWARDED?

Grant amounts for Tier I Mini-Grants may be awarded up to \$1,000, but no grant amount is too small. If you have an idea, apply!

Grant amounts for Tier II Property Improvement Grants may be awarded up to \$10,000. A minimum of a 50% match is required depending on the project. (For example, if you are awarded \$10,000, a minimum of \$5,000 is required for a match. An In-kind match (hours of labor of residents, etc.) is acceptable.

## HOW DO I RECEIVE THE GRANT FUNDS?

The City will reimburse you for any eligible expenses if documentation is provided. The City will consider requests to pay vendors directly.

## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRANT PROGRAM?

The City will be conducting neighborhood meetings to provide more information on the grant program:

- August 10 at 6:00 pm – Musser Public Library, Community Room
- August 13 at 8 am to 12 pm – Muscatine Area Farmers Market
- August 16 at 5 pm to 7 pm – Muscatine Southend Farmers Market
- August 17 at 6:00 pm – Musserville United Methodist Church

You can also access additional information at <https://muscatineiowa.gov/1601/Grandview-Neighborhood-Grant-Program>

