

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1998

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, Adopting a Neighborhood Grant Program, including criteria for approval, review committee composition and reporting requirements.**

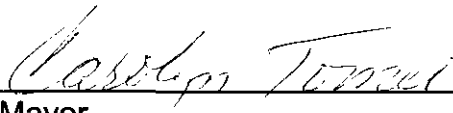
**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukie City Council recognizes the importance of neighborhood-based activities that improve neighborhoods by developing neighborhood leadership, supporting activities and improvements of public benefit to the neighborhood, expanding citizen involvement in neighborhoods, fostering neighborhood pride; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukie City Council supports the continued development of its neighborhood associations and their efforts to enhance, improve or preserve the quality of life for the residents of Milwaukie; and


**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukie City Council supports collaborative partnerships between its officially recognized neighborhoods and other community organizations in the spirit of improving the City of Milwaukie, through the granting of project-specific matching funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, to adopt the attached Neighborhood Grant Program Criteria, Review Committee Specifications and Reporting Requirements for implementation in the 1997/98 fiscal year.

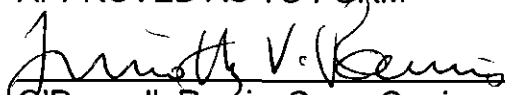
Introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

By   
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Pat DuVal, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
O'Donnell, Ramis, Crew, Corrigan & Bachrach, LLP

# Milwaukie Neighborhood Grant Program

**Purpose:** To support neighborhood-based activities that improve neighborhoods by developing neighborhood leadership, supporting activities of public benefit to the neighborhood, expanding citizen involvement in neighborhoods, encouraging collaboration among community organizations and neighborhoods, fostering neighborhood pride and generally promoting livability in the community.

**Eligibility:** Grants may be disbursed to those Neighborhood District Associations that are officially recognized by the City Council and that are enabled by and operating in accordance with Neighborhood Association By-laws. Other community organizations are encouraged to partner with neighborhood associations for projects of mutual interest. Funds must be used for projects that provide a direct public benefit within the Neighborhood District Association's boundaries.

**Fund Availability:** Funds must be made equally available to each of Milwaukie's officially recognized neighborhoods. Currently there were 7 officially recognized neighborhoods in Milwaukie: Historic Milwaukie, Island Station, Lake Road, Linwood, Hector Campbell, Lewelling and Ardenwald. As funds are currently allocated, there is a total of \$35,000 and each neighborhood association has access to \$5,000 per fiscal year. In the event that other neighborhood associations become officially recognized, funds would continue to be equitably allocated. Neighborhood Improvement Funds do not carry over from year to year. The allocation is reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process and may or may not be re-allocated.

**Project Criteria:** Neighborhood Associations wishing to apply for a Neighborhood Improvement Grant must meet the following project-specific criteria for matching and applicability:

## **Matching Contribution**

The Neighborhood District Association must match the grant with a contribution of equal or greater value. Matching contributions can be in the form of:

- Volunteer Labor - At least 25% of a neighborhood match must be in the form of volunteer hours from participating neighborhood residents (valued at \$10 per hour).
- Cash
- Cash Value of donated supplies, equipment, space or professional services.

Matching contributions must be outlined in the initial grant application for approval. A detailed report of the matching contribution must be provided for fund disbursement. Partnerships with local community groups, educational institutions, businesses, other government agencies or faith-based organizations are encouraged and resources donated by these entities will count toward the neighborhood's matching contribution.

**Applicability** (funds can be used for projects that fall into the following categories):

**Neighborhood Organizing/Organizational Development:** Activities, services and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization or educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation.

**Neighborhood Physical Improvements:** materials and services to be used toward playgrounds, minor park improvements, community gardens or other facilities, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

**Neighborhood Preservation:** materials and services that sustain or enhance the health, public safety and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood's aesthetic quality such as design guideline development, community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

**Neighborhood Cultural, Social and Recreational Initiatives:** materials and services that promote diversity, family literacy programs, neighborhood computer labs, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.

**ALL PROJECTS MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE CODES.**

## **Milwaukie Neighborhood Grant Review**

**Review of grant applications:** applications will be reviewed quarterly by a committee appointed by the City Council. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Applications that are received in a fiscal year after the funds for the fiscal year have been depleted will have to be resubmitted for review in the following fiscal year.

Applications will be approved, approved conditionally or denied on the basis of their meeting the grant criteria, the application requirements, and fund availability. Application instructions and requirements will be provided with the grant applications by the Office of Neighborhoods

## **Milwaukie Neighborhood Grant Reporting**

**Reporting of Grant Activity:** quarterly reports of grant program activity and grant project status will be provided to the Grant Review Committee, the Council and the general public by the Office of Neighborhoods.