



A Citywide Resiliency and Civic Pride Initiative



*Bringing together city leaders, community groups and
citizens to revitalize neighborhoods one block at a time.*

**SUBMISSION PERIOD:
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 TO MARCH 10, 2023**

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Idea Submission Form

Love Your Block Hartford 2023 Call For Ideas!

Introduction

The City of Hartford and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving comprehensive Love Your Block grant program includes grant funding for projects led by residents and/or community partners. We are looking for your ideas to help clean, green, and beautify Hartford neighborhoods this spring and summer. Ideas may be for project planning, implementation, and/or maintenance of past projects.

Ideas will be considered if they are feasible, and align with resident/City plans for the neighborhood. In some cases, submissions may be connected to City departments, local nonprofits, or other groups, for technical assistance in planning or implementing before being invited to submit an application.

Ideas that are selected to move forward after the initial review process will be invited to submit a full application through either the City of Hartford (resident grant) or the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (community grant). We hope the streamline application processes to ensure is manageable for residential and non-profit groups.

Please submit potential application ideas by March 10th online at www.hartfordct.gov/lybideas. Note that we will continue to monitor the pandemic and its impact on potential project timeline.

Information sessions will be held to answer questions about the program and the application process. Please also refer to the Frequently Asked Questions below

Timeline

Part 1:

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| Info Session 1, 5:30 PM: | January 12, 2023 |
| Info Session 2, 6 PM: | January 31, 2023 |
| Idea Submission Form Open: | February 14, 2023 |
| Idea Submission Deadline: | March 10, 2023 |

Part 2:

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| Application Open: | March 20, 2023 |
| Application Deadline: | April 7, 2023 |
| Awards Announced: | May 17, 2023 |

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Submit an Idea?

Ideas may come from formal or informal groups of Hartford neighborhood residents (including Neighborhood Revitalization Zones), faith groups, and nonprofit organizations (nonprofit ideas should be informed through their work with Hartford neighborhood residents). Note that nonprofits seeking funding for beautification activities from the Hartford Foundation **MUST** submit an idea through the Call for Ideas process to be considered in this year's application process.

What Type of Projects/Activities are Eligible?

A wide variety of activities, large and small, are eligible. This opportunity is focused on:

1. Cleaning (neighborhood or lot clean-ups, picking up litter, cleaning graffiti, weeding, etc.),
2. Greening (planting flowers or trees, creating or maintaining community gardens, etc.). or
3. Beautifying (murals or other public art, projects that seek to create/support neighborhood character or identity).

We are open to ideas that may need additional planning support to get to implementation. Ideas are also accepted for the maintenance of existing beautification projects.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Past Love Your Block full project: www.hartfordct.gov/lybhartford
- 224 Bee the Change Mural: www.the224.org/bee-the-change
- Frog Hollow Heroes Mural: sinainc.org/heroes-murals/
- Zion Hill Cemetery Improvements: <https://www.realhartford.org/2021/10/28/improvements-at-zion-hill-cemetery/>

How Do I Submit an Idea?

Ideas can be submitted online at www.hartfordct.gov/lybideas. The form should not take longer than 30 minutes to complete and it is okay if your idea is not fully baked, or aren't sure of all the pieces you need to make it happen. The questions ask broadly about your idea, what you think it will take to do it, as well as who you can partners with to do it.

What Happens After I Submit?

Ideas are reviewed by the City of Hartford and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Ideas may be connected to City departments, local nonprofits, or other professional services for technical assistance in planning or implementing the idea before you are invited to submit a formal application. Feedback will be provided to all submissions and those that are feasible and aligned with resident priorities will be invited to submit a full application via the City of Hartford (resident projects) or the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (larger community projects).

How Much are the Grants?

Grants will be offered in two following categories:

- **LYB Resident Grant** - These are resident-led projects and funding may be for implementation of a new project, expansion of past projects, or maintenance of past projects that can be completed within the summer of the grant year. ***Funding requests up to \$2,500 will be considered.***
- **LYB Community Grant** - These are projects led by and/or informed by residents, but that have a nonprofit implementation partner. Funding may be for planning, implementation, and/or maintenance of larger neighborhood projects. ***Funding requests between \$2,500 and \$25,000 will be considered.***

What if I Have Additional Questions?

There are two info sessions scheduled to answer any questions about your ideas or the process:

1. Thursday, January 12, 2023 • 5:30 PM - UConn Hartford, 10 Prospect St. Hartford CT
2. Tuesday, January 31, 2023 • 6 PM - www.hartfordct.gov/lybinfosession2

The virtual info session will be recorded and the recording will be posted on www.hartfordct.gov/lybhartford if you are not able to attend.

In addition, questions can be directed to: loveyourblock@hartford.gov or Phone: (860) 757-9520