

2026 Planning Division Neighborhood Grant Recommendations

Applicant	Alder	Project Name and Summary	Grant \$ Requested	Total Average Score	Rank	Rec. Amt.*	Conditions
The following projects are recommended for funding:							
North Street Neighborhood Association, INC	Alder Julia Matthews - D15	<u>Fesitval Educational Series</u> - coordinate across neighborhoods to pool resources and knowledge about festival organizing. Create an event series with professional facilitators who can help neighborhoods develop expertise and lines of communication across festival committees. Cover topics such as volunteer coordination, sponsorships, booking music, coordinating vendors, and more.	\$1,000	75.6	1	\$ 1,000	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services, and facilitator selection.
Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, INC	Alder Sean O'Brien - D16	<u>Community Seating Area for Elvehjem Park All Wheel Spot</u> - fill the need for places to rest and gather by installing a picnic seating area at the entrance to the new all-wheel spot being constructed in Elvehjem Park.	\$2,500	74.0	2	\$ 2,500	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; Parks Division must review and approve proposed improvements to the park; and Grantee shall sign a Letter of Agreement with the City whereby the Grantee assumes all long-term maintenance and financial responsibilities for the approved grant project, in exchange for the City's ownership of the approved private improvements on City-owned lands.
Neighborhood House Community Center, INC	Alder Tag Evers - D13	<u>Community Picnic Area</u> - install a small, welcoming community picnic area at Neighborhood House Community Center in the Greenbush Neighborhood. Include native and edible garden plantings to promote social connection, environmental stewardship, and hands-on learning.	\$1,100	73.4	3	\$ 1,100	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget, scope of services and a site plan.
Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association, INC	Alder Yvette Figueroa-Cole D10	<u>Spanish Translation of Newsletter and Culturally Relevant Programming</u> - Arbor Hills Neighborhood has a small but steadily increasing population of people with Latino backgrounds. To be more welcoming, the neighborhood association would like to translate its quarterly newsletter into Spanish, and provide culturally relevant music and other programming.	\$3,700	69.8	4	\$ 3,700	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services.
Burke Heights Neighborhood Association	Alder Derek Field - D3; Alder Sabrina Madison - D17	<u>Pedals, Posts, & Pollinators: A Wayside Area at Sycamore Park</u> - integrate three complementary elements into a cohesive, well-planned park improvement that is both functional and visually engaging. Together, each feature; the kiosk, native planting, and a bicycle maintenance station, will enhance the park-goers experience while maintaining a low-maintenance, durable design appropriate for a community park setting.	\$4,400	67.4	5	\$ 4,400	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; Parks Division must approve proposed improvements to the park; and Grantee shall sign a Letter of Agreement with the City whereby the Grantee assumes all long-term maintenance and financial responsibilities for the approved grant project, in exchange for the City's ownership of the approved private improvements on City-owned lands.
Bayview Foundation, INC	Alder Tag Evers - D13	<u>Bayview Leaders</u> - restart Bayview Leaders neighborhood organization. Provide training, mentorship, and pathways to community engagement and organizing. Bayview Leaders ensures that low-income residents play a central role in shaping a more vibrant and resilient community.	\$3,000	67.2	6	\$ 3,000	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; Planning Division must approve benchmarks for developing and sustaining neighborhood leaders; property owner/landlord must approve project.
Seen' is Believin' LLC	Alder Derek Field - D3	<u>The Peace Within</u> - community wellness and violence prevention project designed to strengthen connection, safety, and overall quality of life for residents of Harmony Apartments and the surrounding neighborhood. The centerpiece of the grant funded project will be the creation of a Healing in the Outdoors Walk-Through Gallery.	\$5,000	64.6	7	\$ 5,000	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; Planning Division must approve benchmarks for developing and sustaining neighborhood leaders; property owner/landlord must approve project.

My P.R.O.C.E.S.S. INC	Alder Derek Field - D3	<u>Meadowland Community Enrichment Initiative</u> - transform the Meadowlands neighborhood into a hub of learning, creativity, and wellness. Combine science, technology, arts, and community engagement to address critical needs such as educational enrichment, food insecurity, and social connectivity. The center-piece will be a hands-on STEAM Fest, featuring interactive experiences with gaming technology, drones, and live demonstrations from scientists specializing in physics, biology, chemistry, and neurology.	\$15,000	56.0	8	\$ 5,000	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; Planning Division must approve benchmarks for developing and sustaining neighborhood leaders; property owner/landlord must approve project.
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The River Food Pantry, INC	Alder Carmella Glenn - D18	<u>Community Planted Native Species/Pollinator Gardens</u> - plan, install, and maintain several public "pocket gardens" at the new food pantry facility. These gardens will create a more attractive and welcoming public environment along Packers Avenue, improve environmental sustainability for the site, and offer a means of both immediate and long-term community engagement.	\$9,221	55.6	9	\$ 1,074	Planning Division must approve a revised detailed budget and scope of services; proposed garden and planting materials (with exception of tiller rental) near River Food Pantry entrance on Packers Avenue are eligible grant expenses; Planning Division must approve garden site plan; Grantee must submit a revised site plan to Zoning for its records.
Totals:			\$44,921			\$ 26,774	

The following projects are not recommended for funding due to the project/applicant being ineligible:

uHuman: a multimedia miracle	Citywide	<u>The Creative Recovery Lab</u> - the offerings from the Lab help community members connect with one another and reduce the stigma & shame associated with addiction and recovery. They are building skills to harness their creative power to address serious issues like addiction and the behaviors and outcomes associated with it.	\$3,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban Triage	Alder Isadore Knox - D14	<u>Supporting Healthy Youth Leadership & Wellness Cohort</u> - an 8-week neighborhood-based initiative serving youth ages 14–19 in South Madison, including the Park Street Corridor and Bram's Addition neighborhoods. The project addresses documented gaps in accessible leadership development and preventative wellness supports for youth experiencing economic instability and housing disruption.	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Madison Tenant Power	Citywide	<u>Hippie Christmas Fest</u> - is the local name for the chaotic wave of lease turnovers on August 15, when discarded furniture fills the curbs and many student renters are forced to move with nowhere to go. In a city where August 15 is often called the "day of homelessness," this moment highlights the housing insecurity and enormous waste created by Madison's annual rental churn.	\$3,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PhoenixAD	Citywide	<u>Knitting Hats for Warmth</u> - funds will support the Founder, myself, working full-time to expand production, improve outreach, strengthen partnerships with local shelters, and track outcomes. Funding also covers materials (yarn & supplies) and distribution costs. Impact: I would like to Increase number of warm accessories that I produce and distribute Provide immediate warmth and reduce cold-related health risks. Restore dignity and safety to individuals facing homelessness.	\$5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Merimane	Alder Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford - D15	<u>Pioneer People Project</u> - a special event clothing drive located near the north eastside of Madison WI.	\$400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals:			\$61,321			\$ 26,774	\$3,226 (Maintenance Reserve)

* Maximum amount recommended, subject to conditions determined by Planning Division Staff Review Team.